



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 25, 2018

## Spotlight on Grace: Your Generosity Makes a Difference

The 20s/30s at Grace Church and [Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island](#) collaborated on a 3-week long clothing drive at Grace in support of refugees and those new to Rhode Island.

Thanks to your generous response, we collected over 80 large (64-gallon) bags worth of your personal belongings for those in need.



"We are so thankful for the bountiful donation Grace Church was able to provide us! We never expected to receive as much as we did." - Lina Bravo, Clothing Collaborative & Refugee Resource Center Manager.



The Dorcas Institute of Rhode Island is currently providing clothing, accessories, shoes, winter wear, home goods and appliances for over 269 refugees that are resettling in Rhode Island. Of those 269 refugees, 106 are from Syria. Additionally, your support helped clothe and provide aid to more than 30 unaccompanied minors that are being supported through Dorcas International between the states of Rhode Island and New York.

On behalf of Grace Church parishioner Kevin Matta, who serves as Assistant Director of Development for Dorcas Institute of RI and spearheaded this effort, the 20s/30s Group, and all of us here at Grace Church, we thank you for making a difference with your generosity.

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## Watch the Royal Wedding Sermon



The world was treated to a heartfelt and poignant sermon about the power of love delivered by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at last weekend's Royal Wedding. In case you missed it, please watch it here.

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## The 150th Anniversary of Sissieretta Jones: America's First Black Diva

Sissieretta Jones grew up in Providence, toured the world as a first rate soprano, broke racial barriers, and was the highest paid Black performer of her day.

For 85 years, she has rested in an unmarked grave in Grace Cemetery. At the conclusion of the celebration, a headstone will be dedicated at her gravesite in Grace Cemetery (at the confluence of Broad Street and Elmwood Ave.). Join others in funding the stone through a [GoFundMe page here](#).

On Thursday, June 7, please join us in The Pavilion at Grace for a presentation of "The Sun is Shining: Sissieretta Jones", a one-woman play. The performance will begin at 7:00pm.

[Please click here](#) to visit the Sissieretta Jones web page within the [Stages of Freedom website](#). Questions: (401) 421-0606



Mark your calendar for the many events listed at right, June 7-9th.



Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music  
and Holy Baptism  
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist



**Thursday Concerts at Noon:**

Thank you for another great season of Thursday concerts at Noon, and we look forward to their return in the Fall.

**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.

**Prayer Group:** The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, which is accessed via Mathewson St.

**20s/30s Group Potluck Dinner:** The growing and active 20s/30s Group at Grace Church hosts a monthly potluck dinner on the first Thursday of each month in the beautiful Pavilion at Grace. Please contact Drake at [20s30s@gracepvd.org](mailto:20s30s@gracepvd.org). **PLEASE NOTE:** On June 7, the group will instead gather at 7:00pm to attend the Sissieretta Jones play (please see above), and then find a nearby spot for refreshments.

**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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## The Providence Village of Rhode Island



Grace Church was delighted to welcome a recent presentation by The Providence Village of Rhode Island. If you missed this presentation, but would like to learn more about the organization, please [visit their website here](#).



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## May 20, 2018

# First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Armed Forces and Federal Ministries: Front Line of the Jesus Movement](#). [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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*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, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*