



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 18, 2019

## Grace's Votive Candle Station

In the fall, Grace Church introduced a new Votive Candle Station. Located at the rear of the Nave near the entrance to The Pavilion, this area is now set aside for parishioners and visitors to light a candle and say a prayer for themselves, or for another individual.



A votive candle or prayer candle is a small candle intended to be burnt as a votive offering in an act of Christian prayer, especially within the Anglican (Episcopal), Orthodox, and Roman Catholic Christian denominations, among others. To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer.

When you light them you usually say a prayer over one candle at a time. In keeping these candles burning for extended periods, the individual prayer is believed to be prolonged and amplified along with the intentions of other believers' prayers. In doing this, there is established a collective spirit of prayer for the entire church which is encouraging, enriching and empowering. Looking at a rack of burning candles in a church can be quite moving, for even when you depart, your prayers remain in the church and then others may pray over the candles later.

Hanging above the candle stand at Grace Church is a copy of Hans Memling's 1479 triptych "The Adoration of the Magi." The three panels represent Christ's Nativity (Dec. 25); the Adoration of the Magi (Jan. 6); and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Feb. 2). The triptych provides a vehicle for meditation while visiting the Votive Candle Station, and a Prie dieu (kneeler) and Prayer Book give further opportunity for contemplation and prayer.

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## Compline and Candlemas



**Compline postponed to Sunday, January 27:**

Please note that the icy weather anticipated for later in the day on Sunday has prompted us to postpone the Compline service previously scheduled for this coming Sunday, to the following Sunday, January 27. Please be sure to join us! Compline is half an hour of chant, candlelight, and a bit of incense. The doors will open at 7:30 for prayer and meditation.

**Lessons & Carols for Candlemas, February 2:**

Also, please save the date for Saturday, February 2, 4:00pm for a special *Lessons & Carols for Candlemas* featuring the Brown University Chorus directed by Frederick Jodry, and with organist Vince Edwards. This free event will feature music by Victoria, Holst, Hassler, Eccard and Bortniansky, and is presented by The American Guild of Organists, Providence Chapter. A reception will follow.

**Reminder About Winter Weather Announcements**

For information about weather-related cancellation or postponement of any scheduled service, concert, or activity at Grace Church, your first and best place to check is the Grace Church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GraceChurchProvidence/](http://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchProvidence/).

Sunday services are not commonly cancelled, though parishioners are always encouraged to consider their local conditions, their mode of transportation, and other factors to decide whether to attend. But if conditions truly warrant and our Sunday services are impacted, we will send out an e-mail, and time permitting we'll list the status through RI Broadcasters to appear on local TV channels; but our Facebook page will likely offer the most timely and most complete source of status updates.



**A New Heart for Lent and Easter**

What is your hope for yourself this upcoming Lent? Can you imagine it as season of genuine repentance - a powerful change of heart that stretches you into a stronger and more whole version of your current self? Suppose taking on this challenge during Lent presented an opportunity for you to grow beyond the limits of who you are now... to grow into an even fuller embodiment of whom God has created you to be.



Grace Church will present a special program for Lent and Easter led by Maria DeCarvalho, an Episcopal Priest who has previously served as Associate Rector here at Grace, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John, and Theologian in Residence at the American Cathedral in Paris.

Today, as co-Director of [Minds at Work](#), Maria is an executive coach working with leaders committed to their own personal development. Maria believes that this work resonates powerfully with the promises of God, vividly expressed in the words of the Prophet Ezekiel: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you."

The program is titled *A New Heart: Spiritual Practice for Powerful Personal Change*, and seeks to identify and remove inner obstacles that may stand between you and the realization of your dearest life goals. A New Heart will consist of three large-group sessions held in our own beautiful pavilion on the following dates and times:

**Sunday, March 10; 12:00pm - 2:30pm**

**Saturday, March 30; 9:00am - 11:00am**

**Saturday, May 11; 9:00am - 11:00am**

Coffee and light fare will be provided, as well as a program manual. Participants will be encouraged to gather for informal small-group off-site sessions. Tuition for this program is \$50, though **scholarships are readily available to Grace Church parishioners by contacting the rector**. And importantly, any proceeds from this program that are in excess of direct costs will support Grace to Go, the new meal-service ministry here at Grace.

To register, please [click here to reserve your spot](#) or call the parish office at 401-331-3225, and then drop-off, mail, or place in the Sunday offering plate a check made out to Grace Church in Providence with "A New Heart" indicated on the memo line. If submitting on a Sunday, please place the check in an envelope indicating "Attn: Parish Administrator".

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## 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** will return for  
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.

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## Save the Dates for Collegium Ancora

[Collegium Ancora](#), the choral ensemble in residence at Grace, will present a selection of choral masterworks written for upper voices (soprano & alto) and lower voices (tenor & bass). This varied program is full of both familiar and lesser-known works ranging from the 1600s to the 1900s, including composers from Italy (Palestrina),

Germany (Brahms, Rheinberger, Schumann), France (Poulenc), Spain (Casals), England (Le Bas, Rutter), Ireland (Stanford), and the USA (Thompson).



**ALL ABOUT THAT  
BASS & TREBLE**

a concert of high and low voices

**February 10 at 4pm**, Grace Church in Providence

**February 16 at 4pm**, Emmanuel Church in Newport, RI

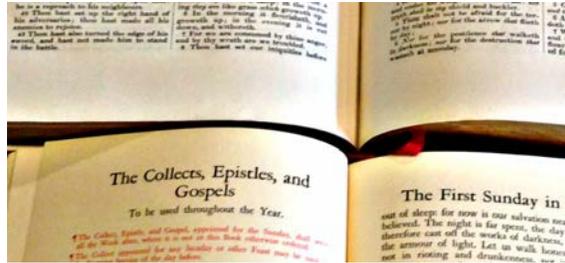
**February 17 at 4pm**, Grace Church in Providence (Abridged, Sensory & Family-friendly show)

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# January 20, 2019

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Diocese of Southwestern Virginia Revival.](#)  
[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.

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