

All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

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e-Parish Messenger

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

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173 Years: One Spirit, Many Gifts

On Sunday we had what I believe was All Saints' 173rd annual meeting. It was a powerful moment in our church life, witnessing the many gifts of our congregation poured out in service to the glory of God. It is astounding to reflect on 173 years of worship, spiritual gifts and ministries that have shaped our church.

One of those timeless ministries is Altar Guild. This tradition of caring for the altar goes back to the 4th century when ordained clergy called *sacristans* prepared the church table for worship and other church housekeeping. Later, lay men assumed the role of *sacristan* and even later, women joined altar guild ministry.

Several people have asked me what the Altar Guild does. I would describe it as a quiet and sacred ministry. I was chair of an Altar Guild for several years. Walking into the empty church on an early Saturday morning and replacing the sanctuary candle that had burned low during the week was a most sacred moment for me. Altar Guild ministry is filled with sacred moments in caring for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens, preparing the sanctuary for worship, and cleaning up afterwards. I like how Presiding Bishop Michael Curry explains what is so special about this ministry:

*We invite people into a church building, into a church place, to refocus, to focus on the Creator, the God who created us all, and then to focus on following that God and Jesus Christ into the world. That is the mission of the Church, to focus on God and then to follow Jesus in the world. And the ministry of the altar guild is right there at that point of intersection between God and following Jesus in the world. What you do for God matters, it matters profoundly. **

I invite you to consider joining our Altar Guild. The time commitment can be as limited as you need it to be - perhaps an

Monika Kraemer

Junior Warden

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Robert Wells

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Maryann Darbeh

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Agnes Fox

Musa Goll

Felicia McBorough

Charles Smith

hour or two a month. If you have a little more time to offer, please consider serving as the chair, or co-chair of the Guild.

Father, to Thee I raise my whole being -

a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thyself - Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy
Life - that these Thy precious Gifts
May Radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come into contact this day,
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy Joy
And
Whole-
ness
and
the
serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.
Amen!

* Bishop Curry's statement and the Chalice prayer are found on the [National Altar Guild Association website](#).

Peace,
Julie

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UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS

February 3: Deadline to turn in donated school supplies

February 6: Noon Eucharist

February 10: Arts Committee Meeting, in the choir room following the church service

February 12: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

February 13: Noon Eucharist

February 17: Vestry Meeting



February 19-21: Julie away on retreat

February 20: No Noon Eucharist

February 23: Winter Cook-Off fund raising event in Rose Hall. Details are below.

February 24: Outreach Committee Meeting

February 26: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

February 27: Noon Eucharist

March 6: Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7:00 p.m.

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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for John Angell, Robert Angell, Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Madhia Cooper, Paul Cummings, Florence Depatie, Rick Edwards, Anthony Eke, Rosetta Evans, Patricia Fahnbulleh, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Carolyn Hirsch, Ernest Hirsch, Barbara K., Erma Kla-William, Katie Lawton, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Richard Rebello, Tomasina Sinnott, Cecelia Sirleaf, Eric T., Frances Tait, Mary Tryforos, Martha Zeekah, Teddy Zeekah, April Beth, Renée, Kristen, Amer, Michael, Bendu, Beth, Melissa and Kenneth.

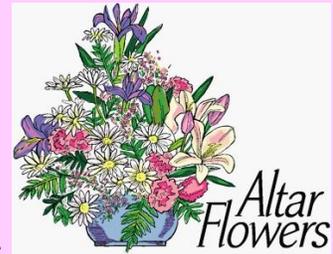
Celebrating her birthday this week: Selena Evans

Altar flowers on Sunday February 3 are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of Selena Evans by her grandparents, Rosetta and Harrington Evans.

Remember those who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Raymond Tanguay and Matthew Degree.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to remember a loved one who has passed away or give thanks for someone special. You may reserve dates for Sundays in 2019 by using the yellow forms on the information table in Rose Hall. If you would like a form mailed to you, please call Kathy in the parish office.



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEEDY STUDENTS



The Outreach Committee is collecting school supplies for needy students. Composition books and two-pocket paper folders are preferred. However, other kinds of materials are appreciated (for example, pencils, erasers, loose leaf notebooks, filter paper for notebooks, glue sticks, Crayola markers with different colors, Crayola colored pencils). Supplies for the spring semester should be turned in by **February 3, 2019**.

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ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH WINTER COOK-OFF

Saturday February 23

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Do you have a favorite crock pot recipe? Beans and rice?
Chili? Sign-up to enter the cook-off contest!**

**Join the fun at the cook-off sampling ten different foods and
voting for your favorite! Prizes will be awarded based on your
vote. There will also be a raffle and a dessert booth.**

**Ticket are \$5.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Outreach
Committee.**

Please see Pattie Marshall for more information.

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KNITTING, CROCHETING

The knitting and crocheting group meets every other Tuesday
at 6 p.m. This group is open to anyone in the parish. You are
welcome to come as often as you can
and you are welcome to bring a friend.



**Please note that the next meeting is Tuesday,
February 12, 2019**

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SNOWY WEATHER - CANCELLATION POLICY

**If the city of Providence declares a parking ban or the State
of RI declares a weather emergency urging people to stay off
the roads, our 9:30 AM Sunday service will be cancelled. We
will post a cancellation notification on our website and
our Facebook page. If the city of Providence has not declared
a parking ban, please use your discretion when making a
decision whether or not to come to church on Sunday**

morning. We do not want you to put yourself in danger by driving on icy or snowy roads, or walking on snow-covered surfaces.

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FOOD COLLECTION

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. You are asked, as you are able, to bring one item on the monthly list each Sunday.



February, peanut butter
March, canned tuna

As always, thank you for your
generosity.

PARKING LOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

The parking lot adjacent to the church lot is once again available for additional parking, during Sunday services only. If you are the last car leaving the lot, please lock the gate after you leave. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

February 3, 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Sarah McBorrough

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;

Prayers: Ann Marie Nagle

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Chalice: Agnes Fox

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott

Altar Duty: Patricia Solo and Felicia McBorrough

Coffee Hour Team: Belinda Johnson and Wilmar Jennings

February 10, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13; Robert Wells
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Anne Tait
Prayers: Monika Kraemer
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Chalice: Dan Mechnig
Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Lyndsey Wells
Altar Duty: Cecilia and Paul Connors
Coffee Hour Team: Barbara Badio and Bill McBorough

NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on February 7 . The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, February 5. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at asmcri@verizon.net.

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