

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

E-Messenger, June 30, 2022

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

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat whatever is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you' (Luke 10:8-9).

Dear All Saints' Family,

Today I share with you a note from Bishop Knisely on last week's *Roe v. Wade* decision:

"The news today from the Supreme Court is not unexpected, but it is very hard for many. While the issue of abortion has been understood by Episcopalians as a moral decision, often left to the individual, the

Episcopal Church is “unequivocally” pro-access to abortion and health care services. This decision will make that access impossible for some Americans.

As for our state, the Rhode Island Attorney General has **released a statement** that he intends to defend the state’s present Reproductive Privacy Act:

"I want to reassure Rhode Islanders that the right to an abortion remains protected here in Rhode Island. In 2019, Rhode Island codified Roe v. Wade and its progeny under our state's Reproductive Privacy Act, ensuring that Rhode Island will not return to the days of illegal and unsafe abortions that endanger lives and create criminal liability for physicians.

"My Office has successfully defended our Reproductive Privacy Act from a legal challenge before and we stand ready to defend it in the future."

I commend all of **the Presiding Bishop’s statement on the decision** to you, particularly these two paragraphs:

The Episcopal Church maintains that access to equitable health care, including reproductive health care and reproductive procedures, is “an integral part of a woman’s struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a

human being” (2018-DO32). The church holds that “reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender.” (2018-DO32). The Episcopal Church sustains its “unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them.” (2018-DO32). As stated in the 1994 Act of Convention, the church also opposes any “executive or judicial action to abridge the right of a woman to reach an informed decision...or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision.” (1994-A054).

The court’s decision eliminates federal protections for abortion and leaves the regulation of abortion to the states. The impact will be particularly acute for those who are impoverished or lack consistent access to health care services. As Episcopalians, we pray for those who may be harmed by this decision, especially for women and other people who need these reproductive services. We pray for the poor and vulnerable who may not have other options for access. We urge you to make your voice heard in the way you feel called but always to do so peacefully and with respect and love of neighbor.

In all things, I am mindful of the admonition from St. Paul that we will read this weekend; that the Christians are to love one another and so

witness to the truth of the Gospel to the World.

Finally, the Presiding Bishop's office has sent a notice to the bishops that they have received an alert that there is credible evidence of violence planned against churches and clergy who are outspoken advocates of abortion access. Please be especially alert in the coming days to anything that causes you concern and do not hesitate to contact local law enforcement if you need to do so. Please also let me or my staff know of any such concerns that you might have.

We pray for one another in this moment. We pray for those for whom this is hard news, and for those for whom it is welcome news. We pray in particular for those who will be most directly impacted by this decision across this country.

In the service of the Gospel;

+Nicholas

Looking ahead to later this summer, we at All Saints' are planning a conversation on abortion as part of a series of adult faith formation conversations on Faith and Health. More details to come.

Blessings this 4th of July weekend, and safe travels.

Prayer for the Nation (BCP p. 258)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here is a prayer to go with our travelers:

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours in the Spirit,

Julie

All are warmly welcome to our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist:

Zoom link: Sunday, July 3, 9:30 am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFEcIFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service Program Link, July 3:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_4_pentecost_sunday_july_3_2022.pdf



Notes from the Music Program

Hymnal #719: America the Beautiful

We continue our recognition of women's contributions to Christianity.

Katherine Lee Bates was standing at the top of Pikes Peak, Colorado in 1893 when she was inspired to write a poem. She wrote in her journal: "It was there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country, that the opening lines of this text formed in my mind." The composer Samuel A. Ward composed a tune that was later united with Bates words.

Bates, born in Falmouth in 1859, was the daughter of a minister. A poet as a child, she studied education and became a head of the English

department at Wellesley College.

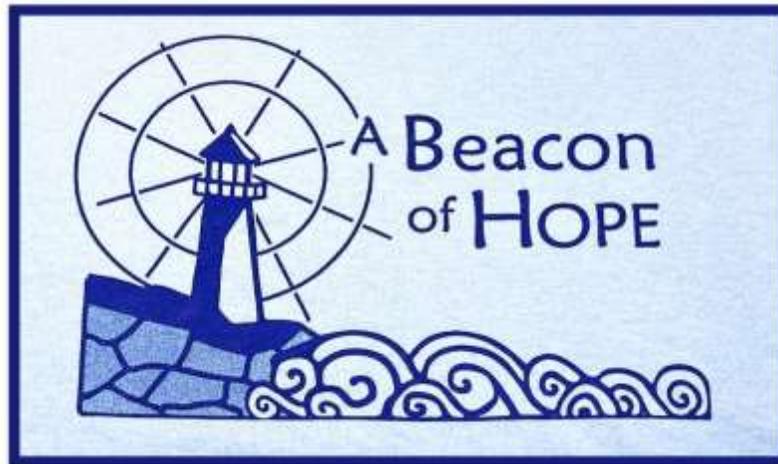
The words of “America the Beautiful” speak of the natural beauty of this land while recognizing the need of all people to live in harmony under the guidance of God. This hymn asks for God’s grace for the country.

Altar Flower Ministry



Do you have flowers in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (mbhanavan@gmail.com) if you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you!

Outreach News



Outreach 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!

- July: Packaged Pasta

Upcoming Events

July 6: Noonday Prayer, 12:00 pm in the church

July 24: Facilities Meeting, Zoom or in-person

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Dan Nagle and Rev. Becky Anderson. 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, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, and Chris Brown.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Wilmar Jennings.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially Hannah Makuch.

Altar flowers on Sunday are given by Marsha Mott in loving

memory of Alice Smith.

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SCRIPTURE READING

July 3, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Response: Psalm 66:1-8

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

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

July 10, 2022

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Response: Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Publishing Information

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, July 7th. Please submit any articles or info you may have to **allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com**



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