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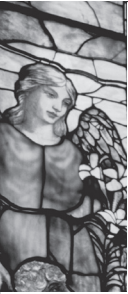
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The deadline date for May’s newsletter is
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GRACE *In The City*

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE



From The Rector

A few years ago, I delivered a children’s homily at the 5 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. Even back then, my children’s homilies had a sort of “ques- tion and answer” structure to them, and I asked the kids gathered on the steps leading up to the chancel, “What are we celebrating tonight?” Happily, many of them piped up with the right answer, “Jesus’ birthday” or “the baby Jesus being born” or some other version of the truth. But before I could open my mouth to congratulate them on knowing the true meaning of Christmas, a particularly pre- cocious six-year-old yelled out, “But HE DIED!” I responded with something like, “We’ll get to that a few months from now,” which got some laughs from the congregation, and we all moved on with talking about the baby Jesus.

But it was an excellent point that first-grader made: But HE DIED. What do we do when the savior so longed for by the people of Israel, when the messiah who inspired so many and loved so many and healed so many...DIES? Is that the end? And, really, that question can be broadened to any person or place or time or experience that brings us joy and fulfillment and hope and love. What happens when those things come to an end? Does it render all that joy and fulfillment and hope and joy meaningless? If it doesn’t last forever, was it worth happening at all?

Easter says “yes.” Easter says that Christmas was real joy, permanent joy that, though shaken by trials and tribulations of this life, stands in place. Easter makes Christmas truly worth celebrating. The resurrection of Christ is the assurance that, around that dark corner, is new light. It’s not the old light, but, rather, a new light that greets us and beckons us to move through dark times with hope on our shoulder. After all, the resurrected Christ looked different from the Jesus that the disciples had known and loved and followed for years. On the road to Emmaus, they walked and talked with him for miles and didn’t even recognize him! But in a moment of deepest connection and community – breaking bread together – they knew him and understood that he had been with them all along.

Easter is a promise to us that there is new life after death. That promise allows us to step out into new ways of doing and seeing things, because we will still be here when the morning comes. We don’t need to say, “It’s this or nothing.” Instead, we can say, “I can try to maintain the status quo, or I can move into the

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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.*

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unknown with the promise that God will be there to greet me on the other side.” This Easter, let us trust in God’s promise of new life – both in this world and the next – and give thanks for where we’ve been and look with hopeful expectation as we join Christ

on that walk to Emmaus, not knowing what we’ll find, but knowing who will be there to greet us.
Peace,
Jonathan+

April Music Notes



March was a busy month for the Choir! Compline was sung on March 3rd at 8 p.m. The Passiontide Meditation was sung on March 17th at 5 p.m., and the Grace Church Singers sang for the 10 a.m. Eucharist on March 10th. Holy Week began on March 24th with Palm Sunday, and the Choir sang at all the principal Holy Week liturgies - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Day.
In April, in addition to the Sunday Eucharists, Compline will be sung on Sunday, April 7th at 8 p.m., and a service of Readings and Music for Eastertide will take

place on Sunday, April 28th, at 5 p.m., as part of the ‘Sundays at 5’ series.
We are always eager to add new members to our Grace Church Singers. The time commitment is at 9 a.m. on the Sundays that they sing at the 10 a.m. Eucharist. We are also looking for new members for our Choir. Information about these opportunities or any other aspect of the Grace Church Music Program is available from Mark Johnson at 401-330-6787 or mjohnson@gracechurch-providence.org.

Vestry Minutes Available

Any parishioner of Grace Church is welcome to see a copy of the minutes of Vestry meetings. If you’d like to see a copy of the minutes, please just call or email the church office, and Veda will get them right to you!

2013 Inquirers’ Class at Grace Church

Beginning Sunday, April 7th, the rector will offer a six-week class on the Christian faith in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, including theology and the Bible, history of the Church, the Book of Common Prayer, the structure of the Church, and a look at contemporary issues. The class will meet dur-

ing the Sunday forum hour (9 a.m.) in the Chafee Room. The series will end the week that the sacrament of Confirmation (and Reception and Renewal of Baptismal Vows) is offered by the bishop to the churches in Providence. Those considering Confirmation (or Reception or Renewal) should attend

all these classes, but anyone in the parish is welcome to come to any or all of them. If you have any questions, please contact the rector at:
jhuyck@gracechurchprovidence.org or at 401-331-3225.

The Children’s Friend Annual 5K Walk & Run



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The Children's Friend
5k Walk & Run
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Roger Williams Park Boathouse



DJ Spin!

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

5K Walk & Run kick off at 10:30 a.m.

Entertainment and activities
until 12:30 p.m.

FREE breakfast and lunch catered
by Panera Bread



Fun activities for kids!

Online registration is available now, so start recruiting your team!
childrensfriend.kintera.org



Live music!

All proceeds will benefit
Rhode Island's most
vulnerable children.

For information about sponsoring the
2013 5k Walk & Run, please contact
Julie Casimiro at jcasimiro@cfsri.org.



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GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays in April
8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Sunday Forum:
(Inquirers’ Class): Chafee
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays in April
Noon – Holy Eucharist
12:30 – Intercessory Prayer Group

2nd and 4th Saturdays in April
10:00 a.m. – Women’s Prayer and Bible Study

Sunday, April 7
10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer: Messiah Chapel
11:15 a.m. – Outreach Ministry Meeting
8:00 p.m. – Compline

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Tuesday, April 23
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April 30 e-news

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6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting: Chafee

Sunday, April 28
5:00 p.m. – Readings and Music for Eastertide

Outreach Ministry News & Events



Grace Church parishioners and friends were very busy during the months of February and March! Despite lots of snow, the Sandwich Brigade pushed forward for three out of four Saturday mornings in February. Hundreds of hearty lunches, complete with homemade treats, were packed and delivered to Crossroads RI for distribution to the less fortunate. Additionally, throughout Lent, donations of goods and gift cards were collected under the Lenten Giving Cross. We will have a special blessing on Sunday, April 7th, before the donations are delivered to our partner agency, Children’s Friend. Thank you all for your generous support of these ministries!

Children’s Friend Annual 5K Walk and Run – April 27, 2013

Please join us on Saturday, April 27th, for The Children’s Friend Annual 5K Walk & Run at the Roger Williams Park boathouse. For more information or to register, visit www.cfsri.org or contact Elaine Gabellieri at jefffoster1@cox.net. If you are not a walker or runner, please join Team Grace Episcopal Church for fellowship and fun at the park following the walk! (See our flyer on pg 5!)

The next meeting of the Outreach Ministry will be held on Sunday, April 7th, in the Chafee Room, following the 10:00 a.m. service. All are welcome and encouraged to join us as we plan for upcoming events! Please contact Elaine Gabellieri at jefffoster1@cox.net or Joshua Klemp at jklemp@ccri.edu for more information or to become involved in any aspect of the Grace Church Outreach Ministry.



Parish Profile: Ross Beatty

by Raymond Finelli

A current member of the Grace Church Singers, Ross Beatty had been singing with the Cathedral Choir when he came to Grace Church with Organist and Choirmaster Mark Johnson in 2006.

Rusty, as he is known, has seen a varied career as teacher, free lance writer, and storyteller, as well as critic and reviewer for local newspapers of jazz musicians and performances. He had his beginnings teaching history at an inner-city high school in Philadelphia and fourth grade in Baltimore. In Washington, DC, he taught writing and reading comprehension as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) at local schools and colleges. From 1995 to 1997, he taught composition, reading comprehension, and ESL in Katmandu, Nepal, in the Himalayas.

Rusty is the son of the late Ross and Jane Beatty of Chicago. He attended Lake Forest Academy, located in the suburbs of Chicago, and received a BA in music and liberal arts at Oberlin College in Ohio. He has two master’s degrees: one received in 1975 in elementary education at Goucher College, Baltimore, and one received in 1977 in reading and linguistics at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, DC. Rusty’s father, Ross Beatty Senior, had an interest in a South Dakota project mining a mineral called Tantalite, and Rusty has had a part in the venture for about 10 years now. Tantalite is a dark brown mineral used in the manufacture of glass and spacecraft, as a result of its high melting point of over 3,000 degrees Celsius.

Asked what first brought him to Grace Church, Rusty replied at once that it was the influence of Mark Johnson, whom he calls “an amazing person.” He also likes the quality of the people at Grace. Rusty is part ethnically Jewish but was brought up a Protestant by his Presbyterian mother. Both his brother and sister, meanwhile, married within the Jewish faith. Rusty credits his sister with his move to Providence. She advised him to come to Providence after his stay in Nepal to take advantage of Rhode Island’s flourishing art scene.

Rusty’s current occupation is that of storytelling and related narrations, as well as work



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with the mining project. On the first Friday of every month, he performs stories at AS 220 with an adult storytelling program called Live Bait, part of The Moth, a New York radio hour. His background in storytelling comes from his years in D.C. where he studied acting and performed in non-equity theaters. He also helped found a small theater company there. Rusty sings with a gospel choir called Prism of Praise and has begun training with voice coaches in Albany for voice-over parts in television and radio spots, training films, and books on tape.

Rusty’s reading at present is a book by Jack Beatty titled *The Lost History of 1914, Reconsidering the Year The Great War Began*. He also has been reading *Wherever You Go, There You Are* by Jon Kabat-Zinn, an exploration of the principle of mindfulness.