



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 23, 2016

## Spotlight on Grace: Paintings by the Pair

If you have ever fixed your gaze upon the large paintings that adorn the high walls on either side of the organ gallery at Grace Church, then undoubtedly you will have appreciated their beauty. In this week's Spotlight, we'll take a closer look at these two wonderful copies of master works from the Italian Renaissance and the Spanish Baroque, and how they came to Grace.

The painting that faces the West aisle of the Nave -- originally intended as the altar piece



for the chapel -- is a copy Raphael's 'Transfiguration'. [The Transfiguration](#) is Raphael's final painting (1520), and is revered even among the greatest masterpieces of the age. After viewing the piece at The Louvre in 1802, English painter Joseph Farrington (1747-1821) commented in his diary: "Were I to decide by the effect it had upon me I should not hesitate to say that the patient care and solid manner in which The Transfiguration is painted made an impression on my mind that caused other pictures esteemed of the first Class, to appear weak, and as wanting in strength & vigour."

The Grace Church *Book of Remembrance* records that in the year 1912: "The altar piece is given in memory of Belvidera Fletcher Lilley Hallett July 22, 1840 - April 13, 1900 by her children."

According to *The History of Grace Church* (1931), Belvidera's father, William Fletcher, was a contributor to the 1846 construction of Grace Church. Belvidera was confirmed and married at Grace Church, her children baptized here, and her daughter and grand-daughter both married here.

In 1926, three sisters of the Anthony family together contributed the copy of the *Madonna and Child* by Spanish painter Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682) that today overlooks the East aisle of the Nave. This fine reproduction was brought from Florence, Italy in 1875.

The donors were Mary B., Ellen M. and Jane L. Anthony. The Anthony family has a multi-generational legacy here at Grace, as a tablet along the West aisle celebrates nearly a half-century of service and leadership by John Brayton Anthony -- the father of the aforementioned three -- from 1857 through his death in 1904 as both Junior and Senior Warden of Grace Church.



The Victoria and Albert Museum in London -- which holds another 19th-century copy of this composition in their collection -- [describes the piece as follows](#): "This painting is a copy after a composition by the Spanish Baroque painter Murillo, currently housed in the Galleria Borghese, Rome. It shows the Virgin and Child in a very naturalistic manner with no apparent sign of their divinity. This new formula was probably influenced by both Flemish art and Murillo's taste for scenes of childhood. This painting is a good example of the new naturalism which developed in Spain during the 17th century and was probably destined to private devotion."

by [Chris Barker](#) - Parish Administrator

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## This Week at Grace

**Worship Services:**

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music  
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Emile King, Sr.** Our community will gather on Saturday, September 24, at 9:00am for a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Grace Church parishioner Emile Eku King, Sr., who passed away September 12. All are invited to attend. Emile came to Grace when the Cathedral closed in 2013, and was a faithful worshipper at Grace at the 8 a.m. service on Sundays. May Emile's soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

**Candlesong: Reflective music for the city and the soul.** Saturday, September 24, 7:00pm. Doors open 6:30pm. Twenty minutes of chant and candlelight.

**Thursday Noon Concerts:** Our popular free concert series continues. Please join us next Thursday, September 29, for a performance by organist Christopher Keady. Thank you for encouraging friends, family, co-workers and/or visitors to join you.

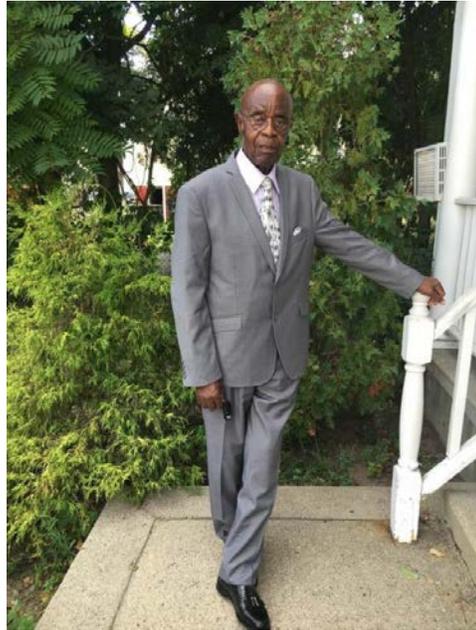
**Outreach Ministry Meeting:** Sunday, September 25, in the Chafee Room following the 10:00am service. We encourage all who may be interested in participating in this rewarding ministry to attend.

**Dedication of the Choir Stall Candle Holders:** At the noon Eucharist, next Wednesday, September 28, we will dedicate the new candle holders in the choir stalls, which are a gift of Jim and Louise Clarke, in memory of their daughter, Elizabeth. All are welcome.

**Parking for Worship:** Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

**Please note potential traffic implications:**

Sunday, Sept. 25: The Color Run. Events start at 9 AM. [Click for details](#). RIPTA route detours will be in effect 8 AM - 1:30 PM, [affected routes and details here](#). Memorial Boulevard, Francis, Dyer and Eddy Streets will be closed during this time.



### **Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:**

Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

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## **Music at Grace**

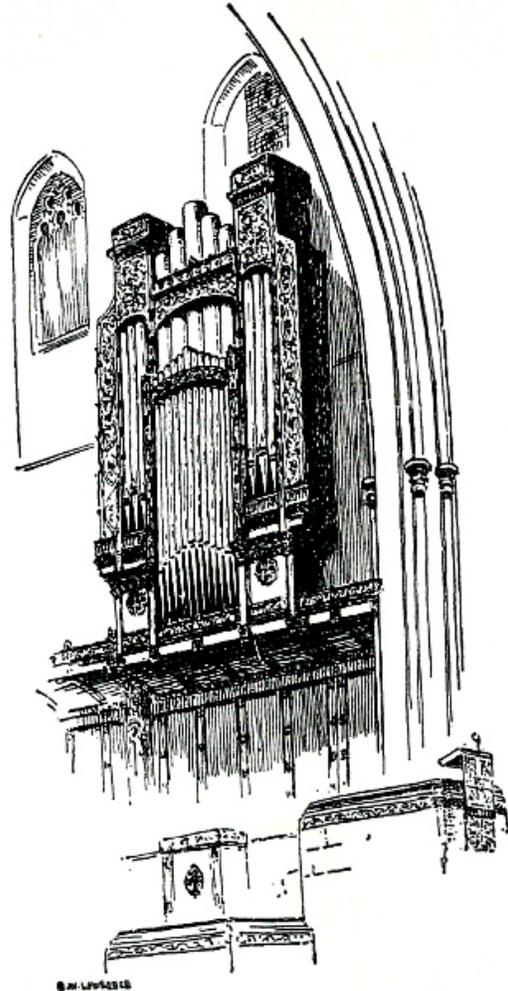
With such a great crescendo now unfolding of new and exciting musical offerings, we hope you will be a part of it all. Be sure to get your copy of the Music at Grace schedule for the Fall 2016 through Spring 2017 seasons, and [please click here](#) to view it online.

We have two upcoming **Services of Choral Evensong** to get excited about. The first is coming up fast on Sunday, October 2 at 5:00pm, and will feature wonderful music of Tudor England. Then on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, please join us here at Grace Church for Choral Evensong with combined choirs from Grace and from St. Luke's in East Greenwich, featuring Cathedral Greats - Music of Wood, Howells and Parry.

**Thursday Noon Concerts** Our popular 30-minute informal concert series continues Thursday, September 29 with Christopher Keady, Organist. Please encourage your friends, family, co-workers and visitors to attend.

Beginning Thursday, September 22 at 4:00pm, a **Music Class / Training Choir for children** in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be offered at the church. There is no fee for this program, and membership at Grace Church (or any church for that matter!) is not required. The 45 minute classes will be led by Grace's Director of Music Vince Edwards. The children will learn the basics of vocal production, sight-reading skills, and music history; and will use games and movement to ensure a fun experience! This music class / training choir will serve as a training program for the Grace Church Choristers, but participation does not obligate anyone to continue in the Chorister Program. For more information, or to register your child, please email Vince Edwards or call 401-331-3225, ext 4.

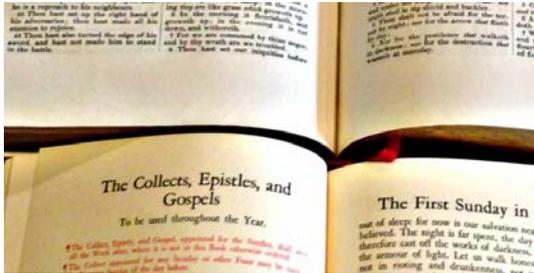
In case you haven't heard the exciting news: we are forming a new professional chamber choir -- made up of talented singers from all over Rhode Island -- which will be our ensemble-in-



residence here at Grace Church. The group will be called **Collegium Ancora**, and will perform a diverse repertoire with an emphasis on sacred a cappella music. Please don't miss the group's premier performance Sunday, November 20 at 5:00pm: Blessing Living and Loving, featuring music of Handel, Byrd, Britten, Copland and more!

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## September 25, 2016 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please](#)

[click here](#):

Amos 6:1a,4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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## Your Health & Wellness Minute

*Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?* Luke 11:40

**What is Crohn's Disease?** Named after Dr. Burrill B. Crohn, who first described the disease in 1932 along with colleagues Dr. Leon Ginzburg and Dr. Gordon D. Oppenheimer, Crohn's disease belongs to a group of conditions known as Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD). Crohn's disease is a chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract.



Crohn's disease may affect as many as 700,000 Americans. Men and Women are equally likely to be affected, and while the disease can occur at any age, Crohn's is more prevalent among adolescents and young adults between the ages of 15 and 35.

The causes of Crohn's Disease are not well understood. Diet and stress may aggravate Crohn's Disease, but they do not cause the disease on their own. Recent research suggests

hereditary, genetics, and/or environmental factors contribute to the development of Crohn's Disease.

Crohn's tends to run in families, so if you or a close relative have the disease, your family members have a significantly increased chance of developing Crohn's. Studies have shown that 5% to 20% of affected individuals have a first - degree relative (parents, child, or sibling) with one of the diseases. The risk is greater with Crohn's disease than ulcerative colitis. The risk is also substantially higher when both parents have IBD. The disease is most common among people of eastern European backgrounds, including Jews of European descent. In recent years, an increasing number of cases have been reported among African American populations

For a list of symptoms and more information see the bulletin board in the narthex or [click here for more information](http://www.cdfa.org/what-are-crohns-and-colitis/what-is-crohns-disease/): <http://www.cdfa.org/what-are-crohns-and-colitis/what-is-crohns-disease/>

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## Happening Weekend for High School Students



The Diocese of Rhode Island is about to have its 78th [Happening weekend](#) for the young people of RI! Happening is a diocesan youth-led retreat designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore their faith through small groups and by listening to their peers tell them about their own spiritual journeys. Happening provides a unique opportunity for friends and families of the participants to help them experience

God's love in a truly life-changing way.

The Happening weekend will take place at the Episcopal Conference Center at 872 Reservoir Rd in Pascoag, RI. The Fall Weekend is Friday, October 14th - Sunday, October 16th. The cost of the weekend is \$160.00. Scholarship is available if needed.

[Online registration for Happening is available now](#) through the ECC registration website. If you would prefer a paper copy of the application or if you have any questions regarding the Happening weekend, email [happeningri@gmail.com](mailto:happeningri@gmail.com). We hope you will encourage the high school students you know to attend this special weekend.

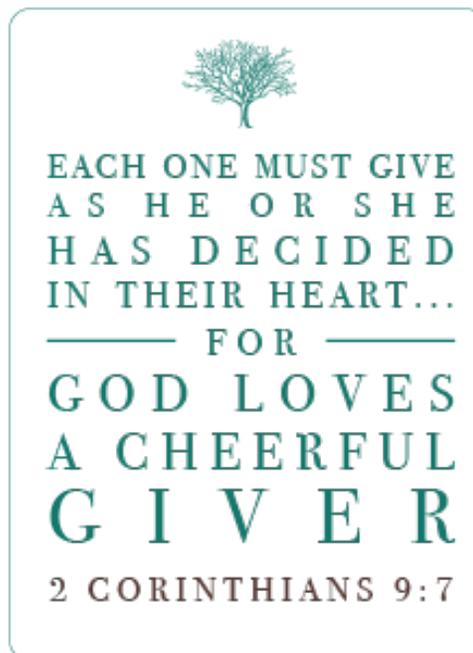
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## The 1829 Society - Special Workshop: November 6

The 1829 Society is sponsoring a workshop that will help you prepare a notebook of your wishes and preferences regarding issues that arise at life's end. This brief workshop -- which many Grace Church parishioners have found quite helpful -- will follow the 10:00am Sunday service on November 6th. We hope you will join us!

Members of The 1829 Society have remembered Grace Church in their wills, and we hope many of you will consider supporting Grace in this way.

The 1829 Society of Grace Church was created to encourage giving to God, to invite you to give witness to God's abundance in your life, and to honor the loving faithful who assure and sustain the ministries of Grace Church. The Society's purpose is to encourage, support, and celebrate gifts made to our endowment. With a gift of any size, you may direct the income to an area of specific interest to you.



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