



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

June 3, 2021 Parish messenger

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



Prayer is the manifest blossom of meekness.

Evagrius of Pontus, from *Endless Life Poems of the Mystics* ed. Scott Cairns

We are in a re-opening mode, thankfully. As we return to daily, weekly, and monthly routines and activities I have started to separate such routines into two buckets: "absolutely necessary" and "leave room for the Holy Spirit".

For example, there is the small task of removing the cones from church parking spaces each Sunday morning, and opening the Planned Parenthood parking lot for parishioner use. These two tasks fall into the "absolutely necessary" category. Unfortunately, we forgot to do that last Sunday. As a result, one of our newer

parishioners parked in a non-church space and got blocked in by one of our St. Elizabeth's neighbors. For over a year, parking was not a concern on Sunday mornings. Now that we are back to in-person worship, parking is essential. Needless to say, this Sunday we will be sure to open up parking spaces before the 9:30 service!

So you may be wondering what falls into the "leave room for the Holy Spirit" category? My answer to this question is another question: What is next for All Saints' in this reopening moment?

We have just gone through a global crisis. Many countries are still struggling with Covid 19. We have lived and worshipped quite differently during the pandemic. We are a changed people. Before we fall back into old routines, we have some reflection ahead of us. We will begin this conversation on Saturday at the Vestry Retreat - prayerfully. The Vestry has some ideas about next steps in re-opening. Our prayer will guide us. Please hold us in your prayers on Saturday as we take up the question.

There are a few activities that fall into both buckets - "absolutely necessary" and "leave room for the Holy Spirit". Outreach is an example. Outreach is woven into our mission and remains a vital and necessary part of our parish life. At the same time, Wilmar and I had a long discussion about Outreach yesterday, and we both agreed that the pandemic has given rise to new needs and priorities. We need to leave room for the Holy Spirit as we move forward. Wilmar suggested that we schedule an Outreach meeting sometime in August to begin anew.

The desert hermit Evagrius of Pontus (345-399) wrote about prayer as "the manifest blossom of meekness." This struck me as particularly apt with spring in

full bloom and as we ponder what is next for All Saints'. Meekness is not a quality that we generally hold up as an aspiration. Yet meekness in prayer is another story. Meekness in prayer opens us up to God's Spirit, and moves us into the listening mode.

May God bless us and grace us with that meekness this Saturday at our Vestry Retreat.

All are invited to join us in-person for our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM. If you wish to participate virtually, we are continuing the zoom option and live streaming via Facebook.

Once again, I want to thank Ryan Mott for managing the ongoing virtual worship option. Ryan has created a tech space off to the side of the chancel to manage Zoom and live streaming. We could not offer these virtual options without Ryan's considerable gifts and commitment to All Saints'. Here is a photo of Ryan preparing for the new tech space:



Here is the zoom link for the Sunday Service:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEc1FiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Here is the program link:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_2_pentecost_june_6_2021.pdf

Blessings,
Julie

*Episcopal 102:
Sunday, June 20 and 27,
following the 9:30 a.m. service*

Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church? Do you have questions about our Christian faith that you would like to explore together? Join us for several sessions this summer after the Sunday service to learn about our faith tradition.

The first two sessions are June 20 and 27, 10:30—11:15. Please contact Rev. Julie if you would like to join the class.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer

(Going forward, we will use the *Book of Common Prayer* for Noonday Prayer instead of a program posted on this website.)

Here is the zoom link for Noonday Prayer:

Wednesday Noonday Prayer (12 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 5559 3827

Passcode: 674674

Out of Office Notice

Please note that ReeRee Hess will be taking a medical leave for the remainder of June and most of July. Please see Rev. Hanavan with any concerns you would normally forward to the Parish Administrator.

Upcoming Events

- **Jun 5:** Vestry Retreat, 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
- **Jun 6:** Confirmation refresher, 10:30—11:15 a.m.
- **Jun 13:** Celebration and blessing of graduates
- **Jun 20:** Episcopal 102, 10:30—11:15 a.m.
- **Jun 27:** Episcopal 102, 10:30—11:15 a.m.



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.

- June: rice

- July: packaged pasta
- August: canned and baked beans

Thank you for your generosity!



Altar Flower Ministry

Each week during the summer months we invite parishioners to bring in fresh flowers or greens from your garden for the altar. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please email or call Marybeth Hanavan at **Mbhanavan@gmail.com**.

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, and Barry. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Teresa Clinton, Janice, Keith Malloy, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., and Margaret Mirin.

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

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Response: Psalm 130

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Prayers of the People: Form VI, *BCP*, p.392

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Response: Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, June

10. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, June 8. Please submit any articles or info you may have to asmcri@verizon.net.



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