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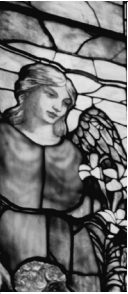
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GRACE *In The City*

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE



*From The* Rector

For those of you reading this after April 8 ... Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!

Easter, of course, is when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and comes at a time of year when we celebrate new life all around us – trees, flowers ... I’ve even been told that a couple of babies are expected at Grace Church in the next month or two! This April in particular, Grace Church is launching a relationship with a children’s service agency here in our city that strives to give a “new beginning” to children in need. Children’s Friend has been serving the children of Providence and their families since 1834, so it’s almost as old as our own parish (established in 1829)! The list of services that Children’s Friend provides is extensive and can be found at <http://www.cfsri.org/services.html>. From child care to foster care to adoption services to family counseling, the driving mission of Children’s Friend is to look after “the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island’s most vulnerable young children.”

The people at Children’s Friend are working to bring new life and new hope to the children of our area, and that’s work that we at Grace Church are excited to be a part of. On Sunday, April 8, we will celebrate the new birth that was the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The very next Sunday we will publicly launch our new relationship with Children’s Friend by welcoming one of its leaders to Grace to talk about the group’s work. We’ll also present to her all the children’s gifts we’ve collected through the Lenten Giving Cross, as well as a check from the parish that will make Grace Church as one of the sponsors of that organization’s 10th annual Children’s Friend Walk & Run. I hope many of you will be able to participate in the event. I can promise you right now, I’m going to choose walking. Better on the joints, I’ve been told.

So, April 15 will mark a new beginning for us here at Grace Church by working with Children’s Friend to help bring new beginnings to many children who themselves have only just begun their life on this earth. But April 15 will also mark another new beginning at Grace Church. On that Sunday, our preacher will be Lavonne Seifert, a parishioner here at Grace, a seminarian at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge and a postulant for Holy Orders (church-speak for someone in training for the priesthood). This will be Lavonne’s first time preaching in the pulpit of Grace Church. I’ve read the excellent sermon she delivered at the seminary last year, and I know we’ll be blessed to hear Lavonne preach! I know you will all join me in praying for Lavonne and wishing her well as she prepares for ordained ministry.

I have no doubt that I will see many of you on April 8 – Easter Day, and I look forward to seeing many of you the following Sunday, too. In its own way, it will be about new beginnings just as much as Easter.

In the Risen Christ,

Jonathan

*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.*

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March was a busy month for the choir, who sang Evensong at 5:00 p.m. March 4; Compline at 8:00 p.m. March 11, and Passiontide Meditation at 5:00 p.m. March 25 — in addition to the usual Sunday morning singing!

April will be at least as busy. Beginning April 1 with Palm Sunday, the choir will sing at all the principal Holy Week liturgies. We all look forward to our annual commemoration and celebration of our Lord’s death and resurrection.

Bishop To Visit for Good Friday

The guest preacher for the Good Friday service will be the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island. Bishop Wolf will offer reflections on “the last seven words of Christ” during the three-hour service (noon to 3:00 p.m.), which is a tradition at Grace Church.

Experience all of Holy Week by worshipping at Grace Church on all three days of what’s referred to as the “Triduum” —the “great three days” leading up to Easter. When we come to church on all of those days and again on Easter Day, we have the best opportunity to fully experience Easter. Here’s a quick summary.

**Maundy Thursday** (Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.). This reflective Eucharist service calls on us to remember the mandate Jesus gave us on the night he was betrayed: to eat and drink the bread and wine of Holy Communion in remembrance of him, and to “wash one another’s feet.” The service ends in silence and we remove the altar coverings, decorations, etc., to symbolize Jesus being abandoned by his disciples and then being

stripped by the Roman soldiers. The altar remains bare until Saturday evening.

**Good Friday**: April 6 beginning at noon, the choir will provide music between the sermons on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Composers represented include Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, Monteverdi, John IV of Portugal, Lassus, Morley and Schutz.

**The Great Vigil of Easter** will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on April 7 and will include music by Tallis, Palestrina, Handel, and Lassus.

**Easter Day**: April 8, at 10:00 a.m. will include music by Handel, Taverner, Tallis and Wood.

**Sunday, April 15**: at 10:00 a.m. we will sing choral music remembering Jesus’ appearance to the disciples, including St. Thomas.

**Sunday, April 22**: at 10:00 a.m. we will sing music relating to Jesus’ appearance on the way to Emmaus.

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**Good Friday** (Friday, April 6, noon to 3:00 p.m.). On Friday, we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. Good Friday typically is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and denial. Come when you can and leave when you have to during the three hours.

**Easter Vigil and Post-Vigil Celebration** (Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.). On Saturday evening, we have the first celebration of Easter— and arguably the most important service of the liturgical year. Following the Jewish tradition of the day beginning at sunset of the previous day, we proclaim the resurrection of Christ once the sun has set on Saturday night and celebrate our first Eucharist of the Easter season. Through this liturgy, the prayer book recovers an ancient practice. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary

**Sunday, April 29**: “Good Shepherd Sunday,” the Grace Church Singers will lead the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, and the choir will sing the annual service of “Readings and Music for Eastertide” at 5:00 p.m. that same day as part of the “Sundays at Five” series. This liturgy will consist of a recounting in scripture of several of Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances interspersed with choral and congregational music reflecting on those events. Composers represented will include Byrd, Handl, Hassler, Lassus, and Taverner.

We are always eager to welcome new participants for our choirs. Further information concerning the Grace Church music program is available from Mark Johnson at 401-330-6787.

baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ’s dying and rising to the understanding of baptism. We will conclude the evening with a grand celebration to commemorate the end of Lent and the coming of Easter.

**Easter Day** (Sunday, April 8, at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.). We celebrate Christ’s resurrection on Easter morning. The word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. Faith in Jesus’ resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of our belief as Christians. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

Finally, remember that Easter doesn’t end on April 8 — it continues for 50 days of celebration, until Pentecost.

Source for service information: Episcopal Church website

Grace Church newcomer Rachel Blackamore, native of Great Britain who’s in Rhode Island working for Citizens Bank, has been active in the “Wild Goose” community in the United Kingdom and offers news of that group’s annual festival this June.

“I’ve been attending Greenbelt, a UK version of this festival, since 1990, and it is a highlight of my year,” Rachel says. “It really is that kind of challenging and safe place that connects faith, art, music and justice. I’ve got many friends there, and one of them has been on the board for a number of years. One of his fellow board members, who now lives in the United States, has established the Wild Goose festival, in the same way as Greenbelt was first established in 1973.”

Sara Miles, who was the featured speaker at our diocesan Convocation in early March, is a former Greenbelt speaker. This year’s Wild Goose festival will take place June 21 – 24, at Shakori Hills farm near Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. The theme is “Exile and Return.” The group’s website says that represents “Exile from, and return to God; each other; ourselves. There’s a yearning for home, obvious just beneath the surface of so much contemporary anxiety and conflict. People want answers, or at least they want the security of knowing that their questions are welcome. We want to re-find the best of our spiritual traditions, and shake off the worst; we want to meet each other across lines of difference and respect our kaleidoscopic beauty, learning that difference doesn’t have to be suppressed

for real relationship to take place; we want to become our authentic selves – living with integrity as the people God made us to be.”

The Wild Goose festival includes a wide range of musicians and speakers — including nationally known speakers Brian McLaren and Phyllis Tickle. For more information go to [www.wildgoosefestival.org/the-2012-lineup/2012-themes](http://www.wildgoosefestival.org/the-2012-lineup/2012-themes)

Rachel also is connected to the Iona Community in Scotland ([www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)), a group that has all of its worship liturgy and songs published under the brand of Wild Goose and is part of the Greenbelt festival.

Vestry Elects 2012 Officers

Each year following the election of new vestry members at the parish Annual Meeting, the vestry elects a senior warden, junior warden, treasurer and clerk (secretary) to serve as parish officers. The senior and junior wardens also are designated as two of Grace Church’s delegates to Diocesan Conventions.

THIS YEAR’S OFFICERS:

James Poder, Senior Warden

Elaine Gabellieri, Junior Warden

Laurie DiBattista, Treasurer

Liz Wheeler, Clerk

OTHER VESTRY MEMBERS:

Lillian Bailey

Polly Daly

Melody Ennis

Bill Galligan

Dwayne Keys

Josh Klemp

Dave Seifert

Dave Stender



GRACE CHURCH  
CALENDAR

**Sundays in April**  
8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. – Adult Christian Formation: Chafee  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Gammell Hall  
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. – Teens in Action: Teen Room

**Sunday, April 1**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Eucharist –  
Palm Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel  
11:30 a.m. – Investment Committee: Chafee  
11:30 a.m. – Health & Wellness: Front pews

**Thursday, April 5**  
7:00 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Eucharist

**Friday, April 6**  
Noon — Good Friday service (three hours)

**Saturday, April 7**  
7:00 p.m. — Easter Vigil and  
Post-Vigil Celebration

**Sunday, April 8**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. – Easter Day  
Eucharist

**Sunday, April 15**  
Following 10:00 a.m. service — presentation  
from The Children’s Friend

**Monday, April 16**  
Deadline for submission for the May Newsletter

**Tuesday, April 24**  
6:30 p.m. – Vestry: Chafee

**Sunday, April 29**  
11:30 a.m. – Shrink the Temple: Chafee  
5:00 p.m. – Sundays at 5: “Readings and Music  
for Eastertide”

Outreach Ministries



Outreach Ministry News

Grace Church is making a difference in the lives of some of Rhode Island’s most vulnerable children! The Outreach Ministry wants to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported the Lenten Giving Cross ministry by bringing in much-needed items for the children and families served by Children’s Friend ([www.cfsri.org](http://www.cfsri.org))! If you have not already done so, please stop by the Giving Cross at the back of the church, choose a tag and return the requested item(s) to church. We will continue to accept donations through Easter Day, April 8, 2012.

Upcoming Outreach events – Please save these dates:

APRIL 11, 2012

Providence In-Town Churches Association “Planting Seeds of Hope” – Annual Fund-raising Dinner and Silent Auction at The Riviera Restaurant, East Providence at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will support PICA’s mission to offer stability, justice and hope to people in need

APRIL 15, 2012

Donations collected throughout Lent will be presented to a representative from Children’s Friend during our 10:00 a.m. service. Following the service, we will have an opportunity to learn more about Children’s Friend through a presentation and reception with a spokesperson from that organization.

JUNE 16, 2012

The Children’s Friend Annual Walk and 5k Run at Roger Williams Park, Providence. We are seeking volunteers to form a “Team Grace Church” to participate by walking, running or helping out in a variety of ways during this “family friendly” day of FUN! Watch for more details in future Grace Church newsletters.

For more information, please contact Elaine Gabellieri ([jeffoster1@cox.net](mailto:jeffoster1@cox.net)) or Joshua Klempe ([jklemp@ccri.edu](mailto:jklemp@ccri.edu)).

Parish Profile: Julia and Marta Calise

by Raymond Finelli

Bright lights Julia and Marta Calise, (left and right in photo) paragons of loyalty and devotion to the church and both soprano anchors in the choir are the daughters of parishioners George and Joanne Calise, and sisters to their older brother, Ian, former choir tenor who is now a freshman in college. For the past eight years they have been giving hour upon hour for Sunday service rehearsals, special evenings and seasonal concerts. Their dedication is seen in the response they show to their vocal mentor, our inspired organist and choir director, Mark Johnson.

Both girls are called on from time to time for solo parts, and both have memorized hundreds of pieces of music, including specials for Christmas and Easter. Their enthusiasm is boundless. On one occasion after church, they were seen singing and dancing impromptu to an anthem they had done with the choir several months ago called “Perspice Christicola,” to the tune of “Sumer Is Icumen In” a catchy traditional English medieval round, possibly the oldest example of counterpoint – from around 1260.

The Grace Church Choir rehearses for Sunday services on Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. For Sunday Evensong they practice on Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and these hours do not include the time given for special events. So much so one wonders if the girls ever have time for anything else: homework, after-school activities, social events, movies. But they do. Both girls are students at St. Mary Academy – Bay View High School in East Providence. Julia is a junior and Marta is a freshman. Julia’s extracurricular activity is rowing; Marta is in school sailing and is a member of the volleyball team.

Says Marta, “We stay up late to do our homework.” That’s not because choir takes so much of their time. It’s because they’re both very active. Julia has been on her school’s First Varsity Rowing team since the fall of her sophomore year. Regatta Rowing is an all-day Saturday or Sunday of travel and “eights” racing (eight rowers in a boat.) Her division, called Junior Women, competes at “Head of the Charles,” an international event in



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which her team placed 27th out of 74 boats competing. Julia also found time last summer to be a counselor at Bishopwood Episcopal summer camp in Hope, Maine.

For Marta, every day of the week is filled with activity. She competes with New England schools in volleyball, she is on the school sailing team and in the summer she is a junior sailing instructor at the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, R.I. Asked if they have time for reading, both girls responded enthusiastically: “Harry Potter,” of course, by J. K. Rowling; “The Inheritance,” by Christopher Paolini, and “The Game of Thrones,” by George R. R. Martin, a *New York Times* bestseller. Julia’s favorite movie was “Four Feathers.” Marta’s is “Pirate Radio.” At school Julia likes English but is not fond of math. Marta has no favorite subjects and says she likes them all, but they both like the same

things on television such as “Dr. Who” and “Dexter,” and they both can enjoy alternative music, hip hop, rap, indie, Top 40 and other popular stuff.

As part of her effort to show a well-rounded life, Julia is preparing a portfolio for college. She has seen the University of Virginia’s rowing team in action and has also visited Boston College. Her school has placed her in Advanced Placement Portfolio for next year, and among other activities she has taken up art, doing sketches of scenery, some still life and illustration in portraiture as expressed in pointillism, a method developed by Seurat using dots of color to become mixed by the viewer’s eye. The family plans to travel to Malaga in Spain this summer for a one-month stay to give Julia and Marta the opportunity to study Spanish under the auspices of the International Student Exchange program.



Diocese Announces Slate for Bishop

The Search & Nomination Committee has announced the preliminary slate of nominees to stand for election as the 13th Bishop of Rhode Island. The nominees are:

- The Rev. Kurt Dunkle:** rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Orange Park (Jacksonville), Fla.
- The Rev. Cathy George:** currently on a writing sabbatical; former priest-in-charge, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dorchester, Mass.
- The Very Rev. Nicholas Knisely:** dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Ariz.

The Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle



**Current Role:**  
Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Orange Park (Jacksonville), Fla.

**Current Leadership Positions:**  
President, Standing Committee, Diocese of Florida; Commission on Ministry, Diocese of Florida Deputy and member, Constitution and Canons Committee, General Convention

**Education:**  
Master of Divinity, General Theological Seminary, 2004  
Juris Doctorate, University of Florida, College of Law, 1987  
Bachelor of Arts, Duke University, 1983

**Ordination:**  
December 5, 2004  
Diocese of Florida

**Family:**  
Married to Cathleen; two children

**Spiritual Hero:**  
Nancy Jane Hughes, my maiden great aunt. She tithed out of almost nothing, cared for the lonely and sat with the dying, until she died herself.

**Age:** 51

The Rev. Cathy George



**Current Role:**  
Writing sabbatical; former Priest-in-Charge, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dorchester Mass.

**Current Leadership Positions:**  
Bishop's Advisory Cabinet

**Previous Positions:**  
Rector, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln, Mass; Senior Associate for Christian Formation, Trinity Church in the City of Boston; Rector, Emmanuel Church, Dublin, N.H.; Assistant to the Rector, St. John's, Beverly Farms, Mass.; Assistant to the Rector, St. Paul's, Newburyport, Mass.; Prison Chaplain, Massachusetts Correctional Institution

**Education:**  
Master of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School; Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology and Religion, Macalester College

**Ordination:**  
May 31, 1987  
Diocese of Massachusetts

**Family:**  
Married to Michael; two adult children

**Spiritual Hero:**  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**Age:** 55

The Very Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely



**Current Role:**  
Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Ariz.

**Current Leadership Positions:**  
Deputy, General Convention, and Chair of Arizona Deputation

**Previous Positions:**  
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem, Pa.; Rector, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Brackenridge, Pa.; Curate, St. Barnabas, Wilmington, Del.

**Education:**  
Master of Divinity, Yale Divinity School, 1991; Master of Science, University of Delaware, 1987;

Bachelor of Arts, Franklin & Marshall College, 1982

**Ordination:**  
June 13, 1992  
Diocese of Delaware

**Family:**  
Married to Karen; 2 children; one 18 and one deceased at age 2

**Spiritual Hero:**  
Bishop Joseph Schereschewsky, primary translator of the Bible into Mandarin and Wenli (a Chinese dialect) during his time as the Episcopal Bishop of Shanghai.

**Age:** 51

The Rev. Ledlie I. Laughlin



**Current Role:**  
Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Current Leadership Positions:**  
President, Standing Committee, Diocese of Pennsylvania; Co-Chair, Diocesan Antiracism Team Member, Diocesan Consultation Team; Deputy, General Convention

**Previous Positions:**  
Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Norwalk, Conn.; Rector, St. Paul's Church in Bergen, Jersey City, N.J. Assistant Rector, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Parish Missioner, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Paterson, N.J.

**Education:**  
Master of Divinity with Certificate of Anglican Studies, Berkeley-Yale Divinity School, 1987; Bachelor of Arts, Oberlin College, 1982.

**Ordination:**  
May 6, 1989, Diocese of New York

**Family:**  
Married to Sarah; two adult children

**Spiritual Hero:**  
Moses

**Age:** 52

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick



**Current Role:**  
Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Rumford, R.I.

**Current Leadership Positions:**  
Chair, Mission Task Force; Member, Standing Committee; Deputy, General Convention

**Previous Positions:**  
Assistant to the Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, R.I.; Teacher, Chair – Humanities Department, St. Andrew's School, Barrington, R.I.; Intern, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Tiverton, R.I.

**Education:**  
Master of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School; Bachelor of Arts, Sweet Briar College

**Ordination:**  
January 24, 1999  
Diocese of Rhode Island

**Family:**  
Married to Michael DeAngelo; two children

**Spiritual Hero:**  
Mary, the mother of Jesus

**Age:** 45