



# All Saints Parish Notes

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## The Second Sunday before Advent

### Sunday, 19 November 2023

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#### Welcome to All Saints Parish

As a community of faith, we . . .

- Welcome all seeking refuge, inspiration, and nourishing relationships with one another and with God.
- Provide a place devoted to creating beauty and experiencing God's grace.
- Empower people to act in service to others and to care for God's creation.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks so much for those who brought grocery bags for St. Stephen's Youth Programs this week. Even on such short notice, we had over 40 bags of groceries (a little shy of our goal of 50) and 8 containers of detergent! Thanks so much for stepping up.

#### SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS

Jim Besancon and Julia Speyer are hosting Social Hour in the Guild Room this Sunday. Thanks to Julia and Jim for hosting this week. If you would like to host an upcoming social hour, [please sign up on this google doc](#), or contact [Barbara MacDonald](#).

#### CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to Danielle Dong, Mary Urban Keary, Philip Haberkern who are serving with the Breakfast Club today.

#### THIS WEEK

#### THANKSGIVING PIE-MAKING

*Sunday, 19 November, 11:40 am*

Please join All Saints and other Brookline faith communities as we prepare apple pies for the clients of the Brookline Food Pantry. We will prepare the pies in the dining room after church on Sunday, 19 November. Please sign up to volunteer to bring ingredients, to help with setup and cleanup, and to deliver the pies to the food pantry on Tuesday, 21 November. The sign-up sheet is [HERE](#).

Contact: [Barbara MacDonald](#),

[barbara.s.macdonald@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.s.macdonald@gmail.com) or

[Brad MacDonald](mailto:BradMacDonald@brooklinefoodpantry.org), [bmacdonald.esq@gmail.com](mailto:bmacdonald.esq@gmail.com)

#### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

*19 November, 4 pm, First Parish, 382 Walnut Street, Brookline*

Join with Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Unitarian neighbors in solidarity and centering yourself for the Thanksgiving holiday at this service with readings, music, and prayer. We will honor our blessings and share them with the Brookline Food Pantry. Please bring goods or money to share for the Brookline Food Pantry at our offering time.

#### SING IN SCHOLA FOR CHRISTMAS

Please let [Stephan](#) know who will be participating in Schola at the early Christmas Eve service this year.

**Stephan needs commitments from choristers by 19 November in order to plan music.**

Choristers who wish to sing in Schola for Christmas Eve must commit to least two of the following rehearsals:

- Thursday, 14 December, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Thursday, 21 December, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Friday, 22 December, 4:00-6:00 pm

Contact: [Stephan](#), [music@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:music@allsaintsbrookline.org)



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### NOVEMBER MANNA SCHEDULE

Sign up [using this doc](#).

MANNA opportunities! We still need casserole makers, carrot shredders, and a driver. If you have never made a casserole, please give it a try! It may seem daunting if you have not done it before, but we promise, it is easier than you think.

- **Casserole Kit Pickup**

*This Sunday, 19 November, 10 am to 2 pm  
or the following weekdays during office hours*

- **Casserole Dropoff**

*Sunday, 26 November, after church by noon*

- **Serving at the Cathedral**

*Monday, 27 November, 11 am to 1 pm*

Contact: [Nancy Snudden](mailto:snudden.ma@yahoo.com), snudden.ma@yahoo.com

### ADVENT WREATH-MAKING

*Sunday, 26 November, after church*

Following the service on Sunday, 26 November, parishioners are invited to make Advent wreaths. Supplies are limited, so [please use this link to reserve a space](#). A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Contact: [Monica Burden](mailto:monburden@gmail.com), monburden@gmail.com

### B-READY THIS DECEMBER

*Groceries due by Wednesday, 13 December, 3pm*

We will have a few opportunities to serve the B-READY families at St. Stephen's Youth Programs. Our next grocery delivery is Wednesday, 13 December. You can sign up [here](#). Stay tuned for B-Sparkle Christmas gifts signups coming soon!

Contact: [Eileen Sweeney](mailto:eileen.sweeney@bc.edu), eileen.sweeney@bc.edu

### MESSIAH SING

*Friday, 1 December, 7:30 pm*

Please mark your calendars for our annual Messiah Sing to benefit Project Bread. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Sing along with the festival orchestra, conducted by Anne Watson Born, and soloists Jessica Cooper, Cannon McClure, Nick Saxon, Philippe L'Esperance, and Kevin Harris. A limited number of scores will be available.

Contact: [Honor McClellan](mailto:hem2753@gmail.com), hem2753@gmail.com

## LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - ADULTS

### MEN'S BOOK GROUP

*Saturday, 18 November, 8 am, via Zoom*

The Men's Book Group meets every other Saturday at 8:00 am. We are currently reading John Stuart Mill's [On Liberty](#) and some supplementary articles. Join us! For more information and the Zoom link, contact [Bruce Keary](#).

Contact: [Bruce](mailto:brucekeary@gmail.com), brucekeary@gmail.com

### MANNA, BREAD AND ACTION: ADVENT REFLECTIONS ON FAITH AND HUNGER

*Mondays, 4, 11, 18 December, 7pm, via Zoom*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The Outreach Steering Committee presents an Advent series focusing on the multiple connections between faith and hunger. Please register to get the Zoom link, once registered you can attend any of sessions.

- 4 December led by The Rev. Jennifer McCracken, lead pastor in the MANNA community, focusing on the faith and hunger in the MANNA community
- 11 December, led by The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden, rector of All Saints, focusing on connections between the Eucharist and hunger
- 18 December, led by Wendy Wheeler, Outreach Steering Committee Chair, focusing on moving from charity to advocacy

Contact: [Wendy](mailto:wendybwheeler@gmail.com), wendybwheeler@gmail.com

### RELIGION AND CULTURE BOOK GROUP

*9 December, 8:00 am, via Zoom*

Join us for a monthly discussion as we explore books about religious and spiritual topics that intersect with our multicultural world. For December, we will discuss [Small Things Like These](#) by Claire Keegan. The novel takes place in 1985 in a small town in County Wexford, Ireland. Described as an "exquisite, tenderly hopeful Christmas tale in which compassion and altruism triumph over apathy and inertia." New members are always welcome. E-mail [Wendy Wheeler](#) for the Zoom link.

Contact: [Laura Daniels](mailto:catalyze93@gmail.com), catalyze93@gmail.com, or [Wendy](mailto:wendybwheeler@gmail.com), wendybwheeler@gmail.com

## ADVENT RETREAT

9 December, 9 am—1:30 pm

In this chaotic time, find a place of rest, renewal and spiritual solace at this Advent Retreat. This half-day event begins with coffee and prayer at 9 am, and will consist of a variety of individual contemplative activities, group sharing and conclude with Eucharist at 1 pm. A light lunch will be served. Pre-registration not required. Sponsored by the All Saints (Brookline) chapter of the Order of Daughters of the King.

Contact: [Mary Urban Keary](mailto:MaryUrbanKeary@bu.edu), [murban@bu.edu](mailto:murban@bu.edu)

## LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Sunday, 19 November, 10 am, Dining Room

This week is a special focus on decorating pie boxes and Thanksgiving cards in preparation for the Thanksgiving Pie Making event on November 19. Grandparents, Parents, teens, and others are welcome to join us for this fun activity. Children ages 4 through 5th grade and middle school students are invited to the Breakfast Club. Breakfast takes place from 10 to 10:30 am followed by discussion and activities from 10:30 to 11:15 am.

Contact: [Jason von Ehrenkrook](mailto:JasonvonEhrenkrook@bu.edu)

## WORSHIP

### ST. NICHOLAS DAY

3 December, 4:30 pm, Chapel Service, Langdon 5:30 pm, Refreshments, Guild Room

Everyone is invited to bring a donation of new (white) socks or handwarmers and participate in this family chapel service celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas. The service will include a simple Eucharist in the Langdon Chapel, the lighting of a Christmas tree in the garden, and blessing winter items collected for the MANNA community. Following the service, all are invited for hot chocolate, cider, and cookies.

### CHORAL COMPLINE

3 December, 7 pm

On the first Sunday of the month we offer the service of Compline. This candlelit service is the final prayer of our day. Lasting 30 minutes, the liturgy is sung by the choir on behalf of the congregation and centers around the chanting of Psalms, Scripture, and prayers for a

peaceful night. Join us in-person or online as we conclude our weekend with reflection, calm, and peace.

Contact: [Stephan](mailto:Stephan@allsaintsbrookline.org), [music@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:music@allsaintsbrookline.org)

## LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

17 December, 5 pm

Join us in person or online Sunday, 17 December at 5 pm as the All Saints Choir offers a service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. Through the intertwined experience of sacred Word and music, the timeless tale of Christ's advent gradually unfurls, enriching our comprehension of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the essence of Advent, with its ever more potent prophecies and promises from Holy Scripture.

Contact: [Stephan](mailto:Stephan@allsaintsbrookline.org)

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 3 December, 4:30 pm, Feast of St. Nicholas
- 3 December, 7 pm, Choral Compline
- 17 December, 5 pm, Advent Lessons and Carols
- 21 December, 6:30 pm, Service of Solace and Hope
- 24 December, 10:30 am, Advent 4 Morning Prayer
- 24 December, 4 pm, Feast of the Nativity Holy Eucharist
- 24 December, 10 pm, Feast of the Nativity Holy Eucharist
- 25 December, 10 am, Holy Eucharist (spoken) in person only

## BAPTISM DATES 2024

- 7 January (Baptism of Our Lord)
- 30 March (Great Vigil of Easter)
- 19 May (Pentecost)
- 3 November (All Saints)

Anyone desiring baptism for themselves or their children please be in touch with Richard. Except in cases of dire emergency, at least 30 days' notice prior to the dates listed above is typically required. Other Sundays may be arranged in consultation with the Richard.

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church, and is conducted as part of regular church services.

Contact: [Richard](mailto:Richard@allsaintsbrookline.org)

## LED BY THE SPIRIT

### LED BY THE SPIRIT—STEWARDSHIP 2024

#### *Stewardship goals for 2024*

We are so grateful to everyone who has pledged! Below is an update on how close we are to reaching our goals.

**100% participation**—As of 12 November we are 66% of the way to meeting this goal. If you consider All Saints a spiritual home, whether you worship in-person or primarily participate online, please consider pledging, especially if you have never pledged before, or have not pledged in some time.

**\$525,000 in total pledges**—as of 12 November we are \$52,410 away from reaching this goal.

The current average for pledges is \$5,082, and pledges range from \$100 to over \$30,000.

### FULFILLING YOUR 2023 PLEDGE

Help us meet this year's budget by fulfilling your 2023 pledge. If you need to know the remaining balance on your pledge, contact [treasurer@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:treasurer@allsaintsbrookline.org).

### PLANNED GIVING

We are deeply grateful to the people named below for including All Saints as part of their estate plans. If you have included All Saints in your plans but are not listed here, or if you would like to learn more about planned giving, please contact [Ken Coleman](#).

Anonymous

Hugh and Mary Dunlap

Ken Coleman and Sue Morelli

Margaret A. Hogan

Elinor Horner

Dr. Colin Johnstone and Dr. John Fong

Rev. David Killian and Barbara O'Neil

Barbara Struck MacDonald

Bradley Arthur MacDonald

Tom Mahoney and Laura Vennard

Lynne and Richard Montross

Jim and Diane Paterson

Harold Petersen

Karen Dutton Petersen

Stephen Powell

Roberta K. Schnoor

Peter and Jean Stringham

## IN THE WIDER CHURCH

### RALPH ADAMS CRAM LECTURE

*19 November, 2 pm, St. Paul's, Malden Center*

For the 110th anniversary of the consecration of [St. Paul's Church in Malden](#) and the 160th anniversary of the birth of its architect, Ralph Adams Cram, St. Paul's invites all to "Spirit + material: The Brave New World of Ralph Adams Cram"—a talk by Ethan Anthony, Principal Architect, [Cram and Ferguson Architects LLC](#). The talk takes place at St. Paul's on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., with a reception to follow.

This event may be of interest to All Saints Parish as Cram was also the architect of our own building. With his associates at the architectural firm Cram founded, Ethan Anthony continues Cram's legacy, designing inspirational new spaces and undertaking historic preservation of Cram's buildings.

Contact: [St. Paul's Church, Malden](#)

### SAVE THE DATE

The Rev. Michael Thompson will be ordained to the sacred order of priests on Saturday, 16 December, 3 pm at St. John's Church in Newtonville.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Thursday, 23 November, 1 pm*

For over 35 years, United Parish has opened its doors to the community for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 1 pm (doors open at 12:30).

We welcome those who may be new to the Boston area, or those who want to share a meal with the community, or those who may need a bit of help in providing Thanksgiving for themselves or their family. And for all those in between, all are truly welcome at the United Parish table.

We will meet downstairs in Willett Hall at United Parish, 210 Harvard Street in Brookline. The entrance is at 15 Marion Street. Street parking is available and we are close to the T!

Please join us! As a guest or a volunteer! First come, first served. RSVP is helpful but not required.

RSVP using [THIS FORM](#).

Volunteer using [THIS FORM](#).

Sign up to donate food using [THIS LINK](#).

Contact: [United Parish](#), 617-277-6860 x7