



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

November 25, 2020 Parish messenger

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

Please join us Sunday, at 9:30 AM via Zoom for the First Sunday in Advent.

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=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program:

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service_bulletin_advent_1_november_29_2020.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_advent_1_november_29_2020.pdf)

Here is the Zoom link for next Wednesday's Noon Prayer. Please use this same link for Bible and Lunch after prayers:

Wednesday Noon Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Notice: the office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We have been blessed with so much.

May we give back even more.

We thank you Lord, for the gifts we have been given and health to be able to use them.

We praise you Lord.

We give thanks for the church family and donors for the gift cards.

We praise you Lord.

We give thanks for the tremendous efforts of Ryan and his crew to bring All Saints services to us by Zoom, thereby keeping our community together in spite of COVID.

We praise you Lord.

We give thanks for the listening that goes on among us.

We praise you Lord.

We thank God for the gift of life no matter how hard it is.

We praise you Lord.

We thank the Lord for the beautiful warm November day as we assembled Thanksgiving baskets outside.

We praise you Lord.

We are thankful for the gracious, appreciative joy in the voices of those who received Thanksgiving baskets.

We praise you Lord.

We give thanks for the ability to work and keep our jobs during this pandemic when so many others are suffering.

We praise you Lord.

We are thankful that zoom is keeping us connected.

We praise you Lord.

We are thankful for teachers who risk being in the classroom and at the same time have the challenge of managing zoom and in-person classes at the same time.

We praise you Lord.

We give thanks for those who spoke about stewardship and All Saints' - Chip, Bob and Lyndsey, Patricia, Neb and Chimmi, and Marsha. Your words were inspiring.

We praise you Lord.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

A message from Outreach

We are so grateful to all of you for the tremendous collaboration on the Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for donating funds, purchasing food, and the huge effort this weekend filling and distributing 34 baskets. Here are some photos from the weekend:





Fall's Arts Programs Now on YouTube

If you missed the Tait and Kramer Studio Tours or the Interview with Wilmar Jennings about the lives and art of his parents, Wilmer and Mary Jennings, you can now watch them on YouTube. Each is about one-half hour. There are two ways to access them. First, they are posted on the Music and the Arts page of our website (allsaintsmemorial.org). Second, you may go to them directly by clicking on these links:

- <https://youtu.be/Ka9XTffpipU> - Artists' Studio Tour
- <https://youtu.be/-52NBbanTjw> - Artist's Interview

Please share these links with those who might be interested. We will be resuming our programming in the new year, with programs on jewelry making, jazz, and quilt making.

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.

On Klag Lied

Last week's offertory solo was intended as a memorial to Susan Rodgers, who passed away very suddenly. It was especially poignant because both David Moniz and his wife Erin were students of Susan's. The *Klag Lied* was written by Dietrich Buxtehude for his own father, who died during the Thirty Years' War. The text which Buxtehude wrote speaks of his horrible sense of loss, but in particular the last verse, in which Buxtehude wrote of his father in heaven, playing the keyboard, and helping to accompany the angels.

Susan Rodgers was a powerhouse behind-the-scenes supporter of music

at All Saints', and we are going to miss her horribly. In Susan's case, she will be giving voice lessons to the angels.

—Barry Turley



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



Christmas Flowers

The church will be decorated for Christmas with poinsettias and other flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, please email asmcri@verizon.net or drop off a note in the mailbox by Sunday, December 13. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to "All Saints' Memorial Church."



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 26-27:** Office closed for Thanksgiving.

- **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:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 16:** Bible and Lunch via ZOOM, 12:30—1:15 PM.
- **Dec 20:** Rejoicing in Hope Advent Book Discussion—immediately after our 9:30 AM Service.
- **Dec 23:** Bible and Lunch 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, 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.

Flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Hugh G. Silliman, by Becky Silliman.

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 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

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

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

Prayers: Bob Wells

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11, Nnenna Amaechina

Psalm: Psalm 85:1-2,8-13, Barbara Badio

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a, April Donahower

Prayers: Rosetta Evans

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Dec 3.

The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, December 1. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at asmcri@verizon.net.



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