

All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
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e-Parish Messenger

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

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Ascension Day

Saying goodbye can be very hard. It can also be profoundly meaningful. Once, when saying goodbye to a friend when we both knew it was unlikely we would see each other again, my friend said to me, "Another place." I cherish that goodbye.

Today we celebrate Ascension Day, a feast of the Christian church. As Luke tells it, Jesus' ascension was a profoundly meaningful and even joyful moment for the disciples. Jesus's disciples are gathered with him and he "opens their minds to understand the scriptures." Jesus reminds the disciples that they are witnesses to his death and resurrection and tells them to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to clothe the disciples "with power from on high." While blessing the disciples, Jesus withdraws and is carried to heaven. Luke tells us that the disciples return to Jerusalem "with great joy" continually "blessing God." The disciples understand that this is a joyful day where God is glorified in Christ, the pain of betrayal and loss is behind them, sins have been forgiven. Jesus' blessing travels with disciples, minds are opened to hear the Word, and the promise of power from on high is with them.

A lot to ponder... With the disciples, may we return to our daily lives living into the joy of this Feast, continually blessing God.

This week the Church commemorates Bede - also known as the Venerable Bede - an English monk and scholar of the eighth century. His many written works include a hymn of glory for the Ascension. Here are a few lines from this hymn:

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.*

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St. Martin's, the Church of the Redeemer, and St. Stephen's are having a joint service to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension tonight at 7:00 PM, at St. Stephen's. All are invited.

Blessings,
Julie

Creation Care

Places to buy Bird Friendly coffee locally:

Birds & Beans Coffee, Byfield MA: online at <https://birdsandbeanscoffee.com/buycoffee> or at Wild Birds Unlimited in Warwick

Dean's Beans, Orange MA: online at <https://deansbeans.com/our-products/roasted-coffees/smbc-certified-bird-friendly-coffee.html>

Allegro Coffee Roasters: buy the Early Bird blend at Whole Foods

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UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS

June 2: Graduation Celebration/Youth Sunday

June 9: Pentecost - wear red!

**June 16: Trinity Sunday
Vestry Meeting**

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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Michael Blake, Trish Blake, Mae Burgess, Harriet Choi, Olive Cooper, James Davies, Florence Depatie, Cheryl Dunning, Anthony Eke, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Ernest Hirsch, Barbara K., Erma Kla-William, Katie Lawton, Virginia Meade, Karen Mirim, Margaret Mirin, Thomas R, Lori Spaziano, Eric T., Frances Tait, Virginia Thompson, Mary Tryforos, April Beth, Ruby, and Gene.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Barry Turley. Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Rosetta Evans, Mildred Evans-Itoka, and Vivian Evans-Wallace by Harrington Evans.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Raymond Tanguay and Matthew Degree.

KNITTING, CROCHETING

The knitting and crocheting group meets every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. This group is open to anyone in the parish. You are welcome to come as often as you can and you are welcome to bring a friend.

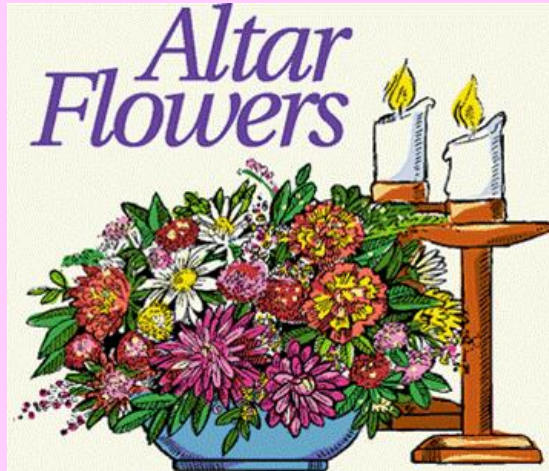


The next meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2019

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ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019

See Marybeth about our new fresh garden flowers ministry. If you are unable participate in it, but wish to honor a loved one, altar flowers may be reserved for Sundays in 2019 by using the yellow forms on the information table in Rose Hall. If you would like a form mailed to you, please call the parish office.



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FOOD COLLECTION

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. You are asked, as you are able, to bring one item on the monthly list each Sunday.



May, cold cereal

June, rice

Thank you for your generosity.

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PARKING LOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

The parking lot adjacent to the church lot is once again available for additional parking, during Sunday services only. If you are the last car leaving the lot, please lock the gate after you leave. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

June 2, 2019 (Youth Sunday)

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: Psalm 97, Natalya Evans

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

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Prayers:

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Greeters/Ushers: Marsha Mott and Maryann Darbeh

Altar Guild: Gloria Perry, Pattie Marshall, Trish Blake

Coffee Hour Team: Pattie and Peter Marshall

June 9, 2019 (Pentecost)

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First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21, Eric Hirsch

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17, Rosetta Evans

Gospel: John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Prayers: Nnenna Amaechina

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Greeters/Ushers: Bob and Lindsey Wells

Altar Guild: Cecilia Bernardo and Paul Connors

Coffee Hour Team: Marybeth Hanavan and Trish Blake

NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on June 6. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, June 4. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Becky at rsillima@bu.edu.

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