

All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

June 27, 2019 e-Parish messenger

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



Photo courtesy of Peter Rintels

Ten Ways to Care for God's Creation

June 24th marked the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance to the people of Israel and called for renewed faithfulness to God's covenant. People flocked to hear this fiery preacher. Some mistook him for the Messiah yet John understood his prophetic call as preparing the way for Jesus, the Messiah. "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). These words present a challenge for all of us as disciples. How can we become more God-centered and give more of ourselves to God?

Earlier this month, Bishop Knisely reminded us that the Episcopal Church calls us to stewardship of God's creation. This is one way we can quite literally decrease ourselves and immerse ourselves more actively in this Church-wide priority and global calling. To the extent that our church communities reduce our environmental impact, we increase our care for God's creation.

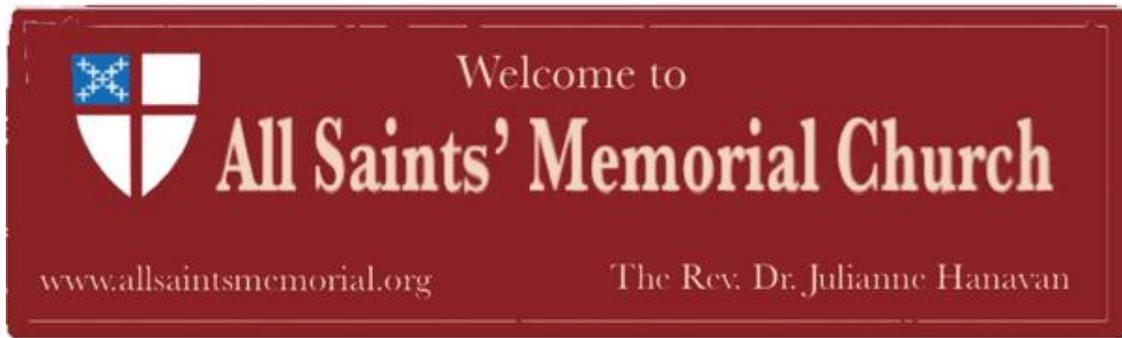
We are moving in this direction at All Saints' with the installation of more efficient electrical appliances, reductions in water, electricity, and gas use, new sources of coffee, a new altar flower ministry, participation in the planned solar project at ECC, and even the visioning of wind or solar power at the church. It is always useful to explore other ways that we as a church can be active stewards of God's creation.

A Diocesan task force has identified a number of concrete ways that we as individuals and a church community can live into this call. We are invited to look at this list "[Ten ways to Care for Creation as a Congregation](#)" and reflect on the next steps for All Saints'. The recommendations range from very small actions that all of us can try to larger actions that need some congregational input. I am intrigued by the idea of seasonal bulletins with weekly inserts to save paper. This would require a little practice and patience, but it is something that we might consider.

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness very close to nature. Following his prophetic witness teaches us about caring for God's creation in more ways than one.

Peace,
Julie





The Banner Fund is Thriving – Thank you!

After reading last week's Messenger article, Linda and Jon Wicker, our generous friends (and former parishioners) in Florida issued us a challenge: raise \$400 by Labor Day and they would provide a 2:1 match gift, resulting in a total of \$1200 for the banner and additional exterior/yard improvements. This past Sunday several generous parishioners stepped up and donated **\$494!** For those who have yet to make contributions, it is not too late. We can use additional dollars to achieve a top priority of the Vestry, which is to improve exterior lighting for our front entrance and to replace the non-functioning parking lot lights with energy efficient up-to-date lighting fixtures.

Thank you to all!

- Your Vestry -

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30: Third Sunday after Pentecost
Outreach meeting

July 21: Church picnic, 11am - 2 pm

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Olive Cooper, Karen Mirim, James Davies, Thomas R., Lori Spaziano, Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Florence Depatie, Anthony Eke, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Elizabeth Pacek, Claire Hanavan, Ernest Hirsch, Barbara K., Erma Klawilliam, Katie Lawton, Margaret Mirin, Eric T., Frances Tait, Virginia Thompson, Mary Tryforos, April Beth, Ruby, Gene, Virginia Meade, Cheryl Dunning, Michael Blake, Rickard Schinkel, and Susan Rogers

Altar flowers are given in memory of James Francis Burgess Jr. from the All Saints' Congregation.

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



Altar Flowers for 2019

See Marybeth about our fresh garden flowers ministry. If you are unable participate in it, but wish to honor a loved one, altar flowers may be reserved 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 the parish office.



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.

June: rice

July: packaged pasta

August: canned baked beans

Thank you for your generosity.



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 Fall semester should be turned in by September 15, 2019.

Tip: Staples is now selling school

supplies at lower prices. The sale began on June 23 and will last until Labor Day.



Church Picnic

Please join us after service for an outdoor barbeque, and tell your friends and family! We are especially looking for a charcoal grill and coolers to borrow for that day. If you would prefer to bring food, ice, or other supplies, we are also looking for those! Please contact Harrington Evans or sign up on the sheet in Rose Hall.



Construction Notice

We have received a generous grant from the Champlin Foundation for stained glass window repair, which started this past week. Thank you for your patience while this work is being completed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

June 30, 2019

(Third Sunday after Pentecost)

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21, Dan Mechnig

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-25, Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Prayers: Anne Tait

Chalice: Agnes Fox

Greeters/Ushers: Marsha Mott and Eric Hirsch

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

Coffee Hour Team: Wilmar Jennings and Dirk Hennessey

July 7, 2019

(Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14, TBD

Second Reading: Galatians 6:7-16, TBD

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Prayers: TBD

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Greeters/Ushers: Maryann Darbeh, Musa Goll

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: Barbara Badio and William McBurrough

Publishing information:

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on **Wednesday, July 3**. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is **Monday, July 1**. Please note that this deadline is one day earlier than usual. Please submit any articles or info you may have to Marisa at asmcri@verizon.net.



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