



All Saints' Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

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e-Parish Messenger

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

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The Rev. Dr. Julianne Hanavan

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 25

In our worship we practice how to be a Christian and we promise that we will continue to live into that practice. Practice and promise. It strikes me that commitment is about those two things. We promise that we will do something and we begin to do it. Actually, every Sunday is a commitment Sunday. Every Eucharist is a form of commitment. We bring our bread, wine, hearts, money, labor and our very lives to God at the Great Thanksgiving. We present our gifts with a spirit of gratitude to God for our lives. We acknowledge that God is the One in whom we live, and move and have our being (Acts 17:28).

In the Eucharist we receive the steadfast love of God in Christ who is risen and present with us. We are transformed into the Body of Christ. We become Christ for one another. We are sent out to participate in the healing of this world with the help of God's grace, mercy, and unconditional love.

Our labor and our love, our self-offering during the Great Thanksgiving involve commitment and transformation - commitment to God and transformation by God. Our prayer book gives many choices for offertory sentences but I find myself mostly gravitating to this sentence: *Let us with gladness present our offerings and oblations of our life and labor*

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to the Lord. I find this particular offertory sentence reflects the totality of what we bring to the Lord's table.

It is fitting then that this Sunday we bring one more offering to God to the Great Thanksgiving. This Sunday, what we formally call Commitment Sunday, we ask that you bring your pledge card with you to our worship and put it in the offertory collection. Together we will will bless those offerings and ask the Lord to bless us in this sacred moment of giving and commitment.

**Blessings and Peace,
Julie**

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UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS

November 25: Outreach Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.

November 27: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

November 28: Open Church, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 29, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23: Advent Bible/ Book Group

December 5: Open Church, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

December 11: Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Madhia Cooper, Paul Cummings, Florence Depatie, Rick Edwards, Anthony Eke, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Carolyn Hirsch, Barbara K., Jeffrey Knapton, Katie Lawton, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Eric T., Mary Tryforos, Teddy Zeekeh, April Beth, Renée, Leith, Maryjane and Kristen.

Altar flowers on Sunday November 25 are given in memory of Hugh G. Silliman by Rebecca Silliman and in memory of Alice C. Smith by Trish Blake.

Celebrating her birthday this week: Ann Marie Nagle

Remember those who work for peace and members of our **armed forces**, especially Raymond Tanguay and Matthew Degree.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the parish office will be closed on Friday November 23. Enjoy the holiday!

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ADVENT BIBLE/ BOOK GROUP

November 29, December 2, 9, 16 & 23

About the book:

Congregations are often uninspired by the emphasis on Old Testament themes during Advent and too "over" Christmas by December 26 to pay much attention to the gospel stories that follow Jesus' birth. **Walking Backwards to Christmas** starts at the end of the story, with Jesus' presentation to Anna and Simeon at the temple, and moves backwards through Herod's slaughter of the innocents, the wise men's visit, Jesus' birth in a stable, Mary's pregnancy, and finally to the much-earlier hopes and dreams of Isaiah and Moses.

Telling the Christmas story through the eyes of both famous figures like King Herod and imagined characters like the innkeeper's wife, Stephen Cottrell invites readers to experience Jesus' birth anew, with greater appreciation of the dark themes and ancient figures relevant to the Advent story.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas is the perfect time to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving with flowers on the altar. Forms can be found in Rose Hall, or call the office (401-751-1747) to have one emailed or mailed to you. Please return the form and payment to the parish office by Tuesday, December 11.

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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.

And remember that this group is not just for ladies and is open to all.



**Next meeting is Tuesday,
November 27**

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:



November: boxed mac and cheese
December, canned vegetables
January, canned pasta.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

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

November 25, 2018

First Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; April Donahower

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8; Patricia Blake

Prayers: Charles Smith

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Maryann Darbeh

Altar Duty: Gloria Perry, Patricia Fahnbulleh and Trish Blake

Coffee Hour Team: April Donahower and Alex Perdue

NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on November 29. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, November 27. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at asmcri@verizon.net.

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