

All Saints'
Memorial Church
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

E-Messenger, January 20, 2022

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews, Greeks, slaves, or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13).

Dear All Saints' Family,

Dan Mechnig passed along an editorial from the *Providence Journal* to me a while back. The title of the piece written by E. J. Dionne was “*Can religion strengthen democracy?*” Now I am not going to try to answer that question here in our weekly *emessenger*, but I was struck by something Cardinal Blase Cupich, archbishop of Chicago said in the article. Cupich observed that religion encourages humility. Humility

reminds us that our opponents might be right about some things and we might be wrong. Humility also calls us “to conversion – and also forgiveness.”

This week the church commemorated Abbot Antony, Desert Monk of Egypt, (251-356). The sayings of Abbot Antony reflect a deep humility that remind of Cupich’s words. I shared one of Abbot Antony’s sayings at Noonday Prayer and Bible Study yesterday. Here is the saying:

One day some old men came to see Abba Anthony. In the midst of them was Abba Joseph. Wanting to test them, the old man suggested a text from the Scriptures, and beginning with the youngest, he asked them what it meant. Each gave his opinion as he was able. But to each one the old man said, ‘You have not understood it.’ Last of all he said to Abba Joseph, ‘How would you explain this saying?’ and he replied, ‘I do not know.’ Then Abba Anthony said, ‘Indeed, Abba Joseph has found the way, for he has said: “I do not know.”’

I do not know the answer to the question posed by Mr. Dionne in the *Providence Journal* editorial. I do find that this humble “I do not know” posture is especially helpful in prayer. Often, we have an agenda with God even when we turn to God in prayer – an agenda that keeps us from truly listening. In these ambiguous times, try approaching God with a heartfelt “I do not know” and see what happens.

In Peace,
Julie

Prayer For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP p. 815)

All are invited and warmly welcomed to our Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, January 23 at 9:30 am in-person or Zoom.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service	Program	Link:
		http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_epiphany_iii_january_23_2022.pdf

Our Services are also live streamed through our Facebook page.

Masks are required in the church and Rose Hall (anywhere inside the building). We ask that you maintain social distancing during the service.

The choir is on pause for a bit. Our soloists, Erin and David Moniz will continue to lead us in song.



Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 30th

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 30th, immediately following our 9:30 am Service of Holy Eucharist. Please stay in the church or remain on Zoom after the Service so that you may participate.



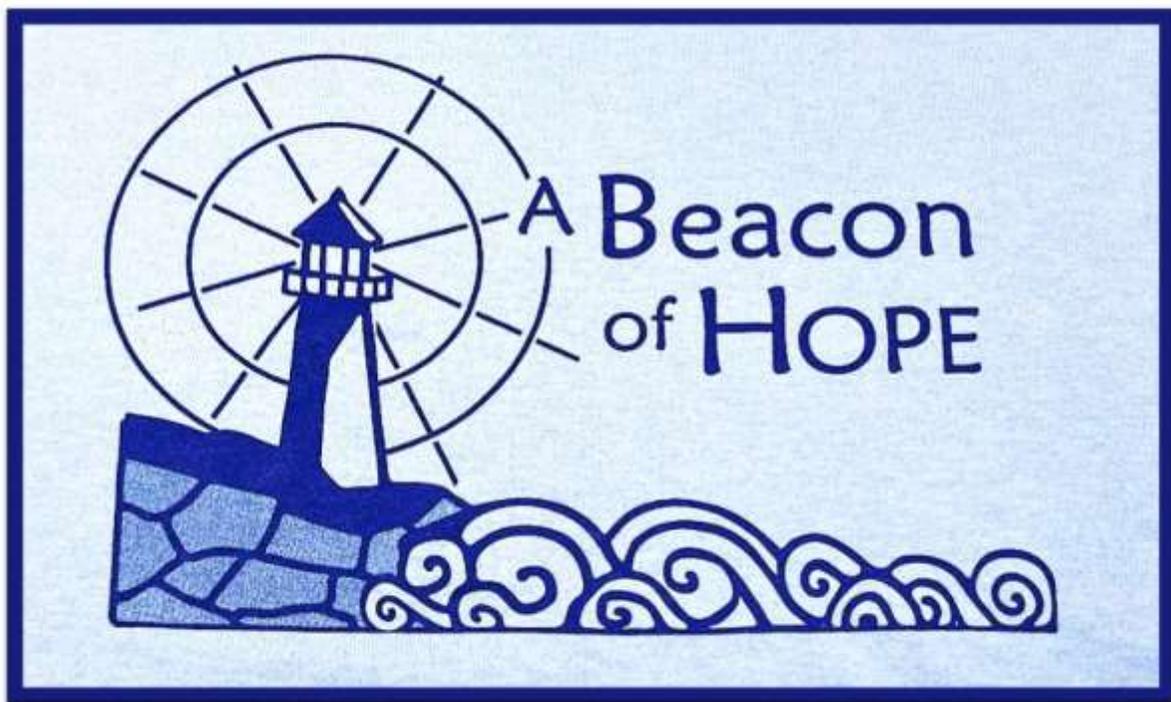
Notes from the Music Program

This Sunday during Communion Barry (organ) and Becky (flute) will play a duet titled “*Die Könige*” (*The Kings*).

Peter Cornelius composed “*Die Könige*” in 1859 that uses the 16th-century

chorale "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" ("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star") by Philipp Nicolai in the accompaniment.

This was based on a suggestion by Franz Liszt. Cornelius mistakenly thought it was an Epiphany hymn when in fact, it is an Advent hymn in which the morning star is meant to signify the arrival of Jesus, not the Star of Bethlehem!



New From Outreach: Free Covid Rapid Tests

This week we have received free Covid Rapid Test Kits from the Rhode Island Department of Health. We are distributing Test Kits to several

neighboring non-profits including St. Elizabeth's, New Urban Arts, City Meal Site, and others. If you need a Test Kit you may stop by the church on Sunday between 11-12 (limit one per person in the household). Outreach will have a distribution table near the office entrance.





Congratulation to City Meal Site!

City Meal Site is the recipient of the annual Fueling the Community Award from the West Broadway Neighborhood Association (WBNA). City Meal Site is being honored for its impressive work feeding the community each Tuesday afternoon. City Meal Site will receive this award at the WBNA Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 25, 6:30PM. This is a Zoom-only event. If you wish to join the Meeting, the Zoom link will be available

on the WBNA web site [here](#). You may recognize Bob Wells and Mark Makuch in the above photos, regulars in the kitchen on Tuesday afternoons.

Covid Test Site Information

Providence: There are several new Providence locations listed on www.portal.ri.gov so please check these out. One is at the former St. Joseph Hospital on Peace Street, one is the RI Convention Center, and there is at least one more opening. Please check frequently to see what is available.

Pawtucket: The test site at the Pawtucket Stop & Shop on Cottage Street has closed (or will imminently). The new site is live now in the portal. 500 appointments per day starting Thursday, 1/6/22.

New location details:

Pawtucket Storefront

675 Beverage Hill Ave. Pawtucket, RI 02861

Monday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Rapid testing only

Walk-through

Appointments booked through portal.ri.gov/401-222-8022.

401Health App with Your COVID-19 Vaccine

Record 401Health is Rhode Island's public health mobile application. Currently, the application provides Rhode Islanders with an easy way to track COVID-19 symptoms; find COVID-19 vaccine records; and learn about COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination. You may download the app [here](#).

From the Office

- We thank you for submitting your reports for the Annual Meeting!
- ~ Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-12pm.
 - ~ Our new gmail address is [**allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com**](mailto:allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com)
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Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study



Joseph gave orders to his servants to fill their sacks with wheat: *Illuminated Bible*,
Raphael de Mercatelli, Ghent late 15th century

We are reading Chapters 37&38;40-45 in the Book of Genesis for next Wednesday (January 26). All are welcome in-person or via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSctTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZzo9>

If you are attending in-person we will gather upstairs in the church starting next Wednesday (instead of Rose Hall).



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- January: Canned Pasta
- February: Peanut Butter

Upcoming Events

January 26: Noonday Prayer and Bible Study

12:00pm, Zoom/church

January 30: Annual Meeting following the 9:30am Service,

church/Zoom

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, and Pam. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, David, Frank, and Lusaynie Sirleaf.

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Claire F. Hanavan by Marybeth and Julie Hanavan.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

Share All Saints' With Friends



SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 23, 2022

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Monika Kraemer

Response: Psalm 19 Cora Nagle

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Neb Amaechina

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Prayers: Form III, BCP, Eric Hirsch

January 30, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10. Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 71:1-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Barbara Badio

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Prayers: Form III, BCP, Ed Boyer

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, January 27th. Please submit any articles or info you may have to allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com



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