



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 22, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Seeing Jesus in the Refugee

As I mentioned in my sermon this past Sunday, this Wednesday was World Refugee Day. That that day should arrive at a time when our nation is especially focused on the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, as we have seen families torn apart at our southern border, is either coincidence or providence. The situation on the ground near the border changes day by day, but we are always called to care for those in trouble and those seeking refuge in our land. Our own presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, spoke on the occasion of World Refugee Day of our vocation as followers of Jesus, and [I encourage you to watch the video here](#). Jesus himself spoke repeatedly of caring for those in need, but care for the alien is rooted in the Hebrew scriptures (the Old Testament), long before that: "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who



resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34) May we have the desire and strength to care for those in need, and may our elected leaders be compassionate and merciful to all those coming here seeking safety.

God's Peace,
Jonathan+

Parish Barbecue This Sunday

This Sunday, June 24th, we'll celebrate the start of summer with a barbecue (immediately following the 10 a.m. service) in the parish garden that sits between our Pavilion and Westminster Street. (If it rains, we'll stay in the Pavilion)! The church will provide burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This will be our first parish BBQ in two years, as well as being our very first in the new garden. We'll have a special game for the kids, so bring friends and kids! If you're relatively new to Grace, the BBQ is also doubling as our semi-annual newcomers' reception, so feel free to join us after church (at 11:15) at the foot of the pulpit for an introduction to Grace and then join us for the BBQ.



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Know Thy Vestry: Sandra Read

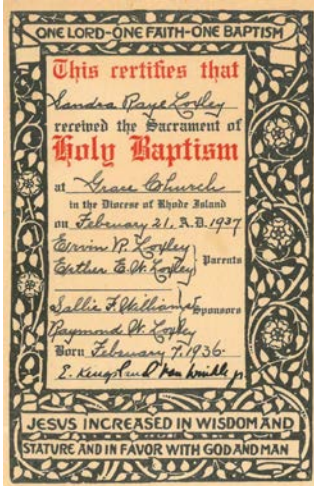
Our ongoing series *Know Thy Vestry* seeks to help parishioners and newcomers to better know the lay leaders who serve on the Grace Church Vestry. This week we highlight vestry member Sandra Read.

What brought you to Grace and how long have you been here?

I was baptized here at Grace when I was a year old. This has always been my church home and my extended family. I attended Sunday School, was confirmed and married here and some day will be buried from Grace.



[Sandra brought in her baptismal certificate this week, so we just had to share it with you. Click the photo below to view a larger image.]



What ministries have you been involved in here at Grace?
I serve on the Vestry and the Altar Guild. I am a member of the Welcome Ministry, Outreach Ministry and Inreach Ministry. I have served on the Altar Guild for more years than I can remember and feel it is my calling to set the Lord's table.

Tell us something about yourself that your fellow parishioners might not know.
I am farmer at heart. I have a vegetable garden that I love working in. My husband was the "gardner" and I enjoyed helping him. I feel very close to him when I am working in the garden. The garden not only feeds me nutritionally but feeds me spiritually when I am out there digging, weeding and planting in God's good earth.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Parish Barbecue: Following the 10:00am worship service this Sunday, June 24. Please see above.

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:

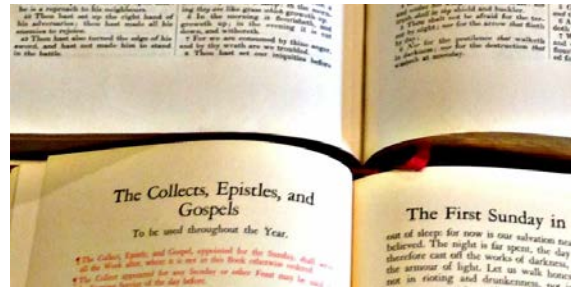
- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
 - 2.) On the **top level only** of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church; and
 - 3.) In 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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Come and Sing with the Summer Choir

Trinity Sunday marks the last Sunday of the full Grace Choir until September. During the summer months, we are grateful to those who volunteer in our Summer Choir. While many of these folks are regular members of the Grace Church Choir, others are visitors for the summer, guests or relatives of parishioners, etc. Please consider joining us for one Sunday or many! We meet at 9 AM in Cronhimer Hall (lower level under the Chancel) and sing an anthem or two for the 10 AM service. If you are interested or have questions about Summer Choir, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music: vedwards@gracepvd.org or 331-3226, ext. 4.

June 17, 2018 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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](#):

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Nativity of St. John the Baptist](#). [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.