

All Saints' Memorial Church  
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May 9, 2019  
e-Parish Messenger

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

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**Caring for God's Creation**

How easy it is for habit to set in and for us to continue on in our daily routines as usual. I wonder if that was what was happening with Peter just before the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Last Sunday, we heard John's gospel account of Jesus showing himself to the disciples for the third time. The story begins when Peter invites several disciples to go fishing. They fish all night but catch nothing. Peter and his friends must have been feeling rather discouraged by early morning. But suddenly, everything changes. Or, the disciples were reminded that everything had changed. Jesus appears to them while they are sitting in the boat and suggests that they try their nets on the other side of the boat. The result is such an overwhelming abundance that the disciples could not haul their net into the boat. Recognition of the Lord sets in. The disciples see the risen Lord in this gift of abundance and scramble to the shore to greet him.

Sometimes habit sets in and we go on with life as usual. I, personally, am grateful for the voices of our church that have been calling me out of my usual habits to a greater awareness of caring for God's creation in the details of daily life. We hear this call from our own parish. Last week, I learned about Bird Friendly coffee from April Donahower. I read that three-quarters of the world's coffee farms destroy forest habitat and contribute to the disappearance of migratory songbirds. Bird Friendly

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coffee growers offer an alternative by growing under shade trees. This growing method fights climate change and provides habitat for the migratory songbird.

We hear this call to awareness of caring for God's creation from our Bishop in Risen 2019, an entire publication devoted to Creation Care. Bishop Knisely observes, "We are created to be God's helpers in the world - to tend the garden God made and work beside God to bring order and health into the world." We hear this call from the national church. Presiding Bishop Curry calls us into a loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with the whole of God's Creation. Bishop Curry writes, "The whole world belongs to God, as Psalm 24 teaches us. God's eye is ever on even the tiny sparrow, as Jesus teaches us (Luke 12:6). We human beings have been charged with being trustees, caretakers, and stewards of God's creation (Genesis 1:26-31)." As followers of Jesus, the national church calls us to a life-giving Way, pledging to change our habits and choices in order to live more simply, humbly, and gently on earth.

As a coffee drinker, Creation Care prompts me to pay attention to how my daily coffee is grown and see a direct connection between caring for God's creation and a daily routine. There are so many choices that we make that impact God's creation. I encourage us as a congregation to ponder how we might choose to change our habits to live more simply, humbly, and gently on earth.

Easter dawn brings an empty tomb and a new beginning. As we lift our eyes to the joy and transformation of resurrection, may we too walk in newness of life.

Blessings and Peace,  
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**

**May 12: Mothers' Day Bake Sale pick-up**

**May 18: WBNA Yard Sale and Music; 8:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**May 19: Outreach Committee Meeting**

**June 2: Graduation Celebration**

**June 9: Pentecost - wear red!**

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**PRAYERS**

**Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

We pray for Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Michael Balke, 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 Ferdinand Jones and Cora Nagle

**We pray for those who have died**, especially Sarah J. Silliman in whose memory the altar flowers are given by Becky Silliman

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

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**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, May 21, 2019**

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**ALL SAINTS' YARD SALE**

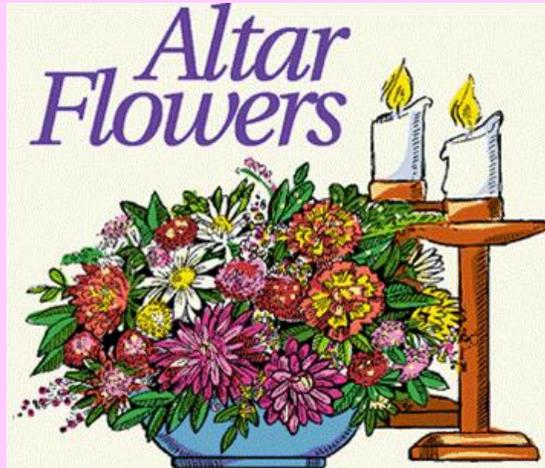
**Saturday May 18, 8:30-1:00**

Do you have yard sale items to donate? Outreach is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, May 18 as part of the West Broadway Neighborhood Annual Yard Sale. Please bring yard sale items to Rose Hall on Sunday May 12. No clothing items will be accepted; gently used shoes may be donated.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019**

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to remember a loved one who has passed away or give thanks for someone special. You may reserve dates 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. Also, note our new fresh garden flowers ministry - more to follow.



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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

As always, 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**

## **May 12, 2019**

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First Reading: Acts 9:36-43, Chip Smith

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17, Harrington Evans

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Prayers: April Donahower

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Greeters/Ushers: Marsha Mott, Patricia Solo

Altar Guild: Gloria Perry and Pattie Marshall

Coffee Hour Team: Dirk Hennessey and Wilmar Jennings

## **May 19, 2019**

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18; Bob Wells

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6; Musa Goll

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Prayers: Lindsey Wells

Chalice: Harrington Evans

Greeters/Ushers: Bob and Lindsey Wells

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: Barbara Badio and Bill McBorrow

## **NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER**

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on May 16. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, May 14. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Becky at [rsillima@bu.edu](mailto:rsillima@bu.edu).

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