



All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

January 9, 2020 e-Parish messenger

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



Epiphany

Each year in early January I look forward the appearance of the article [“52 Places to Go in 2020”](#) published in the *New York Times*. It is a dreamy moment, clicking through stunning photographs of places all over the world, imagining a visit to some distant place. Maybe too, I am hoping that the list includes somewhere I have travelled or know, or perhaps Rhode Island will have made the list.

Epiphany is in part, a travel story. The kings follow a star that leads to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. We find travel in the words of the Epiphany collect, “O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by

faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face.” Yet today, we do not need to travel to far places and unknown lands to find Christ among us. God is with us in quite familiar and ordinary places, in everyday sacred moments.

There is a travel moment that the Trappist monk and writer Thomas Merton describes in a journal entry. In March 1958, he is out and about in downtown Louisville, Kentucky running errands for the monastery. It is an ordinary day on the streets of Louisville. There, “at the corner of Fourth and Walnut” the monk experiences an epiphany. Merton writes, “I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine, and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was waking from a dream of separateness.” Reflecting on this experience, Merton recalls his immense joy in being part of humanity in which God himself became incarnate.

The *Times* travel writers who decide which places make the annual cut base their decisions on the beauty and cultural significance of a place, **and** it has to answer the question, “Why now? Why this place, this year?” Our faith tells us that we can travel in place and find immense beauty, immense joy, and deep love and peace in the presence of God-with us, in Jesus Christ. This place, this year, may we allow God to lead us ever more deeply into that presence.

In Peace,
Julie



New Office Hours

The regular Church Office hours are now Tuesday—Friday, 10am to 2pm.



All Saints' Annual Meeting

The All Saints' Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26, 2020 following the church service. Please note that all annual reports are due in the office no later than Sunday, January 12.



Prayer List

The prayer list will be updated after January 19. If you wish to keep a person on the prayer list, please see the clipboard on the notice table in Rose Hall.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/12:** Baptism of Derrick Goll and Sylvester Divine
Kapeh
Vestry Meeting
Annual Reports Due
- 1/19:** Fellowship 40, Ernie Hirsch
- 1/26:** Annual Meeting
- 2/2:** Outreach Committee
- 2/9:** Fellowship 40, Belinda Johnson
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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Liz, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Gene, Ferd, and Kathy. We also pray for Harriet Choi, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Claire Hanavan, Barbara K., Katie Lawton, Margaret Mirin, Karin Mirin, Eric T., Frances Tait, Virginia Thompson, April Beth, Cheryl Dunning, Al DeMaio, James Greene, George Eke, Mary Tryforos, Florence DePatie, James Hennessey, Brian Mulvey, George Clinton, Anne-Marie Cerda, Mahdia Cooper, Amer, Clark Silliman, Tetee Sirleaf, Michael Fahnbulleh, and Rev. James Bocchino.

Celebrating birthdays this week: Charlotte Burgess and Gloria Perry.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Matthew Degree.



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of pre-packaged food.

- January: canned pasta
- February: peanut butter
- March: tuna fish

Thank you for your generosity!

White Socks for Crossroads

Outreach is collecting white socks for Crossroads! If you would like to help out, please bring the socks in, and give to Wilmar Jennings.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

January 12, 2020

(First Sunday after the Epiphany)

Acolyte:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9, Nnenna Amaechina

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43, Barbara Badio

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Prayers: David Moniz

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Greeters/Ushers: Marsha Mott and Rita Madave

Altar Guild: Gloria Perry, Pattie Marshall, and Trish Blake

Coffee Hour Team: Belinda Johnson and Gloria Perry

January 19, 2020

(Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Acolyte:

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7, Marybeth Hanavan

Psalm: 40:1-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Rosetta Evans

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Prayers: Musa Goll

Chalice: Agnes Fox

Greeters/Ushers: Bob & Lyndsey Wells

Altar Guild: CeCelia Bernardo and Paul Connors

Coffee Hour Team: Barbara Badio and William McBorrough

Publishing information:

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Jan. 16. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, January 14 Please submit any articles or info you may have to Marisa at asmcri@verizon.net.



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