



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

March 18, 2021 Parish messenger

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

A Lenten Meditation by Marybeth

Isaiah is a prophet during the time that the Babylonians have ravaged Jerusalem and have exiled many of the people of Judah to Babylon (587 B.C). The people are living with oppression and begging God for mercy. Their temple has been destroyed. They have been exiled from their city.

The people of Judah are lamenting their new life and asking why this is happening to them. The prophet Isaiah responds first by explaining their sins and turning away from God. The prophet delivers a message of hope though:

“I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people...they shall not hunger or thirst... And I will turn all my mountains into a road... Sing for joy...For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones.” (Isaiah 49:8;10;11;14).

This message of hope is so relevant for today. I had my first glimmer of hope when I saw the first snow drop popped up in a garden a few weeks ago. And then Saturday, I got my first vaccine. That day, I felt like a new person, full of hope, thinking about all the things that could get back to normal. Of course, we will be wearing masks for a while, I am amazed at how a few glimpses of hope in my own life changed my entire perspective. Clearly, it's like Isaiah's message of hope to the people exiled to Babylon. And it is truly God's powerful presence in my life that has given me this hope.

I think about other hopeful things going on in the world. Potential democracy in Myanmar. The new relief package not only addressing Covid relief with stimulus checks and unemployment relief, but also support for children living in poverty.

I do lose some hope when I think of the vaccinations which have been put in hold in some countries. COVID is not just a Rhode Island or US problem, but a global one, which means until everyone in the world is vaccinated, we are all still at risk. And that brings up the question of why bad things happen to good people. And Job who laments that he has not sinned, and yet his world has turned upside down.

I guess when hope is dashed, it is time to go back to the idea that even in bad times, God is always there to comfort. God is always with us in our suffering and although we may feel alone, God is with us as we deal with hardships.

The beautiful words of Isaiah point to this HOPE.

—Marybeth Hanavan

All are welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Here is the Zoom link for this Sunday's Service:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Here is the program link:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_lent_5_march_21_2021.pdf

Lenten blessings,
Julie

*Lenten Quiet Morning,
Saturday March 20th, 9 a.m.—12:00 p.m.*



Join us on Saturday for a few hours of precious Lenten quiet time with God. All are welcome. The focus of the morning is trust. The morning includes prayer, music, and meditation.

April Donahower will be playing violin, and Becky Sillman will join her on flute and organ as they lead us into silent reflection throughout the morning with different settings of Georg Neumark's hymn, *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* (Hymnal #635). Musa Goll will lead us in Morning Prayer.

Enjoy quiet, meditative companionship with fellow parishioners. Feel free to join us for part or all of the morning. Here is the Zoom link:

Here is the Zoom link for the Lenten Quiet Morning:

All Saints' Lenten Quiet Morning

Mar 20, 2021, 09:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89605698059?pwd=cnQ4eE9Dco1PMEozdk1acWlvVEduZzo9>

Meeting ID: 896 0569 8059

Passcode: 674674

Here is the program link:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/lenten_quiet_morning_program_march_20_2021.pdf



*Health and Wellness Talk with Drs. Nnenna
Okpara and Mariam Fayek*



Did you know March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month?



Please join us at All Saints' Memorial Church with Women and Infants' Hospital Center for Gastrointestinal Health Drs. Mariam Fayek and Nnenna Okpara for a brief informational session on March 21 at 10:30

a.m., immediately following the Service. Ribbons will be distributed.

The talk will use the same link as the Sunday service, which starts at 9:30 a.m.:

Heath and Wellness Talk, starting at approximately 10:15

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Mariam Fayek, MD, is a staff gastroenterologist at the Women & Infants' Hospital Center for Gastrointestinal Health. She attended Howard University College of Medicine, and completed Internal Medicine residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Cornell Weill Medical Center and Gastroenterology fellowship at Memorial-Sloan-Kettering Center, both in New York City. She is the hard-working mother of two daughters, and she and her family have been residents of Providence since 2009.

Nnenna Okpara, MD, is a staff gastroenterologist at the Women & Infants' Hospital Center for Gastrointestinal Health. She earned her medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in

New York City, completed Internal Medicine residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, and Gastroenterology fellowship at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital. She is the proud mom of 4, and she and her family have been Rhode Island residents since 2006.

*LECUSA Lenten Reflection Series,
Thursday March 25th, 8:00 p.m.*

LENTEN REFLECTIONS SERIES

Next Thursday, Bishop Knisely will give the Lenten Reflection at the Liberian Episcopal Community weekly Prayer Hour. All are welcome!

Please note that this event was previously published as happening on the 18th. This is incorrect. The correct date is March 25.

Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6219744763>

Charlotte Burgess' Quilt Talk

Many thanks to Charlotte for her beautiful work on the tie quilt for raffle at All Saints'. We much appreciated the talk on the craft of quilting, and the stories behind her quilts.

If you weren't able to catch Charlotte Burgess' Quilt Talk last Sunday, it is available on our Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsMemorialChurch/videos/vb.125772114132292/291706702469851/>.

Thank you Charlotte for sharing your process with us!

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study

Next Wednesday we will study the Book of Job, Chapters 37:14-24 and 38. We welcome new participants. Our discussion is from 12:15—1:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

Here is the link for Noonday Prayer and Bible Study:

Wednesday Noonday Prayer (12 p.m.) and Bible Study (12:15 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSctTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 5559 3827

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/order_of_service_for_noonday_wednesday__march_24_2021.pdf



Prayer List

The prayer list will be updated after April 11. If you wish to keep a person on the prayer list, please call the office at (401-751-1747) or email (asmcri@verizon.net) ReeRee.

Current in-office hours are Tues: 10-2, Wed: 10-1, and Fri: 10-2.



Easter Flowers 2021

Easter is April 4...it's not too early to think about Easter Flowers! If you would like to dedicate Easter Flowers this year, please fill out **our new online flower request form**, or you can request a paper form by calling (401-751-1747) or emailing (asmcri@verizon.net) ReeRee at the church office.

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Are You a Citizens Bank Customer?

If you are, there is a quick, free, and secure electronic way to pay your pledge or make other donations to All Saints'. If you are interested in this option, please call (401-946-3562) or email me (rsillima@bu.edu) and I will walk you through the set-up, which should take five minutes or less.

Thank you,
Becky

Free Rapid COVID-19 testing

Bethel AME Church, **located at 30 Rochambeau Ave. in Providence**, offers free rapid COVID-19 tests from 2-6 every Monday.

This testing site is part of Rhode Island's community testing efforts. More community testing sites scheduled throughout the week, and across the state can be found on this Google spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vCAktxDVk7GB2QA>

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More information about RI's COVID-19 testing program and vaccination rollout can be found at: <https://covid.ri.gov/testing>.

Vaccination Sites in Providence

Bethel AME Church, **located at 30 Rochambeau Ave. in Providence**, is a Vaccine Site and will offer vaccinations on Thursdays from 2 p.m.—6 p.m.

You may schedule an appointment by calling 401-444-8139, with an expected return call within two business days. The registration link is here:

<https://my.lifespan.org/mychartprd/SignupAndSchedule/EmbeddedSchedule?vt=4341&dept=101100010301000&view=plain&public=1>. **Staying within the guidelines of Rhode Island, this service will be for those 65 year of age and older.**

This vaccination site is part of **Rhode Island's local vaccination sites**. More Providence-based vaccination information and sites may be found at <https://www.providenceri.gov/vaccinate/>.

Upcoming Events

- **Mar 20:** Lenten Quiet Morning via Zoom, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
 - **Mar 21:** Health Talk with Dr. Nnenna Okpara and Dr. Mariam Fayek via Zoom, immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Service
 - **Mar 24:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
 - **Mar 28:** Palm Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
 - **Mar 28:** Discussion of *God be in my head, the Sarum Prayer* via Zoom, immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Service
 - **Mar 31:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
 - **Apr 1:** Soup and Bread Fellowship, via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.
 - **Apr 1:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
 - **Apr 2:** Good Friday Service and Stations of the Cross, 12:15 p.m.
 - **Apr 4:** Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
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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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Marie, Trish, and Victor. 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, Arline O., Janice, Keith Malloy, Karen L., Kimberly D., Stephen, and Barbara K.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Sylvester Kpeh, Jr.

Altar flowers this week are given in loving memory of Philip Mechnig, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of his passing, by Dan Mechnig.

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

Share All Saints' With Friends



SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34, April Donahower

Response: Psalm 51:1-13, Rosetta Evans

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10, Musa Goll

Prayers: Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: John 12:20-33

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Lesson: John 12:12-16, Eric Hirsch

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Monika Kramer

Response: Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians, Wilmar Jennings

Passion According to Mark: Mark 15:1-39

Prayers of the People: Dan Mechnig

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Mar 25.
The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, Mar 23.
Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at
asmcri@verizon.net.



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