



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

September 9, 2021 Parish messenger

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

Dear All Saints' Family,

The Vestry met via Zoom on Tuesday evening with a full agenda. I share three important Vestry updates:

Dan Mechnig reported that we are all set for the Parish Picnic at the Zoo on Sunday at 11:00AM. It is wonderful that we can gather outside and enjoy a barbecue and Zoo adventures together. Please don't be shy about introducing yourself to the person sitting or standing near you!

Thank you, Dan for organizing this engaging and joyful event.

Kathy Mechnig and Marybeth Hanavan will greet you at the Zoo entrance to check you in and give you a packet with a Zoo map. A reminder that no money will be accepted at the Zoo on Sunday. Donations for this parish event may be placed in the collection, dropped off at the parish office, or given to Dan. Suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of four or more.

Masks are required if you wish to go inside Zoo buildings.

Another item on the Vestry Agenda was the 175th Gala Event planned for October 30th. Chip Smith has spent many, many hours planning this event. He worked with Amos House on catering and collaborated with a committee of Liberian parishioners to include Liberian dishes at the Gala. He researched the history of All Saints' in anticipation of the celebration. He consulted with other parishioners on event details.

Vestry discussion of the 175th centered on Covid safety and the problem of poor ventilation in Rose Hall. After listening to Vestry discussion, Chip made the recommendation to postpone the 175th Gala. Following Chip's recommendation, the Vestry moved to postpone the celebration.

It was a tough decision but the right decision for these times. Please see the note from Chip below. Thank you, Chip. We are so grateful for your leadership, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve in these ambiguous times. You can wish Chip a Happy Birthday at the picnic...

A third topic of Vestry discussion was mask wearing in the undercroft or lower level of All Saints'. Unfortunately, lack of ventilation is a problem in Rose Hall, the rest rooms, and the offices. Recognizing the safety risk of poor ventilation, the Vestry decided that we must return to mask wearing in the lower level of the church. You will see signs reminding you of this mask requirement as you head downstairs for coffee hour. We will continue to hold coffee hour outside. As the weather turns colder or in the event of rain, we will move coffee hour upstairs to the back of the church.

These times are challenging. Many are weary of mask wearing. However, it is the right thing to do. We need to protect our vulnerable from getting sick, and that includes children under 12. Thank you to the Vestry for your faithful decision-making and ongoing service. We are blessed.

The first reading on Sunday is from Isaiah. The prophet proclaims: *"The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word."*

May we help each other adjust expectations as we move into the fall. May God's Spirit give us words of hope and light to sustain and nourish the weary. May God bless all teachers and students as schools re-open.

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

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing during the service 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. Masks are required for everyone in the lower level - Rose Hall, the rest rooms, and the offices.

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=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Service Program:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_16_pentecost_september_12_2021.pdf

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

In Peace,
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.*

175th Gala

Due to concerns of the Covid Variant, your Vestry felt it was better to postpone the 175th celebration to 2022.

I want to thank everyone who participated on the planning of this and it will only be better next year!

---- Chip Smith

Upcoming Events

- **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
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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 Chip Smith and Kaitlin Vieira.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9 Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 116:1-8

Second Reading: James 3:1-12 Monika Kraemer

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Prayers of the People: Form III, BCP p. 387 Eric Hirsch

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Barbara Badio

Response: Psalm 54

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Ed Boyer

Gospel: Mark 9:30-7

Prayers of the People: Form III, BCP p. 387 Wilmar Jennings

Publishing information:

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

September 16. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, September 14. Please submit any articles or info you may have to revjulhan@gmail.com.



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