

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 and to downtown Providence.

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Deadline: March E-News

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Grace Church Calendar

Sundays in February
8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Eucharist

Ash Wednesday:
February 18
Noon and 7 p.m.

Wednesdays in February
12:00 p.m. Noonday Eucharist
12:20 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

Saturdays,
February 14th and 28th
9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer and Bible Study: Chafee Room

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Many of you may not know that one of the most vibrant monastic communities in the Episcopal Church (or even the Anglican Communion) is just an hour north of here, in Cambridge, Massachusetts - the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. This monastery is one to which I have gone on retreat multiple times, just as anyone can. But the brothers also reach out to those who would like to pray and learn with them but who cannot be there in person.

As Lent begins this month, I invite you to follow the Lenten series with the brothers of the monastery in short vides found on their website at <http://ssje.org/ssje/time/>

You'll also notice on that page a conversation with our own bishop called, "Eternity is Real."

Lent is a time for simplifying to focus on our relationship with God, and I encourage you all to join me in taking time to slow down and be with God, and with those God has blessed us with in this life.

In Christ,

Jonathan

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper



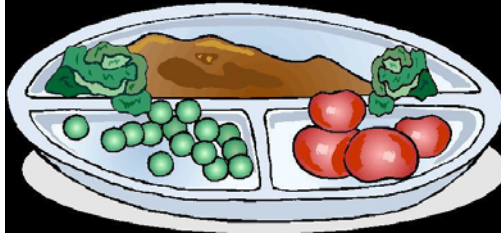
February 17 is Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent begins. The Teens in Action Youth Group invites you to join us that evening for a (free!) delicious pancake dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The dinner is complementary, but donations are always appreciated. We encourage you to join us in fellowship to feast on pancakes and support the youth group. Hope to see you all there!

Ash Wednesday Services



Services (February 18) will be at
Noon (no music) and 7 pm
(with the Grace Church Choir).

Silent Auction for PICA



SILENT AUCTION for the benefit of PICA on January 28, 2015 at the Regency Apartment complex - function room. 5:30 to 7:30 and wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Admission is \$40 per person and we encourage you to bring friends and family. It is always a good evening and bidding on items that will add happiness to your life as well as helping to fund the food pantries of PICA as well as providing other social services at our NEW location on Hayes St. (next to the

mall parking) at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Help PICA feed the Hungry



PICA is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and every month a different fundraiser will be held. Next up is an event at Viva Mexico Cantina Grill, 129 Washington Street, Providence, RI, Friday February 6. Here's what is happening. After lunch and after dinner 20% of the till will be donated to PICA. So plan to come for lunch or dinner -bring family and friends. The more you spend the more money there will be donated to PICA. Have a delicious meal and realize you are helping PICA feed 8000 people every month!

Grace Church Sandwich Brigade

The Grace Church Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads, the leading homeless service organization in our state, will begin on Saturday, February 7th! Grace Church volunteers will be making sandwiches for the homeless population who receives services at Crossroads. Sandwich supplies will be provided for us at Crossroads. The Sandwich Brigade will take place every Saturday morning at 10 am throughout the month of February. You can either go directly to Crossroads at 160 Broad Street | Providence, RI 02903 or meet other volunteers in the Grace Church parking lot and leave for Crossroads at 9:45 am. If you are interested in volunteering for the Sandwich Brigade, there will be a signup sheet at the back of the church after each Sunday Service. Even if you can't attend in person, you can help us by making a donation to our effort. The cost to the church to do the sandwich brigade is \$800, and any contributions will help us defray that cost. If you'd like to make a donation, please bring in a check made out to "Crossroads Rhode Island" and place it in the collection plate or mail it to the parish office. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your help!
Zahra Bond

2015 Inquirers' Class at Grace Church

Starting on February 22nd, the rector will lead a discussion on the Christian Faith in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, including theology and the Bible, history of the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, the structure of the Church, and a look at contemporary issues. The class will meet Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Chafee Room. Adults interested in the sacraments of baptism or Confirmation (or Reception or Renewal of Baptismal Vows) should attend the classes, but anyone in the parish is welcome to come to any or all of them. If you have any questions, please contact the rector at jhuyck@gracechurchprovidence.org or at 331-3225.



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