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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 1, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: All Saints' and All Souls'

November 1st (or the Sunday following) is celebrated as the Feast of All Saints in The Episcopal Church and many others - a day when we celebrate the saints of God, famous and totally unknown, beginning with the apostles themselves. The next day is All Souls' Day, when we remember all the faithful departed. As we've done for years, in honor of these days of remembrance, we invite everyone to bring a photo of a departed loved one to church to place on the high altar. If you'd rather, though, you can simply bring a photo to church with you on Sunday and have it with you in your pew as you remember and give thanks for the life of that loved one and the joy they brought you in this life.



In the Christian faith we neither worship our ancestors nor the saints. We may (and countless Christians do) pray to God through the saints, as we believe the saints live still in God's presence. And while we don't worship our ancestors (we worship only God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we certainly remember our departed loved ones, give thanks for them, and often draw strength and comfort, not just from their memory, but from the knowledge that they too, like all those saints whose names we know and whose feast days we celebrate, are with God and that we will see them again in due course, when we ourselves have finished our earthly pilgrimage.

The word, "eucharist" is Greek for "thanksgiving," and the worship we offer to God each Sunday is centered on giving thanks to the Lord. On this Sunday, we give thanks to God for those we have loved but see no longer. The experience of having loved and lost is, if you're over a certain age, universal. On Sunday, we will gather together to share that most human

experience - to give thanks, perhaps to grieve, and to look forward in hope to when we will meet again on that distant shore, in the nearer presence of God.

We invite you to bring in pictures of deceased loved ones to place on the high altar that day. You may place them on the altar yourself or ask a greeter or usher to help you before the service. Please collect the pictures after worship.

All Saints'/ All Souls' blessings,
Jonathan+



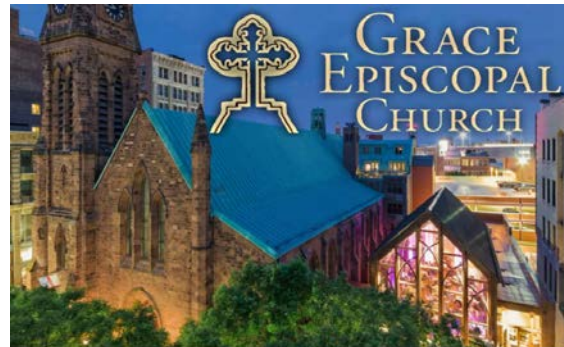
Service of Choral Evensong This Sunday November 4



Please plan to join us this Sunday, November 4 at 4 PM for Choral Evensong sung by the Grace Church Choir, featuring music of Parry, Spicer, and Stanford. The anthem will be the glorious double-choir setting of Faire is the Heaven by William H. Harris.

Transforming Generosity - Stewardship 2019

In this lesson from the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is tested again by the scribes to see if he has the right understanding of the first and greatest commandment. Jesus correctly offers the ritual prayer that is reckoned as more important than any burnt offerings and sacrifices. "Hear O Israel, you shall love the Lord your God..." and not only that, one must love neighbor as oneself. Jesus makes clear that love is greater than the sacrifices offered ritually in the temple but he, as love incarnate, will also be offered up for the reconciliation of the world.



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- The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis.



Stewardship 2019

We all are called to serve God in our own unique way. Giving generously to the annual campaign is our responsibility, and most importantly as parishioners it is our duty to: secure Grace Church's future so it can continue to be the beacon that brings people home and a place to find solace and peace in the presence of God for generations to come.

- Rob & Ron Simoes Walsh

Transforming Generosity with Electronic Giving

A resource page to guide your electronic giving -- whether through our website, our mobile app, or via text -- will be available in the back of the church. [Please click here](#) to donate to Grace on our website -- or to establish a recurring pledge contribution for 2019 -- using our [secure donation portal](#). Please note: If you're planning to give electronically for 2019, please do still submit a pledge card to ensure we record your pledge.

GivePlus is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone ([watch this video tutorial](#)). Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app, search for "Grace Church Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (Pledge, Music at Grace, etc.), and you're on your way.

 <p>Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions</p> <p>As part of our campaign of Transforming Generosity, we present GivePlus, our new mobile giving app. Now you can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals, or set up a recurring donation... all through your smartphone!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app.2. Enter "Grace Church in Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (e.g. Pledge), and you're on your way.3. Considering sourcing your contribution from a checking or savings account to maximize your contribution, or if using a card please consider selecting the option: "Help Offset the Processing Fee".	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Sign In' screen for the GivePlus app. It includes a 'Sign In' header, the text 'Grace Church In Providence', and input fields for 'Email' and 'Password'. There are buttons for 'Sign In', 'Create Account', and 'Give Now'. A 'Forgot Password' link is also visible.</p>
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Those accustomed to texting may enjoy giving through Give+ Text. Make one-time or recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at **401-298-9775**. Simply text the dollar amount of your desired donation, and follow the prompts for the rest. For further guidance, please [watch this brief tutorial](#).



for the WWI armistice centennial
BENEATH THE ARMOR
choral music of war and peace

November 10, 2018 -- 6pm
Grace Episcopal Church
300 Westminster St.
Providence, RI

November 11, 2018 -- 4pm
Varnum Memorial Armory
6 Main Street
East Greenwich, RI

veterans & active duty military discounts available
tickets & more information: www.collegiumancora.org

COLLEGIUM ANCORA
a professional chamber choir for the ocean state

Collegium Ancora Concert November 10

Commemorating the Centennial of the World War I Armistice, Collegium Ancora presents Beneath the Armor: Songs of War and Peace, featuring the world premiere of Canadian composer Colin Eatock's "Five Poems from the Great War". Tickets and more

information are available at www.collegiumancora.org.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence. Please see a list of particularly needed items posted in the narthex, and please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than Sunday, November 18. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful.



20s/30s Group Potluck Dinner Tonight

Please join Grace's lively and growing 20s/30s Group for a Community Dinner tonight (Thursday, November 1), and on the 1st Thursday of each month, in the Pavilion at 7:00pm. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, and please feel free to contact 20s30s@gracepvd.org with questions.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music

Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

Thursdays at Noon concerts Now through December 20, excluding Thanksgiving Day; and February 7 through May 23.



Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) On the **top level only** of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on

Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church; and

3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

The Episcopal Church Women of RI



The Episcopal Church Women of RI will hold their Annual Meeting and United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering on Thursday, November 8, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bristol. Welcome registration begins at 9:30am, followed by Eucharist with Bishop Knisely as Celebrant, and a catered luncheon during the annual meeting. The luncheon is \$12, with registration by November 1 to ECW-Diocese of RI, c/o Carol Blackinton, 22 Judy Terrace, West Warwick, RI 02893. Contributions to ECW can also be mailed to this address.

The Grace Church Inreach Ministry

The Grace Church Inreach Ministry Are you (or someone you know) unable to make it to church, either for the short or long term, for any reason? A member of the Grace Church Inreach Ministry would be happy to visit with you, by phone or in person, to keep you connected to your parish and offer prayers and support and, if you like, to bring you communion. Please contact Sue Hall at inreach@gracepvd.org, or call the church office. Of course, as always, if you want your rector to visit you, just give Jonathan a call at the church at 331-3225. That's why he's here!



November 4, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [All Saints' Day](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

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.

