

All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

March 12, 2020 e-Parish messenger

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



A Lenten Pilgrim

I heard a story recently about two women who walk most mornings when parents and school bus drivers are rushing to get their children to school on time. It all started with a casual wave to parents and children driving through the neighborhood, but then it spread to school buses on their way to the nearby middle school. At first there were tentative waves back, then smiles, then horn toots, and then “good mornings” from the bus PA systems. One day at the grocery store the driver of Bus 12 introduced herself to the women, “I know you, but you don’t know me.” Sometime later, the driver of Bus 24 stopped her bus (after she had dropped off her kids at school) and said how much she and the other drivers appreciated the waves, that it made them smile and made their days. About the same time, the women also started picking up trash and recyclables along their

walking route. Most days, unfortunately, there has been something to pick up, but the streets are getting a bit cleaner. Ministries come in all shapes and sizes and often have unexpected consequences along the way. As we continue on our Lenten journey, may each of us open ourselves to new ways of caring for each other and all of Creation, particularly during this time of great anxiety about the Coronavirus.

-In Peace

Coronavirus Precautions:

We are all collaborating on ways to limit the spread of the new coronavirus. This is a community effort and our church family is an active participant. Bishop Knisely has circulated a directive for clergy to help prevent the spread of the new coronavirus. In the Bishop's words, "as Christian people in a moment like this is to care for our neighbors and to be vigilant that we do not inadvertently spread illness or add to their burden of care." Here is what we are doing at All Saints' to respond to the directive.

We ask that if you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home. I will stay home if running a fever, coughing, or not feeling well.

We encourage frequent hand washing and have placed more

hand sanitizers and tissues around the church and in the pews.

At the Peace, please remain in your pews and bow to one another indicating respectful acknowledgement of one another without physical contact.

Collection plates will be placed at the entrances and back of the church; please place your envelopes directly in the plates.

The Holy Eucharist will be received in one kind at a Communion station in front of the steps to the altar.

The receiving line following the service will include conversation but not hand shaking.

The Coffee Hour team will wear gloves while putting out food and serving. The same social distancing efforts during our worship (no physical contact) extend to coffee hour.

There are many ways to be church. Our life together as the Body of Christ flourishes inside and outside our sacred worship space, in the love we share for each other, through our common prayer, and in God's immense Love and unceasing Presence among us.

In Peace,
Julie



Outreach Fundraiser:

Because of concern about the spread of COVID-19, the Outreach Committee has postponed the Mid-Lenten Brunch which was scheduled for March 22. Additionally, we have noticed that it is very difficult at this time to find hand sanitizer either in local stores or online. Therefore, for the next two weeks we will be offering to parishioners a home-made sanitizer, which uses the formula recommended by the World Health Organization. Come to our table in Rose Hall, make a donation of your choice, and walk away with a

sanitizer spray and refill. It's a "win/win" situation!

-Stay Safe,
Belinda

Contact the Rhode Island Department of Health at 401-444-5960 if you have additional questions, or visit the website at <https://health.ri.gov>

Advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/personal/index.html>

Readings for Lenten Fellowship:

Two books are available for some shared Lenten reading:

Are we there yet? Pilgrimage in the Season of Lent

From the authors: "Pilgrims come in all shapes and sizes, as do the journeys we set for ourselves. The bald fact of pilgrimage is this: The furthest distance we will travel is the eighteen inches between our brains and our hearts. Every pilgrim is radically changed by the experience. We analyze our personal theologies, relationships, and

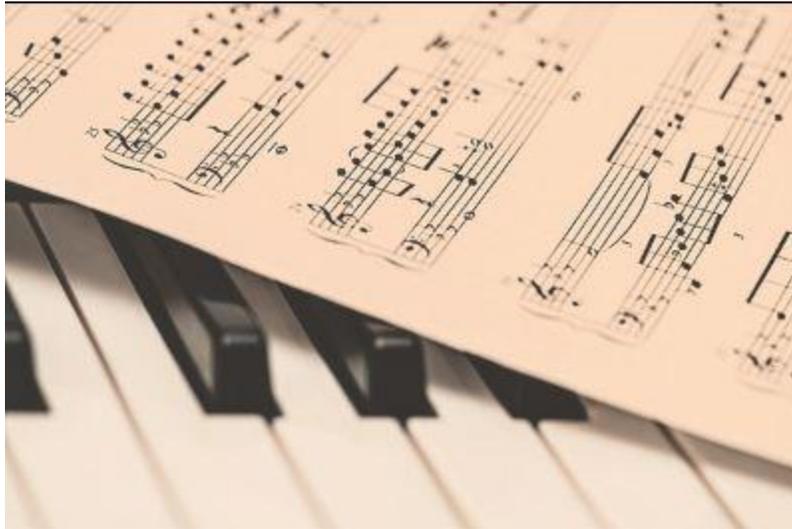
habits- and even our relationship to time itself. The pilgrims who have contributed to this Lenten devotional share this truth of transformation in the stories of their journeys."

The Merciful Humility of God by Jane Williams

"In Jesus, we see God's humility lived out in the world, not claiming power, or prestige, or approval, or safety; and we come to discover that this is a mercy and blessing for us...Our Lent has given us the opportunity to trace God's strange ways in the world, and to notice how they make space for unlikely people, give voice to the unheard, confront the powerful with the limits of their control. As we follow this book through Lent and the Biblical narrative what begins to emerge that God's merciful humility is the source of life."

Let me know if you would like to read one of these books (or both)! We will have a second Lenten fellowship to talk about the books and our Lenten journeys on Sunday, March 29.

-In Peace,
Julie



Guest Organist

We'd like to thank Becky Silliman, who kindly offered to play the prelude and postlude this week.

Share All Saints' With Friends



UPCOMING EVENTS

3/15: Vestry Meeting

3/29: Lenten Fellowship 40 (church office)

4/5: Palm Sunday

4/12: Easter Sunday

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, and Gene. We also pray for Harriet Choi, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Cheryl Dunning, James Greene, Brian Mulvey, George Clinton, Anne-Marie Cerda, Mahdia Cooper, Tete Sirleaf, Frances Tait, Clarence Scott, Mary Tryforos, Eric & Irene T., Barbara K, Anthony Eke, Margaret Mirin, Karen Mirin, Clark Silliman, Kara LaChappelle, Susanna, and Ralph Alviti.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Chiamanda Amaechina, and Gabriella Hney.

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.

- March: tuna fish
- April: canned fruit
- May: cold cereal

Thank you for your generosity!



2020 Easter Flowers

Easter flowers on the altar are a wonderful way to honor the memory or give thanksgiving for a loved one. The forms to contribute towards Easter flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or please call the parish office to have one mailed or emailed to you. The deadline for Easter flowers is Friday, April 3.



2020 Altar Flowers

Forms for weekly Sunday flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or you may request one from the Parish Office. During Lent, we will be using greens on the altar in lieu of fresh flowers, but you may still designate a Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one.

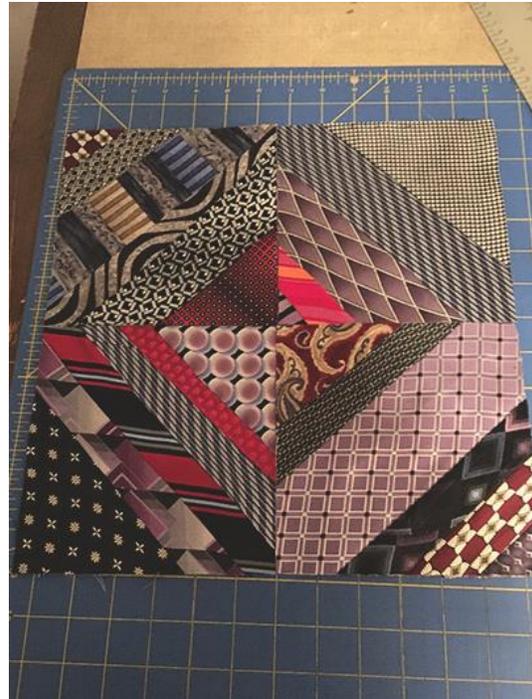
Online Giving

Online giving to All Saints' is easy and secure. Particularly during these next few weeks, consider the online option for keeping up with your pledge.

Here is how you do it:

1. Go to our website – allsaintsmemorial.org. Under "What We Do," click on "Supporting our Ministries."
2. Once opened, click on the "Donate" button.
3. You can either sign in to ChurchTrac or give as a guest.
4. Questions? Email me (rsillima@bu.edu) or call me (946-3562).

-Thank you,
Becky



Tie Quilt to Benefit All Saints'

Gentlemen and Ladies: Charlotte would like your unwanted neckties to turn into a queen-sized quilt that will be raffled during the parish's 175th anniversary celebration. It doesn't matter whether the ties are old or new, wrinkled, stained or hideously ugly. Please donate one or many! (It will take many to make a quilt that size so don't be shy.) Put your name on the bag so your donation can be acknowledged and give them directly to Charlotte Burgess or leave them in the church office. We hope that everyone will donate at least one tie. **Please bring your ties before the end of March.** Thank you!



Happy Birthday to...You?

Would you like to be included in the birthday prayers? We're updating our church records, so please update your information with us. We are especially looking for missing birthdays. We are also looking for

changed phone numbers and e-mails.

Please fill out the church directory sheet in Rose Hall if you have any info to update.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7, Monika Kraemer

Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11, Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Prayers: Chip Smith

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Ushers: Patricia Solo and Marsha Mott

Altar Guild: Cecelia Bernardo and Paul Connors

Coffee Hour Team: Pattie & Peter Marshall

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, David Moniz

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14, Barbara Lawton

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Prayers: Anne Tait

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Ushers: Maryann Darbeh and Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Dan & Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: April Donahower and Alex Perdue

Publishing information:

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, March 19. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, March 17. Please submit any articles or info you may have to Marisa at asmcri@verizon.net.



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