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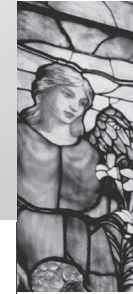
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*The Mission of Grace Church is to
build, by the grace of God, a loving
and joyful community which lives the
gospel through worship, proclamation,
and service to each other, to downtown
Providence, and beyond.*

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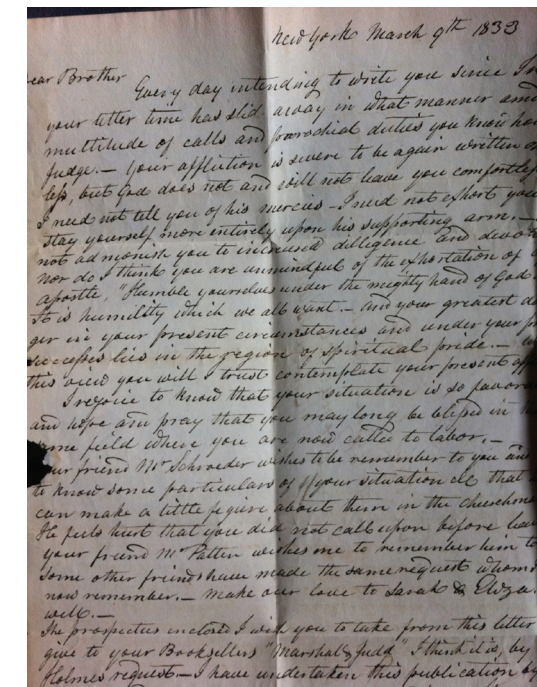
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From The Rector

Part of what it means to be a Christian is living something very ancient that is always becoming new. Even when Christ walked the earth 2,000 years ago, He brought something new to humanity but stood in a prophetic tradition that was already centuries old. Likewise, being the Church today means teaching timeless truths and worshipping in ways that often go back centuries but, at the same time, understanding the Gospel in a 21st century context and using new forms of communication that reach out to people today.

Today I want to share with you both a bit of what is old as well as what is new. First, what is old: I received a letter last month from someone in Illinois who had purchased a letter written in 1833 to the then rector of Grace Church, the Rev. John Clark. This kind donor said that he is in the practice of buying old letters



that are for sale and then donating them to institutions that might like to have them. Certainly, I was thrilled to receive a letter from before our current church was even built, a letter that was addressed to, "Rev. John Clark, Rector, Grace Church, Providence, Rhode Island." Apparently, back in 1833, not only did you not need a zip code, you didn't even need an address! The letter was written to Rev. Clark by his brother in New York City, who was also a priest, and we've included in this newsletter a photo of the letter.

(The original will eventually be deposited in our parish archives at the University of Rhode Island.) Although the letter doesn't contain anything about Grace, it is still a glimpse into the life of our second rector.

As for what is new at Grace Church, the Vestry met this spring with capital campaign firms and has focused on one that we hope will help us discern – *contin*

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whether this is the right time to undertake such a campaign here at Grace to refresh the infrastructure of our church buildings. It's been almost a quarter of a century since Grace Church last undertook a major capital campaign, and the Alban Institute (an Episcopal think tank of sorts) recommends that parishes undertake one every five to ten years. Before we formally begin such a process, though, we want to take time to

listen to each other. We did some of that a few months ago when we asked parishioners at open forums to share their thoughts about our space needs, but, this summer, we'd like to meet together in people's homes over supper like we did when I first arrived at Grace at the so-called "Rector on the Rhode" dinners. At these suppers, which will take place in the various towns from which our parishioners come, we'll take time to listen to each

other about the dreams people have for Grace Church, in order to ensure that the work we do down the road takes us in the direction we truly feel called by God to go.

Blessings,
Jonathan +

June Music Notes



The latter part of Eastertide was quite an eventful time for our music program. The Grace Church Singers provided the musical leadership at the 10 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, May 12, and, later that day at 5 p.m., the Choir sang Evensong, including music of Byrd, Finzi, Howells (Collegium Regale), and Rose. On Sunday, May 19, Grace Church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost with three baptisms. The Choir sang music by Palestrina, Tallis, and Vaughan Williams and provided drum accompaniment for the Gospel procession as well as help in reciting the Gospel simultaneously with the rector in nine different languages. On May 26, Trinity Sunday, the Choir led the 10 a.m. Eucharist with music by Tallis, Allegri, and music commemorating Memorial Day.

In June, the Grace Church Singers will provide the musical leadership on Sunday, June 9, and the Choir will sing Evensong later that day at 5 p.m. Choral music will include Howells (St. Paul's Service) and "All Wisdom Cometh from the Lord" by Philip Moore.

At the end of the choir season, we will say a fond farewell to long-time chorister, Julia Calise, who has offered exceptional service to Grace Church through the Choir for nine years. She is graduating from St. Mary Academy Bay View later this month and will be attending and rowing for the University of Connecticut this fall. We wish her the very best!

As we conclude the 2012-2013 choir season, which began late last summer, we remember with gratitude the skill and dedication that all of our choristers have brought to Grace this past year and thank their family members for their support in helping them to make the sacrifices and choices required of this commitment.

This season, in addition to Sunday mornings, members of our Choir sang 30 other services, including non-Sunday feast days, funerals, an ordination, and numerous Evensong and readings and music/carol services as part of the "Sundays at 5" series and, this year, "First Sundays at 8" Compline services.

For many of these liturgies, fellowship after the services was graciously organized and prepared by Luci Scanlan. During the year, Rochelle Vaughan and Peter Marshall also helped with hospitality. Jennifer Euling designed and produced leaflets for the "Sundays at 5" liturgies, Christmas services, and five Holy Week services.

Our summer choir season begins on Sunday, June 23, and runs through Sunday, September 8. Every Sunday during this season, we will meet at 9 a.m. in the chancel to prepare music for the 10 a.m. liturgy. Occasional and new singers are welcome. It is a week-by-week, non-seasonal commitment. The music will be chosen based upon the lectionary and the people who come to sing that Sunday. Please feel free to give us a try.

During the summer months, we would also like to try some singing with young people. If you know of a young person who might be interested, please call Mark Johnson at 401-330-6787 to discuss the possibilities.

The regular 2013-2014 choir season begins September 15, 2013. Further information is available about the Grace Church music program from Mark Johnson at the aforementioned number or at mjohnson@gracechurchprovidence.org.

Baptisms and Confirmations at Grace

On Pentecost Sunday on May 19, we celebrated three baptisms, four confirmations, and one renewal of baptismal vows. Congratulations and blessings to the following individuals!

BAPTISMS

Grace Isabelle Agar,
daughter of Lynne Webb

Alyzabeth Bertrand,
daughter of Robert Bertrand
and Shakira Willey

Regan Kathleen O'Neil,
daughter of Timothy O'Neil
and Margaret Chamberlain

CONFIRMATIONS

Francis Curtin Ward
Marty Corbett Marin
Eric Michael Crosby
Douglas Grant Powell

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Mama Kelley

Parish Profile: Adrienne G. Southgate

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Utilities Commission, Assistant Director and Chief Legal counsel of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM), as well as positions at law firms in Providence and Detroit.

Adrienne came to Grace Church from the Cathedral when its church building closed last year. She had been the Chancellor (Chief Legal Officer) and also Senior Warden for the Cathedral. When the fateful decision was made to close the Cathedral, many of the parishioners came over to Grace, but Adrienne was already attending services here. From her office at 275 Westminster Street, she timed her day by the Grace Church tower clock and the tolling of the bells every quarter hour. "I attended the Wednesday noontime Eucharist with Bob Brooks and Deacon Nancy Miller.

So, when the Cathedral closed, I had already been coming to Grace Church at least once a week for a decade." Now a fully ensconced parishioner, Adrienne took a major part as the narrator in the recent Easter pageant. She is a member of the Welcoming Ministry, the Sunday collection counters, the Grace Church Singers, and the corps of Eucharistic ministers.

Adrienne's older son, Jay, and daughter-in-law, Mishuku, have an adopted a Bichon-poodle which they initially could not control. It did not respond to training and was nipping and biting. Adrienne brought him home to provide proper care, but the dog continued to be very unsettled. Finally, at a friend's suggestion, she tried "unconditional love." Says Adrienne, "I kept telling Hudson 'I love you.' Very quickly he became a

well-behaved dog and was a pleasure to have around. That's pretty good advice for how to treat people too."

Adrienne's son, Jay, is a New York lawyer, and her other son, Scott, is an elementary school teacher in the Providence School System. Adrienne travels extensively. She has recently been to New Zealand and to Italy where she enjoyed old Romanesque art in Ravenna and Umbria. She has plans to visit Alaska, England (to attend a concert), and possibly Croatia (the homeland of her mother).

"God started pursuing me very early, and my life in Christ has been a series of doors opening and discovering wonderful things on the other side."

Sunday Forum in June: Paul's Letter to the Galatians

This month, we will be hearing Paul's Letter to the Galatians in church, and the Sunday Forum (9 a.m. in the Chafee Room) will be an opportunity to discuss the letter in depth. We're very happy that parishioner

Ryan Weimer will be leading the study of Galatians. Ryan received his theological education at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, and the University of Edinburgh and taught in the Religious

Studies Department at the University of Mississippi. Join us any Sunday, June 2 through June 23, for this final Sunday Forum for the season. We'll begin meeting again after the summer.

GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays in June

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Sunday Forum: Chafee
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays in June

Noon – Holy Eucharist
12:30 – Intercessory Prayer Group

2nd and 4th Saturdays in June

10:00 a.m. – Women's Prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, June 2

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel

Friday, June 7

Deadline for submissions for the June 15 e-news

Sunday, June 9

5:00 p.m. – Evensong ("Sundays at Five")

Friday, June 14

Deadline for submissions for the July Newsletter

Friday, June 21

Deadline for submissions for the June 29 e-news

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting: Chafee

Outreach Ministry News & Events



The following are highlights of the May 15, 2013, report of Diana Burdett, Executive Director of the Providence In-town Churches Association (PICA), an organization supported by Grace Church's outreach program.

"This has been a very busy, very exciting month for PICA. The fact that the Food Bank approached us to take over the St. Teresa of Avila Pantry was a real honor and will certainly expand awareness of what we do." . . .

"This past April, [PICA] served 8,111 individuals in 3,071 households. The Meal Site served 822 meals during the same period, and

the Outreach program and SOAR [SSI/SSDI Outreach and Recovery] have been equally busy. Clients are being referred to us by Butler Hospital, CODAC, the Providence Center and other large institutions, so our reputation is spreading." . . .

"We have been doing well, grant wise. The United Way of Rhode Island gave us \$45,300, the full amount of my ask. This is renewable for three years and covers the Outreach staff salaries and half of the SOAR salary as well as administrative costs and some funds for the Discretionary Fund. We also received a \$10,000 grant for the downtown Food Pantry that I hadn't even requested!" . . .

"We are no longer a small, unrecognized agency. We are now feeding 23% of the people accessing Food Panties, have the main meal for the homeless on Fridays, have one of the few SOAR programs with a staff member dedicated solely to SOAR, and a Homeless Outreach program which is a widely respected model for holistic case management."

Teens in Action Car Washes!

Car washes will be offered by our Teens in Action youth group on the first and fourth Sundays in June (June 2 and June 23). The suggested donation will be \$5, and proceeds will help fund this summer's mission trip. Thank you in advance for your support!



Our young people enjoying themselves at the Families with Kids Pentecost Picnic on May 19.

Parish Profile: Adrienne G. Southgate

by Raymond Finelli

When I telephoned Adrienne at her home in Barrington Saturday morning to confirm our appointment for a profile interview, her son, Scott, told me she was in Ohio but that she would be back that evening. I therefore assumed that she was flying but later found out that she had driven 800 miles from Columbus with a big dog in the back seat that she had gone to pick up for a family with a special needs child for whom this dog would be perfect. She was on an errand of mercy and had given no thought or hesitation regarding the limitations of time and convenience.

Such is the nature of Adrienne. "Nothing is impossible," says Adrienne. Whether it be family, community, law, counseling, volunteering, charity, or the Church, she is totally involved. "I seem always to receive more than I ever give. It's really because I am so blessed that these opportunities come my way."

Even so, it was not always easy for Adrienne. Her parents, Air Force Captain James Graves, a psychiatrist, and mother, Helen Graves, who had a PhD in political science, were nominally Unitarians, but there was no Unitarian Church in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Adrienne's parents disdained any time given to religious commitment. She remembers sneaking over to the Catholic Church on her bicycle for noontime devotions, but when she asked the priest to make her one of the church parishioners, he reminded her of the commandment "honor thy father and mother" and so discouraged her of such action on her own. Her parents sent Adrienne to the Emma Willard School in Troy, New York. While at boarding school, Adrienne pursued her desire for a religious expression of her own, aided by the presence of an Episcopal chaplain and the books of C.S. Lewis.

Adrienne later attended Wellesley College, majoring in psycho-linguistics, and joined the Canterbury Club for Christian fellowship. During this period, she was baptized and confirmed. She then entered seminary while her parents euphemistically insisted she was studying psychology! One of her charities there was to live in a community of mentally retarded women. After college, she enrolled herself in law school, and her parents saw the action as being much more respectable than the ministry, "but," says Adrienne, "I really



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did it because I felt there was discrimination against my women who were not allowed to vote. I wanted to do something about it. Though barely educable, they were well informed. They knew who was running for the school board and the town clerk, but they were not allowed to even register to vote." And so Adrienne ultimately became a lawyer so that she could advocate for the rights of the disabled.

Adrienne is the Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Providence where she provides advice and counsel to the City Council and its standing committees, particularly on tax and transactional matters. Outstanding of her ac

complishments for the City: the development of a new City Code of Conduct with the Mayor's Ethics Task Force; and management of a \$64.8MM budget, including a team of twenty-one attorneys and seven support staff. She revamped the tax stabilization policy to include guidelines for hiring, affordable housing, and training programs.

Her previous employment accomplishments through the years include her role as Executive Counsel of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC), General Counsel of the Rhode Island Public

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