



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!



Dear All Saints' Family,

Advent begins this Sunday. The office cactus is blooming again, always a timely and lovely signal that Advent approaches!



What Advent Brings is the theme of our December 9 retreat led by Fr.

Victor King. All are invited to join us on Saturday morning, Dec. 9 at 10:00 am for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. We will be joined by parishioners from St. Luke's and Good Shepherd in Pawtucket, along with Fr. Dennis Bucco and Rev. Mary Ann Mello. Please feel free to invite a friend. We welcome anyone who is interested in entering into this season of waiting, wonder, and expectancy more deeply. We will conclude the retreat with a potluck lunch in Rose Hall. Please let Barbara Badio or Marybeth Hanavan know if you would like to bring dish to share for lunch. Fr. King will join us on Sunday, Dec. 10 for our Service of Holy Eucharist and will serve as our preacher.



Advent is already bringing some newness to All Saints'. This week we welcomed our new administrator/events coordinator, Nayellys Taveras. It is great to have you on board Nayellys!



Last month the Vestry voted to try out a new initiative for All Saints'. This winter we will serve as an emergency warming shelter (overnight) in times of extreme cold or storms. This will provide refuge from the cold when temperatures drop precipitously to folks who are living outside or those who have no heat. We are partnering with Better Lives Rhode

Island who will provide experienced staff for these occasional overnights in Rose Hall. The hours for the shelter will be 6pm-7:30am. We will keep you posted as to when we will be hosting the shelter. Donations of hot soup would be heartily welcomed by our guests on such evenings.

And one more bit of newness that Advent is bringing...Upon Peter Marshall's excellent recommendation, Outreach co-chairs Linda Johnson and Pattie Marshall reached out to West End Community Center to talk about ways we might partner with them. The Center serves families in need in our neighborhood. After a tour and a lengthy conversation, Outreach has set a new direction for the Angel Tree project. West End has found it more effective to set up a situation where parents can select toys and clothes for their children's gifts. This year they have a need for snow pants, snow boots, gloves& mittens, hats, and earmuffs for toddlers through 5th grade. Their deadline for receiving donations is Friday December 15th and so we need to move very quickly.

The Angel Tree is set up in Rose Hall with angels hanging on it. All the angels are identical so you only need to take one. There are instructions on the back of the angel about the items we are seeking for donation.

Deadline for bringing the donations to church is Wednesday, December 13. This means that if you plan to bring your donation in on

a Sunday, it must be on December 10.

On behalf of Linda, Pattie, and the Outreach Ministry, thank you so much for your support for the Angel Tree program.

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" *Amen.*

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

**All are warmly welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist
on Sunday, December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, 9:30am**

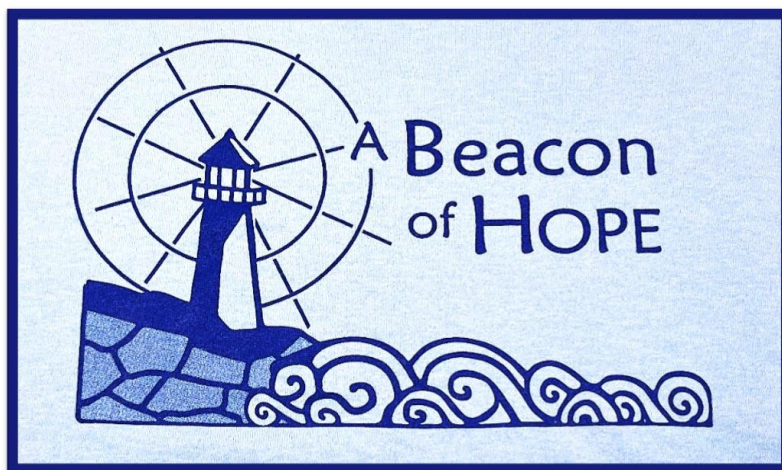
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Service Program: You will find Sunday's program **here**



Rev. Enid Cole and Kodii Amaechina last Sunday



Outreach News



Angel Tree Project: Please take an angel from the Angel Tree and bring the unwrapped gifts back to church by Sunday December 10 or at the latest, Wednesday December 13.

Monthly Food Collection: This month we are collecting canned vegetables, although any non-perishable food items are most welcome.



Wednesday, December 6th, Noon Healing Service

Next Wednesday is our monthly Healing Service with Eucharist. There Service will be in the church at 12:00pm.

Here is the Zoom link if you wish to join us from home:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQTo9>

Upcoming Events

December 2: Vienna Light Orchestra Concerts, All Saints'

December 5: Bannister Center Eucharist, 2:30pm

December 6: Noon Healing Service in the church

December 6: Choir Practice

December 9: Advent Retreat with Rev. Victor

King

10am-12:00pm

followed by lunch in Rose Hall

December 13: Final day to bring in Angel Tree gifts

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Musa, Barry, Rosetta, and Theo; for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Eva McBorrough, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Philletta Payne, Elizabeth Pacek, and Frances Fisher Taite.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

December 3, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9 Eric Hirsch

Response: Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 April Donahower

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-37

Prayers of the People: Monika Kraemer

Chalice: Bill McBorrough

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

December 10, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 Barbara Badio

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

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a Tom Hobin

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Prayers of People: Deirdre Greelish

Chalice: Marybeth Hanavan

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia



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