

All Saints'
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

E-Messenger, May 19, 2022

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



Dear All Saints' Family,

Today I share with you a reflection by Deirdre Greelish, a parishioner and member of our Wednesday Faith Inquirers Group (formerly known as Bible Study):

Our Wednesday noon Faith Inquirers have been reading Exodus. There are 40 chapters, and the Ten Commandments appear at the start of chapter 20 and after that, the laws describe every aspect of communal

life. Want to know what to do if you injure a pregnant woman? Chapter 21:22. How to treat aliens? Chapter 22:21. Ever wonder why stores were closed on Sundays in the old days? Chapter 23:12. The laws continue in Leviticus, Numbers and still more books of the Old Testament.

There was a time when I tried to become a great tennis player so I paid a coach. He made a lot of laws too. "Thou shalt toss the ball high in the air and slightly in front of you." "Thou shall shift thy weight back as you bring thy racket behind thee." There were commands, such as "Thou shalt not step on the line," and "Thou shalt not get credit if the ball hits the net."

Suppose I heard the coach's repetitive 'commands' as if he were condemning me for every wrong toss, every wrong swing of my racket; or suppose my coach had taken my errors as sins against him personally; how would that have changed our relationship, and what would that have made of the game? I accepted his instruction as necessary for me to be an excellent tennis player. I became One with the Ball, One with the Racket. I developed a serve that was my salvation.

Tennis was just a game. I am trying to become a great human being. God's laws teach me how to succeed at that. Love my neighbor as myself. Do to others as I would want them to do to me. Ask him for coaching and He will be there for me. See Him in the lowliest ones that come into my life and treat them as I would treat Him.

When we see God's law as the true way to achieve the life we desire, we rejoice as in Psalm 19:7-14:

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Your happy sister in Christ,

Deirdre



Prayer Against Gun Violence

By the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane

God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice.

Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence.

Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change.

For your dream of love and harmony, Loving God,
Make us instruments of your peace.

All this we pray in the name of the One
who offered his life so that we might live,
Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

The Biden administration announced that free Covid tests are available to each household. Here is the link to order eight free tests for your household. <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

I placed an order and found that it was quite easy to do.

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

Zoom link: Sunday, May 22, 9:30am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFFcjFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service Program Link, May 22:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_easter_vi_sunday_may_22_2022.pdf

Easter Blessings,

Julie



*This Saturday Morning: Churchyard Redesign Work
Party*

Join us on Saturday, May 21st, 9:00-10:30 am. We will be planting the parking lot perimeter and doing some general weeding. All are welcome to get dirty with us.



For the Harvest of Lands and Waters

O gracious Lord, you open your hand and fill all living things with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; send forth your breath, and renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may yield its increase; and save us from selfish use of what you provide, that the poor and needy may give thanks to your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (adapted from p.828, BCP).

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers

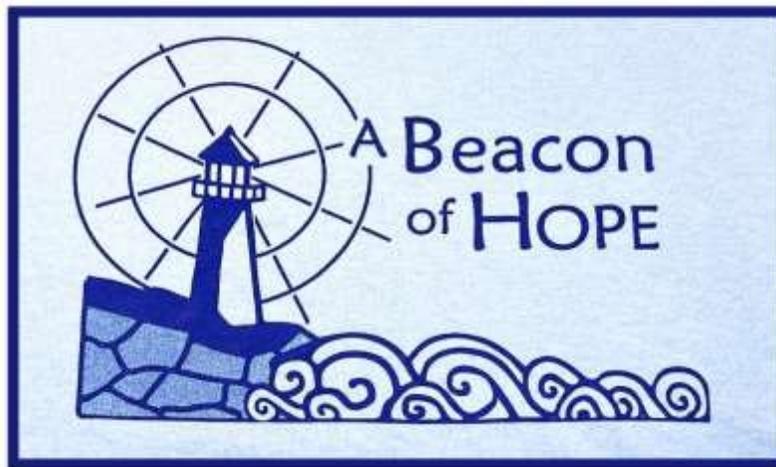
Discussion 12:00 - 1:00pm

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers Discussion continues on Wednesday, May 25th. We will discuss Chapters 25-31 in the Book of Exodus. All are welcome to participate.

You may join us on

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>) or in-person in Rose Hall (12:00pm-1:00pm).

Outreach News



Next meeting: Sunday, May 22

Crossroads Family Center Needs Full Size Sheets

If you have an extra set of new or gently used full size sheets, please consider donating them to Crossroads Family Center. Please bring the sheets with you to church and Outreach will deliver them to Crossroads Family Center.

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!

- May: Cold Cereals

- June: Packaged Rice
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Tech Ministry Update

As most of you know, we are in the process of upgrading our streaming and Zoom platform. This week, we installed the new network. You will notice that the cable running along the altar floor and steps these many

months, covered by blue duct tape, is gone! While our goal is to not disrupt our Zoom and Facebook feeds, this may not be possible. Our apologies for any inconvenience.



Easter morning sun shining on the organ pipes

Photo by Ryan Mott

Upcoming Events

May 24: Facilities meeting, 7 pm, Zoom

May 25: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers, Rose Hall/Zoom at 12:00pm

May 25: Choir rehearsal

June 5: Feast of Pentecost, wear red!

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, Gloria, and Dan Nagle. 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, Clyde Johnson, Victor, Jaime Bernardo, and Charlie Moss.

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SCRIPTURE READING

May 22, 2022

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15 Musa Goll

Response: Psalm 67 Musa Goll

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 April
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Gospel: John 5:1-9

Prayers of the People Monika Kramer

May 29, 2022

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34 Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 97 Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-
21 Rosetta Evans

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Prayers of the People Susan Goodnough

Publishing Information

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

26th. Please submit any articles or info you may have to
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