



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

November 19, 2020 Parish messenger

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

Due to the COVID surge, we ask that you join our Sunday and Wednesday worship via ZOOM only. The only parishioners in the church will be our small liturgy team, socially distanced and masked.

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

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2>

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Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/
service_bulletin_christ_the_king_november_22_2020.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_christ_the_king_november_22_2020.pdf)**

Thanksgiving Litany

I am putting together our own Thanksgiving litany for our Noonday Service on Wednesday, November 22. It would be wonderful if each person could send me a thanksgiving to add to the Litany via either text or e-mail. I will not include names—simply the thanksgiving. Please send to me by Sunday, November 22. Thank you!

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

The General Thanksgiving (BCP, p.101)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*



Commitment Sunday—November 22

I hope you are mulling over the amount of your pledge. Now the trick is to get it to the Church!

- You can drop off at our mailbox.
- You can mail it.
- Chip Smith would be willing to pick up (401) 556-0036
- You can use our drive-through on Commitment Sunday, November 22nd after our 9:30 AM service, and receive an Advent book of reflections and some All Saints' hand sanitizer. Wow!

Thank you for your ongoing faith-filled generosity.

—Chip

Advent Fellowship and Quiet Time via ZOOM

Please join us in fellowship and reflection this Advent season. The first Sunday of Advent is fast approaching! We will be offering an Advent Book Discussion, Bible and Lunch on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:15, and an Advent Quiet Morning. You may wish to participate in all three or just one. Whatever God is leading you to, please come and see:

Rejoicing in Hope Advent Book Discussion - Sunday, December

20th after our 9:30AM Service

Let us ponder Advent hope together. I have ten copies of the book, *Rejoicing in Hope: An Advent Study for Adults* by James Harnish. Please let me know if you would like a copy. Or, you may prefer to purchase it on your own. I am reading it on my Kindle. Our book discussion will be Sunday, Dec. 20th right after the service.

Bible and Lunch

We will begin a bible study over lunch on Wednesday December 2, 12:30-1:15. Join us via ZOOM for lunchtime fellowship around the Word. We will continue with the Bible and Lunch on Wednesdays through Advent, and begin again in Epiphany.

Advent Quiet Morning - Saturday December 5th, 10am-12:00

“For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength” Isaiah 30:15. Join us for a morning of quiet reflection, prayer, and music as we anticipate the birth of Christ our Light.



Giving Opportunity in 2020

Our church building is beautiful and historic. From time to time we need to attend to some rather large repairs. We recently had an estimate for badly needed masonry work. The contractor identified an "Immediate Maintenance Attention Option" (see photo) for \$12,400. Now this is much better than the longer-term option (\$216,480), to be sure. However, even the smaller amount is a more than we have in our Capital Fund (\$3,523).

With this masonry work in mind, here is some tax information that applies only for 2020 giving that may be helpful; All Saints' is considered a public charity.

- For those who no longer itemize, the CARES Act allows individual taxpayers to deduct donations to charity of up to \$300 on their 2020 federal tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. Married-filing-jointly taxpayers will get an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600.
- The CARES Act temporarily removes the adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations on charitable deductions for cash gifts to public charities in 2020. Now, a donor may claim a charitable income tax deduction up to 100% of AGI for cash gifts, meaning you would pay no federal income tax. Previously, the donor would have had to limit deductions to 60% of AGI. The 100% limit is reduced dollar-for-dollar by other itemized charitable deductions. This means that a donor who deducts 30% of AGI in long-term appreciated asset gifts (stocks, mutual funds, real estate) will be able to also deduct up to 70% of AGI for cash gifts, for a total deduction of up to 100% of AGI. Donors should consult their tax or financial advisor about these issues.

Regardless of the size of your donation, All Saints' accepts donations of cash or via credit card and check. In addition, we are able to accept donations of appreciated stock or mutual funds. For that option, please

contact Becky Silliman for more information (**rsillima@bu.edu** or 401-946-3562).

Help us fix this crack by Spring! Thank you.

LECUSA Thursday Evening Prayer Group via ZOOM

All are invited to join the Liberian Episcopal Community USA each Thursday evening for intercessory prayer via Zoom from 8:00-9:00pm.

Here is the Zoom link:

Topic: LECUSA Weekly Intercessory Prayer

Time: Thursdays @ 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

Meeting ID: 621 974 4763



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.

- November: boxed mac n' cheese
- December: canned vegetables
- January: canned pasta

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

- **Nov 22:** Commitment Sunday: Drive thru/Drop off Pledge Card immediately following 9:30 AM Service.
- **Nov 23:** Thanksgiving Basket Pick up in the Parking Lot, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM.
- **Nov 25:** Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Wednesday 12:00 PM via Zoom.
- **Nov 29:** First Sunday of Advent, Sunday School for Youth via Zoom.
- **Dec 2:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 2:** Finance Committee Meeting, 4PM.
- **Dec 5:** Advent Quiet Morning, 10AM-12:00PM via Zoom.
- **Dec 9:** Advent Fellowship and Quiet Time via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 16:** Advent Fellowship and Quiet Time via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 20:** Rejoicing in Hope Advent Book Discussion—immediately after our 9:30 AM Service.
- **Dec 23:** Advent Fellowship and Quiet Time via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.

Keeping up with Your Pledge in These Times

While we are limited in the number of worshippers we can have in church, we ask that you keep up with your pledge as you are able.

There are three ways for you to do so.

- Give online - it is easy and secure. Here is how:
 1. Go to our website—**allsaintsmemorial.org**—our home page.
 2. Below the "Coronavirus Update" section on the home page, click on the Donate button.
 3. You can either sign in to ChurchTrac or give as a guest.
- Make out a check and send it by mail to the church:

All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
- Place your sealed offering envelope with check or cash in the mailbox outside the office door. To open the mailbox, tug on the knob on the front side, and pull the door down. Deposit mail through the slot that is revealed. Please close the mailbox door when you are finished.

If you have questions, please email me (**rsillima@bu.edu**) or call me (946-3562).

-Thank you,

Becky

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Garmony, and Virginia. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, James Greene, Eric and Irene T., Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, and Merynn Flynn.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Anne Marie Nagle.

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

We pray for all healthcare workers, first responders, and

those who are in public spaces such as pharmacies, grocery stores, and other vital services in these times.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 22, 2020

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24, Monika Kraemer

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a, Wilmar Jennings

Prayers: Becky Silliman

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9, Chip Smith

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7,16-18, Anne Tait

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Lyndsey Wells

Prayers: Bob Wells

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, November 26. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, November 24. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at **asmcri@verizon.net**.



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