



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 15, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: New Seasons of Music

What a joy to have our full choir back together last Sunday to start the *fall 2017 - spring 2018* season of Music at Grace. Many of you will have recently received the new music program booklet, which, in addition to your guide for weekly liturgical music, includes a listing of special musical events on the horizon here at Grace. Please find additional copies of the booklet in the back of the church, as well as donation envelopes for those wishing to support Music at Grace.



Thursdays at Noon

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon for informal half-hour organ, vocal or instrumental concerts. This coming Thursday (September 21) will feature organist Joseph Ripka. Joseph is the organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington, CT (and newly appointed Director of Music at All Saints Episcopal Church, Phoenix, AZ) is the only American among the 14 finalists selected for the 5th Annual Agati-Tronci International Organ Competition held in Pistoia, Italy. He will play a 30 minute program for a live audience on the Zanin organ in Mallbelini Hall for a panel of nine international jurors. The Pistoia competition finals will be held on September 28, 2017.

Choral Evensong: Saturday, September 30 at 4 PM

To celebrate the dedication of Cronhimer Music Hall at Grace Music of Bruckner, Sheppard, Brewer, and Boyle

Choral Evensong for All Saints: Sunday, November 5 at 5 PM

The Choir of St. Luke's, East Greenwich, joins the Grace Church Choir
Music of Rheinberger, Sheppard, Stamford, and Schütz

Collegium Ancora, Sunday, November 19 at 5
PM

Reformation Greats: Monumental works of
Parsons, Tallis, Tavener, and Tye.
Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the
Reformation with glorious polyphonic music.
Tickets: \$20; \$10 Student/Senior - go to
collegiumancora.org



Lessons and Carols with Procession: Sunday, December 3 at 5 PM

The Grace Church Choir offers carols and anthems sung in procession around the church.
Music of Palestrina, Webbe, Ord, Wood, Schütz, Poston, Biebl, Rheinberger, Hallock, and
Wood

Christmas Concert: Saturday, December 9 at 8 PM

Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Baroque Chamber Orchestra
Featuring Christmas portion of Messiah - Handel; Portions of Christmas Oratorio - Bach
Frederick Jodry, Conductor
Tickets at the Door: \$20 General; \$5 Student

Collegium Ancora: Sunday, February 11 at 5 PM

Collegium Ancora presents The Song Three Ways: Madrigals, Folk Songs, and Spirituals.
Tickets: \$20; \$10 Student/Senior - go to collegiumancora.org

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 4 at 5 PM

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent
Music of Rorem, Spicer, Titcomb, and Haydn

Collegium Ancora: Sunday, April 15 at 5 PM

The Best Beloved: Music of Love and Ecstasy, featuring music of Bach, DeBlasio, Willan,
Casals, and others.
Tickets: \$20; \$10 Student/Senior - go to collegiumancora.org

Annual Choral Concert: Sunday, May 6 at 5 PM

Getting a Handel on Britten - The Grace Church Choir, Choristers and Soloists
Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Piano; Rejoice in the Lamb, and Chandos Anthem No. 4

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Thursday Noon Concerts

Our weekly concert series is back! Please see above for details about this week's concert on September 21.

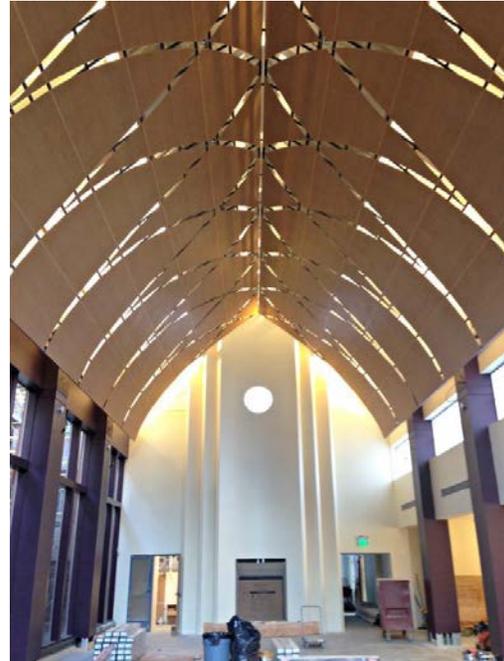
The [CVS Health Downtown 5K](#) race event will take place in downtown Providence this Sunday, September 17. [Here is a link to the course](#) of the race to plan your routes accordingly. RIPTA bus detours are [detailed here](#).

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available 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. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.



Adorn the Curved Wall of the Pavilion

Many of you have seen the beautiful etchings of Grace Church crafted by RISD professor and Edna Lawrence years ago. We use them in our parish publications frequently. We've decided to frame and install 10 Edna Lawrence originals from our archival collection in the new Pavilion, creating another link between our new building and our historic church. Each of the ten pieces will cost \$100 to frame. If you're interested in donating \$100 to help us frame an historic piece of Grace art, we invite you to send a check to the parish office at 300 Westminster Street in Providence, RI, 02903, being sure to specify "Lawrence Prints" on the memo line. Thank you for being a part of art and history at Grace!



Reflections from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Recent Events and Post-hurricane Relief



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[This link](#) to the online giving page of Episcopal Relief & Development includes a specific option to support relief efforts related to Hurricane Harvey, as well as another option to support US Disaster Response which will effectively support victims of both major disasters.

Here is the link: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation>

If you wish to share more information about the Church's continued response to Harvey and Irma, follow Episcopal Relief & Development [on Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), and check [the Episcopal Church website](#) and [the Episcopal New Service website](#) for updates.

Grace Cemetery Cleanup Saturday, September 16

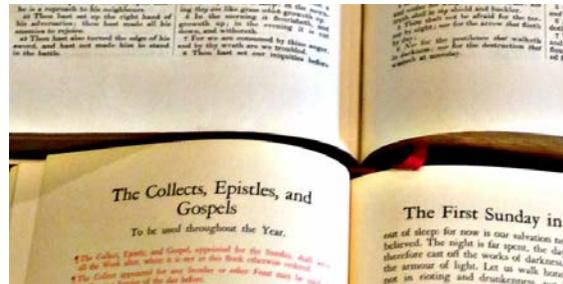
The Providence Improv Guild has kindly organized a clean-up effort at the Grace Church Cemetery from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, September 16. Meet at Providence Improv Guild (rear of Southside Cultural Center), 393 Broad Street. Please bring thick gloves. With questions, e-mail jamesjosephbagley@gmail.com.



September 17, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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](#):



[Genesis 50:15-21 ~ Psalm 103:8-13 ~ Romans 14:1-12 ~ Matthew 18:21-35](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [School Meals and SNAP Funding](#). [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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