



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

March 14, 2020 e-Parish messenger

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

After lots of prayer, lots of listening to Bishop Knisely, the Governor, and Mayor of Providence, and consultation with Monika and Dan this morning, we have decided to suspending our Sunday service tomorrow and meetings this week. Our Christian calling is a community calling,

and we need to be leaders in this state-wide effort. We do not want to inadvertently contribute to the spread of the Corona virus.

We will continue as church differently this week, and longer if necessary. Our emessenger and Facebook will help us stay connected. We are looking into ways to connect through on-line conference in prayer and conversation. And please feel free to call me if you want to talk. Our Vestry will be developing a phone tree to help us reach out and care for one another.

If you are looking for a service to view tomorrow, here is a link to the National Cathedral Service at 11:00, and Presiding Bishop Curry will preach: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUGZLwnLhUU&feature=youtu.be>

May our life together as the Body of Christ continue to grow through the the love we share for each other, our caring for one another, through our prayer together, and in God's healing Love and Peace.

In Peace,
Julie

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Knisley:

March 12, 2020

Dear People of God;

It has been many years since we have been confronted with a situation like we are this weekend due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Yet the people who came before us managed this sort of thing and came through it. We will too. We are supported by prayer, by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst and by our love of one another.

We are in a state-declared medical emergency. We are also people who, through our baptism, have put our faith and hope in Jesus and the powerful love of God. We are called to live fearless lives — and not to be careless of others. Please be attentive and follow the directions of the Health Department and other authorities.

I am writing to let you know that I have been in communication with the clergy of this diocese and directed them to make some changes in our regular worship, and I have made it clear that I support the decisions they make along with you in how best to respond to this emergency. Some of our communities have decided it is best to close their building for a few weeks. Some are going to continue to hold services, though with modifications.

In an effort to keep people safe — both our neighbors and ourselves — I am directing that Holy Communion be distributed as bread only for the

duration of the emergency. I have told the clergy that if they are not feeling well, they are not to serve at the altar. I've also made some recommendations about keeping our distance from each other at the peace, not passing the offering plates, and about coffee hour.

I ask that you, too, be careful if you are not feeling well. Please let us know so that we can provide pastoral support and care as best we can and pray for you.

Please be in touch with your neighbors. Please reach out to those who are alone. A phone call and a listening heart can do wonders to help. In our congregations there may be people who need to stay home right now because they are at risk. Please think about how we can help them. If we don't have contact information, it would be good to gather and share that now.

I believe in the power of prayer, especially when people of faith join their united voices and lift their concerns to God. I ask you to join me in prayer that this moment will pass quickly, that the vulnerable and those in danger will be protected and that we may be a sign of hope to our communities.

We have posted resources for prayer and worship at home on the diocesan website (www.episcopalri.org). Prayers for the sick may be

found on pages 458-460 in The Book of Common Prayer.

I commend this prayer, adapted from one written by Bishop Thomas Brown of Maine:

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus. Heal those who are sick with the virus; may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Be present with those in authority who are making hard decisions. Support the medical professionals, emergency responders and our caregivers. In your name Jesus we pray. Amen.

May the God who is Love itself, the one in we put our trust, and who is the ground of our hope, be with you today and always.

† Nicholas

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>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



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



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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

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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