



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 28, 2016

## Spotlight on Grace: *Celebrations of Life, Faith & Music*



We have so many diverse celebrations unfolding at Grace this week, that we're using our *Spotlight* to illuminate some of the happenings that you won't want to miss.

**Celebration of Life:** Our community will gather this Saturday morning, April 30, for a celebration of the life of longtime parishioner Mary E. Thorpe, who passed away earlier this month. All are invited to attend. May Mary's soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. The doors will open at 9:00am; service begins at 10:00am.

**Celebration of Faith:** This Sunday, May 1, Bishop Nicholas Knisely will make his annual visitation to Grace Church. He will preach and celebrate the eucharist at both the 8:00am and 10:00am services, with the 10:00am service featuring additional cause for celebration as several Grace parishioners will be confirmed or received by the bishop. Also, Bishop Knisely will offer a forum including 'Q&A with the Bishop' at 8:45am in the Chafee Room, and he will join our congregation for lunch in Gammell Hall after the service as part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration hosted by our Teens in Action youth group (details below). **Did you know?:** Bishop Knisely is a former Professor of Physics and Astronomy (Lehigh University).

He is also active on social media: you may wish to follow him on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [his blog](#).

**Celebration of Music:** Director of Music Vince Edwards brings you two terrific and diverse celebrations of music this weekend.

If you haven't yet experienced *Candlesong*, the 20-minute immersive experience of chant by candlelight, we encourage you to attend our final Compline service of this inaugural series this Friday, April 29 at 9:00pm.



And **this Sunday, May 1, at 5:00pm**, please help us to offer a resounding Grace Church welcome to some special visitors who are traveling from Connecticut to regail us with their music. The Choir *and* Choristers of Calvary Church (Stonington, CT) will perform A Service of Choral Evensong. Enjoy [a sneak preview](#) of their music here. The group will embark on a tour of England and Scotland this summer, performing at St. Mary's

Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland and Lichfield Cathedral in Lichfield, England. We hope many Grace parishioners will attend, and thank you for spreading the word to your friends, co-workers and family.

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## This Week at Grace

### **Worship services:**

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with  
Confirmation and Reception  
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

**Candlesong:** Reflective music for the city and the soul. This Friday, April 29 at 9:00pm. Final performance of this inaugural series! Discover a new evening musical service combining the immersive sensory experiences of gleaming candlelight, sublime Gregorian chant, and fragrant incense; all within the stunning surroundings of Grace Church. Candlesong is just 20 minutes in duration. Please make a point to join us!



**A Celebration of the Life of Mary Thorpe:** 10 a.m. this Saturday, April 30, at Grace. All are invited.

**Children's Friend 5K Walk & Run:** We're looking for additional parishioners to join the Grace Church team and participate (walking or running) in the Children's Friend 5K Walk & Run event at Roger Williams Park this Saturday, April 30. Please click [here](#) to register for the event, select "Join a Team", choose Grace Church as your team, and then encourage those you know to sponsor your participation by donating. Grace Church is proud to sponsor this event with a \$1,500 donation.

**Spring Road Races:** Sunday, May 1, the Providence Marathon and Rhode Races event may impact traffic in the downtown area. Exchange Terrace and Memorial Boulevard will be closed for the duration of the races (7:30am - 3:30pm).

**Sunday Forum:** Join us this Sunday (May 1) at 8:45am in the Chafee Room for a session of "Q&A with Bishop Knisely". Absolutely all are welcome!

**Cinco de Mayo:** The Grace Church Teens in Action will be hosting a celebration of Cinco de Mayo this Sunday, May 1st. Right after church, come down to Gammel Hall for a meal of tacos,

homemade salsa and build-your-own burritos. We'll also provide lemonade and limeade, which is just one BYOB step away from being a margarita! All TIA events are pay as you can (including nothing at all). Recommended donation is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for kids.

**New Building Presentation:** Did you miss the opportunity to see the architect's renderings for the new building project when they were presented last Sunday after church? Not to worry: we'll display them in Gammell Hall during the Cinco de Mayo festivities after church this Sunday!



**A Service of Choral Evensong:** This Sunday, May 1, 5:00pm. Please Join Us in welcoming the Choir and Choristers of Calvary Church (Stonington, CT) for a special Service of Choral Evensong. All are welcome!

**The Thursday Noon concert series:** Next Thursday, May 5, please enjoy a performance by our very own Vince Edwards, Director of Music here at Grace.

**Women's Prayer and Bible Study:**

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room

**Grace Church is OPEN to the Public** each weekday from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Please tell your friends, co-workers, and visitors to stop by and explore this beautiful historic church. Our friendly docents will greet you with a smile.

## Looking Ahead

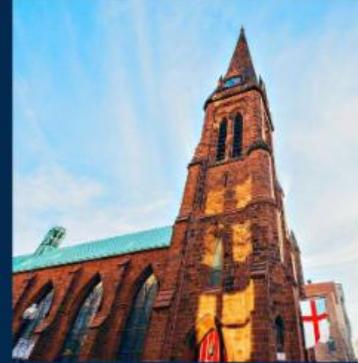
**Groundbreaking Ceremony:** Please join us after the 10:00am service on Sunday, May 15, for a groundbreaking ceremony for our new building! This event will take place rain or shine; and if weather is favorable this may also mark our first outdoor coffee hour of the season!

**The Grace Church Choir Presents Dvořák's Mass in D Major:** Sunday, May 15, 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend this free concert performance. Please come and enjoy!

The Grace Church Choir Presents:  
**Dvořák's Mass in D Major**



Sunday, May 15, 5:00pm  
Grace Church in Providence,  
Mathewson and Westminster  
[www.gracechurchprovidence.org](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org)



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