ONLINE

GATHERING ONLINE
We are worshipping online at least through 31 May 2020. 
Use this link to pray with us online during the week.

MORNING PRAYER
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 7:00 am

SAID COMPLINE
Monday through Friday, 8:00 am

CENTERING PRAYER
Thursday, 6:30 pm

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM
Use this link to access Sunday’s livestream service.

FAMILY CHECK-IN
Sunday, 9:30 am

All Saints Facebook Support and Encouragement Group is a private group for All Saints parishioners to share support and encouragement during the COVID-19 emergency. It is not a public group. Request access and one of the All Saints Facebook Administrators will admit parishioners.

THANK YOU

We are grateful to our dedicated parishioners who continue to tend to the parish garden, while observing proper precautions. Alan McLellan, Bradley MacDonald, and Nancy Snudden have been working in the garden.

RECTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Parishioners who find themselves in financial difficulties in the current crisis are encouraged to be in touch with me so that we can have a confidential discussion about the availability of discretionary funds. These funds may be used to help with rent, bills, or obtaining food, prescriptions, and other needed items. Discretionary funds are available to parishioners in need at any time, but now, thanks to the many generous and ongoing donations to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, I am able to offer even more. We have a very caring and generous parish, and if you are in need, help is available, so please be in touch with me directly.

Discretionary Fund use is prescribed by the canons of the church. These monies may be used to aid the poor and for other “pious and charitable” activities which are consistent with the Church’s mission. I use discretionary funds primarily to support parishioners and other individuals who have significant, short-term financial needs. I also make occasional contributions to charitable organizations working directly with the most marginalized. Since the covid-19 shutdown began, I have received many generous contributions but only a few direct requests for help. Consequently, I have directed some funds to charitable organizations operating on the front lines of greatest need, and through these partnerships, we have been able to help a number of people. I try hard to maintain a balance between (1) having funds available for parishioners in need and others who find themselves in economic duress, and (2) disbursing funds to charitable organizations dedicated to meeting immediate needs.

I emphasize that discretion includes confidentiality. All requests for assistance and disbursement are confidential. The balance and overall use (total dollars used within the parish versus total dollars distributed outside the parish) of the Rector’s Discretionary Fund are overseen by the Vestry and forms a part of the regular audit of the church.

Again, thank you for your contributions and generosity, and please be in touch if you need help.

Richard+

SUN COMPLINE

Our monthly sung Compline service scheduled for 3 May has been prerecorded this month. The video will be available on our website, on Facebook, and on YouTube by Sunday afternoon. Said Compline continues on weekdays on Zoom.

MISSION STATEMENT. The mission of All Saints is to be a Community—searching to know and accept God’s purpose for us, uplifted by worship together, sustained by a sense of Christ being in our midst, and inspired by the Holy Spirit to become more than we are, here and in the world.
HOw long, o Lord?
The Rector, Wardens, and Facility Use Committee have been thinking about what comes next. Below is our current thinking about how we will approach reopening our buildings for use:

- In determining when to reopen, we look to three authorities: the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Brookline. We expect to follow the most restrictive guidance provided. At the moment, all services will be online at least through 31 May, and it appears unlikely that we will reopen for in-person meetings before that time.
- When we reopen, we will need to work through how to effectuate any requirements on physical distancing, limits on the number of people allowed to gather, and any new cleaning protocols that might be recommended.

As with everything covid-19 related, any reopening process will require a great deal of flexibility. We anticipate that we will need a phased approach that will permit a gradual reopening and that we will want to continue livestreaming services even after restrictions are lifted.

NEW FORWARD DAY BY DAY
Copies of the May-June-July issue of the daily devotional, Forward Day by Day, have arrived at the church. Please contact the office if you would like a copy mailed to you. The daily Forward Day by Day devotions are available online as well.
Contact: Office

MENS BOOK GROUP
Saturday, 9 May, 8:00 am
Mens Book Group meets next on 9 May via Zoom to talk about Sophocles’ play, Oedipus Rex “regarded by many scholars as the masterpiece of ancient Greek tragedy” (Wikipedia). It was suggested by one of our members, who notes that its action takes place during a plague.
Contact: Alan McLellan

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS
10 May, after church
Mother’s Day will most assuredly be different for everyone due to the pandemic. The Mothers Day Walk for Peace, which, this year will be done virtually from 9:00 to 9:45 am on 10 May, provides an opportunity to gather in solidarity with the victims of violence, their families, friends and neighbors. Our courageous conversations gathering after our 10:30, service will reflect on the Mothers Day Walk for Peace while providing a safe space for dialogue on ways we can support behavioral change on the “where and how” racism impacts and create barriers towards peace. Please join us as we continue these important and necessary conversations.
Contact: Honor McClellan

SPIRITUALITY BOOK DISCUSSION
19 May, 7:30pm
Our next discussion will be about Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. As Christians, we tend to emphasize light as a symbol for spiritual truth. In John’s gospel, Jesus proclaims "I am the light of the world" (8:12), a light that darkness could not overcome (1:3). But what if darkness is the pervasive reality we live in, where once familiar reference points are no longer available? Taylor’s book encourages us to embrace the darkness, a message which may resonate with us today as we grapple with the uncertainties the coronavirus has brought into our lives. The meeting will be (Surprise!) via Zoom.
Contact: Jonas Barciauskas

MANNA RISES
25 May—SIGN UP HERE TO HELP!
We are all struggling with ways to engage in outreach in the time of covid-19. The needs are tremendous and can seem overwhelming. Now, we as a parish can join together virtually and safely to prepare a meal for the hungry, struggling men and women in the MANNA community. We urgently need your help to succeed. Our process will be different and focused. We are asking that six households each provide one large vegetarian casserole that will be driven to the cathedral for the Monday, 25 May (Memorial Day) lunch. All ingredients and supplies will be provided.
Contact: Ginny Adams
BROOKLINE FOOD PANTRY
The Brookline Food Pantry continues to need donations of rice, cereal, mac and cheese, oatmeal, and lentils. To ensure safe social distancing and to minimize community exposure, they are offering a "drive by or walk by" drop off: every Wednesday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, every Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, and every Friday from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at the 15 St. Paul Street location. The Brookline Food Pantry is also in need of donations of baby diapers, formula, and baby food.

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION
ECM has a Rapid Response Fund that supports local communities, grassroots organizations, and Episcopal communities facing unprecedented challenges as a result of covid-19. There are two streams of funding noted below.

- Rapid Response for Grassroots Organizations and prior ECM Grantees
- Rapid Response for Episcopal Faith Communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ECM has allocated $150,000 and is matching any additional donations made before 30 April at a 3:1 match.

DONATE TO ECM

RECOMMEND AN OUTREACH MINISTRY
Many of us are looking for ways to support the community during these challenging times. If you know of an Outreach Ministry that we should be highlighting to the Parish, tell us about it on the website.

GIVE

PLEDGES AND DONATIONS
Mail pledges and donations to
All Saints Parish
1773 Beacon St. Brookline, MA 02445
Or donate online at allsaintsbrookline.org

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND
The Diocese of Massachusetts has established a Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund to help meet emerging, urgent needs in congregations and affiliated organizations and to support collaborations with ecumenical, multifaith, and community partners. The fund will address critical community needs and congregational sustainability during the pandemic. The fund is now open to receive online gifts here. The diocese has asked congregations to publicize this giving opportunity. A grant application with more guidelines will be available soon.