



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

November 29, 2018  
e-Parish Messenger

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

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The end of the calendar year often brings a time of reflection about the previous year. Maybe we note the best and worst of the year. Sometimes we make resolutions that we may or may not keep. This week marks the end of our church calendar year, and I find myself reflecting on the past year. What strikes me is how grateful I am to be part of the All Saints' community. I think back to the love and support from this congregation when I was ordained a deacon one year ago this weekend. I think of the love and support that Judy and I experienced when we arrived last February. And I think of the extraordinary care and encouragement we have received since then.

This kind of giving and caring seems to fill the many ministries and the friendship that goes on here at All Saints' on a daily basis. On Tuesday as the City Meal Site dinner started to wind down, one of our guests came up to me and quietly placed a ten-dollar bill in my hand, asking that I give it to someone in need. This kind of generosity to friend and stranger, from friend and stranger, comes from all corners of All Saints, inside and out. I have witnessed so many interactions, conversations, and activities at All Saints' that embody this spirit, moments when we become Christ for one another.

As we leave this church year behind and move into Advent, thank you for your generosity. Thank you for

**Senior Warden**  
Monika Kraemer

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**the love and caring that continues to transform me and all those whom we serve as the Body of Christ.**

**Gratefully,  
Julie**

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**UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**December 2, 9, 16 & 23: Advent Bible/ Book Group**

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

**December 11: Christmas Altar Flower deadline**

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

**December 12: Open Church, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**December 16: Deadline to return gifts for Angel Tree families and Christmas cookies for City Meal Site Christmas dinner**

**December 19: Open Church, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**December 23: Last day to turn in white socks for Crossroads**

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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, Rosetta Evans, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Carolyn Hirsch, Barbara K., Jeffry Knaption, Katie Lawton, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Eric T., Mary Tryforos, Teddy Zeekeh, April Beth, Renée, Leith, Maryjane and Kristen.

**Celebrating their birthdays this week:** Corey Mott and Nancy Beals

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

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**ADVENT BIBLE/ BOOK GROUP**

**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 ALTAR 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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**2019 PLEDGES**

If you have already turned in your pledge envelope, thank you very much for supporting All Saints'. If you haven't turned it in yet, please do so as soon as possible. There are extra envelopes at the church, or please call Kathy at the parish office (401-751-1747) to have one mailed to you. Thank you again for your generosity.

## ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is now in place in Rose Hall. The Angel Tree provides an opportunity for people to buy Christmas gifts for members of needy families. The Angel Tree is decorated with tags. Each tag represents a requested gift for a particular person. The front of the tag indicates the family number. The back of the tag indicates the sex and age of the gift recipient and the desired gift.

Please write the family number, sex and age of the recipient, desired gift, your name and your telephone number on the form placed on the lectern adjacent to the Angel Tree. Take the tag with you. After the gift is purchased, it should be appropriately wrapped. The wrapped gift should have the tag attached securely but in a manner that allows the removal of the tag without damaging the gift wrapping. Wrapped gifts should be returned to Rose Hall on **Sunday, December 16, 2018** and should be placed in the designated area near the Angel Tree.

If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Perry.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE CITY MEAL SITE

All Saints' Memorial will be providing Christmas cookies for the City Meal Site's December 18 dinner. We would like to give each person present a bag of six cookies. For an assumed 200 recipients we would need 1,200 cookies. The cookies should be durable and have a diameter that does not exceed three inches.



Home-baked cookies are preferred; commercially baked cookies are acceptable. The cookies should not contain nuts. Volunteers will be asked to sign up to provide multiples of a dozen cookies.

Gloria Perry will have the sign-up sheet on **December 2** and plastic bags for the cookies on **December 9**. The cookies in tied bags with six cookies in each bag should be turned in on **December 16**.

## 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.



**Next meeting is Tuesday, December 11**

**SOCKS FOR CROSSROADS**

We are collecting new white socks for Crossroads Rhode Island during Advent. **December 23** is the last day to donate. You may leave the socks in the decorated container outside the second floor southeast entrance door to the church.

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**CHAMPLIN GRANT TO BE AWARDED**

We are pleased and grateful to announce that the Champlin Foundation will be awarding All Saints' a grant for \$50,000 to repair and restore the six clerestory windows above the altar as well as the window in the Lyte Room. These windows will also have new protective coverings installed, which will enhance lighting and reduce air leaks. The work will be planned for the spring.

**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.



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**

### **December 2, 2018**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Patricia Fahnbulleh

Prayers: Anne Tait

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Chalice: Agnes Fox

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Musa Goll

Altar Duty: Dan and Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: Marybeth Hanavan and Gloria Perry

### **December 9, 2018**

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9; April Donahower

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11; Trish Blake

Prayers: Monika Kraemer

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Chalice: Harrington Evans

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Rita Madave  
Altar Duty: Patricia Sonpon Solo and Felicia McBorrough  
Coffee Hour Team: Felicia and Bill McBorrough

### **NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER**

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on December 6. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, December 4. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net).

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