



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

September 2, 2021 Parish messenger

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



Dear All Saints' Family,

Do you recognize the above photo? This “Pennies from Heaven” jar has not emerged from its spot in the office cabinet for a good two years, maybe longer. Recently a parishioner asked me why we had stopped putting it out in Rose Hall on Sundays. The quick answer is that with Covid and diminished in-person attendance the Pennies from Heaven initiative was temporarily set aside.

With or without the jar, Pennies from Heaven continues to flourish at All Saints’. I wanted to find out more about the origins of this fund here at All Saints’, so I talked to Dirk Hennessy this week. Dirk brought the idea to us after seeing how the Pennies from Heaven project at his old church helped support badly needed maintenance.

The Pennies from Heaven idea is simple: loose change adds up. Bring your change to the church and drop it in the Pennies from Heaven jar. Recently a parishioner who was moving brought her collection of change to the Stop & Shop and came home with \$100. That sum found its way to our Pennies from Heaven fund.

Money that you find on the street or on the floor adds up too. Dirk said one morning he found \$4 in pennies on the steps of All Saints’. Dirk put those pennies in the jar. His friend found \$3 in change on the sidewalk and gave it to him for the Pennies from Heaven collection. You may want

to invite your friends in on this too! Another parishioner found a five-dollar bill on the sidewalk last winter and donated it to the fund.

Over the years, that donated loose change has defrayed building and infrastructure costs. For example, in 2018 it was put towards having the rugs steam cleaned. A quick report on Pennies from Heaven shows that parishioners deposited a total of \$628 in the jar between January 2017 and a few days ago.

The same parishioner who inquired about the missing jar, recently gathered up his coins from a drawer in his project table that had almost become too heavy to open. Two trips to the Stop & Shop later, he had cashed in an astonishing \$659 worth of coins! He chose to donate this sum to the Outreach Thanksgiving Basket project.

Whether you wish to drop your loose change into the Pennies from Heaven jar for church building and infrastructure needs, or cash in on your coins yourself and donate that amount to a specific church need, the practice is a valuable one.

Thank you, Dirk for bringing the initiative to All Saints' (photo below). And many thanks to all of you for saving, sorting, and sharing those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars.



All are invited to join us on Sunday for our 9:30am Service of Holy Eucharist.

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing if you are not yet fully vaccinated. We also ask that you refrain from singing if you are not yet fully vaccinated. As an additional safety precaution, we ask everyone to remain in the pews for the Peace.

Please stay at home if you are feeling the least bit sick or have even the tiniest of a "sniffle" as my two year-old grandson puts it.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Service Program:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_15_pentecost_september_5_2021.pdf

The Service of Holy Eucharist is also live streamed through our Facebook page.

Peace and Blessings,
Julie

Wednesday Noonday Prayer

Join us each Wednesday for Noonday Prayer at 12:00pm. All are welcome to participate in-person (Rose Hall) or via Zoom

at: **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>**



Altar Flower Ministry

Do you have late summer flowers or greens in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (mbhanavan@gmail.com) if you would like to bring an arrangement for the altar on a given Sunday.

For the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

September 12, Save the



Date!

Mark your calendars! Our annual parish picnic will be held at the Roger Williams Zoo! Please let Dan Mechnig know if you would like to join us for this exciting parish activity if you have not done so already! The picnic will include a barbecue under a tent at the Zoo and admission to the Zoo. Suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of four or more. Donations that exceed picnic costs will go to Outreach Thanksgiving Baskets.

Upcoming Events

- **September 5:** Session 4, Episcopal 102

- **September 7:** Vestry Meeting 7:00PM (Zoom)
- **September 12:** Parish Picnic at Roger Williams Zoo
- **September 19:** Outreach Meeting (Zoom/in-person)
- **September 22:** Weekly Bible Study 12:15 PM



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- September: Canned Soups and Stews
- October: Hot Cereal

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, and Marisa. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Joan, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Teresa Clinton, Janice, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Marshall, Margaret Mirin, Rena, David, and Benjamin.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Agnes Fox and Theresa Hoff.

Altar flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of Nancy E. McGrew by Becky Silliman; and in loving memory of Verginia Muhlenburg Thompson by Patricia Sonpon.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 34:4-7a

Response: Psalm 146

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37

Prayers of the People: Form VI, BCP p. 392

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

Response: Psalm 116:1-8

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Prayers of the People: Form VI, BCP p. 392

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, September 9. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, September 7. Please submit any articles or info you may have to revjulhan@gmail.com.



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