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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Capturing the Moments

The vibrant and joyous life of this parish is an amalgum of moments: experiences of fellowship, journeys of faith and discovery, acts of generous outreach, and gatherings for everything from special musical offerings to sharing weekly coffee and conversation.

These are the sorts of moments that many in our area may be thrilled to experience. Blessed with a greater number of fun photographs and/or video clips that well capture these poignant moments, we believe we can increase the likelihood that those seeking faith and fellowship will make their way to Grace Church and be welcomed by all.

And so, we're encouraging those in our community who enjoy snapping photos and video to keep an eye out for these sorts of special moments, and to help us capture them. Your parish administrator Chris Barker will welcome any photos [you may wish to send via e-mail](#), or if you have large image files or videos to share he can send a link to upload those to an online folder. Some of you may already have some gems sitting in your smart phones, but in the months ahead we hope capture more of the special moments we share together. Thank you for being mindful of such opportunities as they arise, and thank you for your collective role in creating these precious moments.



Lenten Giving Cross

The Lenten Cross has been placed in The Pavilion, and is adorned with bulbs which represent donation requests for foster families through our partner agency [Children's Friend](#).

Thank you for selecting one or more bulbs from the cross if you would like to participate in this heartwarming annual effort of the Outreach Ministry here at Grace. Gift cards to local grocery stores and general retail stores (e.g. Walmart, Target) are most appreciated. For safe-keeping, please place gift cards into the tall donation box near the baptismal font.

When dropping off your donations, please affix the corresponding bulb to your donated item. Items can be left at the back of the church on Sundays, or brought to the parish office during office hours, through Palm Sunday.



Lenten Weeknight Worship

Grace Church is offering a new weekday worship option on Thursdays during Lent. The photo shows where in the church we will worship, just in front of the Messiah Chapel. We will gather at 6 PM on Thursday evenings for prayer, scripture, Eucharist, and song.

This service will be contemplative in nature and feature music from the Celtic tradition, accompanied by our beautiful concert grand piano. We will be treated to homilies by a different lay preacher each week. Parishioner Andrew Shapiro-Zysk will preach next Thursday, March 28.

Invite a friend into a warm, candlelit space and share your Lenten journey with others. The service will last about 45 minutes, and parking is available in the Grace Church lot.



Upcoming Choral Evensong and Collegium Concert

Please make a point to join us for our next service of Choral Evensong, Sunday, March 31, at 4:00pm. This will be our final Evensong of the Spring 2019 season here at Grace, and will feature music by Rheinberger, Spicer, and Blair.



And please be sure to mark your calendars for a special upcoming concert by Collegium Ancora, the professional choral ensemble in residence at Grace Church, on Sunday, May 5, at 5:00pm. Collegium will present G.F. Handel's Israel in Egypt, an engaging oratorio with chamber orchestra. [Please visit collegiumancora.org](http://www.collegiumancora.org) for information or to purchase tickets online.

Please Support Easter Flowers and Music

Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music! Please print dedications legibly: In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for... Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received before April 15 will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

A donation card titled 'EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC'. It has a blue header with the title in white. The card is flanked by images of white lilies. The text on the card includes: 'I wish to make a gift of \$ _____ for Easter flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).', 'I wish to support special Easter music with my gift of \$ _____.', 'I wish to make an additional Easter offering of \$ _____.', 'Total gift enclosed: \$ _____. Thank you!', and 'Please dedicate my gift (circle one): in honor of in memory of or in thanksgiving for (please print legibly):'. At the bottom, it says 'Please place card with your gift in the envelopes provided, before Tuesday in Holy Week.'

Adult Baptism

While most of us were baptized as infants, some people come to the Christian faith as adults never having been baptized. If that's true for you, and you would like to consider being baptized, contact the rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org or 331-3225 as we will be baptizing adults at the Easter vigil next month (8 pm, April 20th).

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist
Thursday 6:00pm Holy Eucharist during Lent



Thursdays at Noon concerts will continue for the Winter/Spring 2019 season through May 23.

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.

March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent



Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Way of Love in Lent - LEARN](#).

[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.

PICA Gala Celebration The Providence In-town Churches Association (PICA), now transitioning to a new name as Better Lives Rhode Island, will have its annual fundraiser gala celebration at the Rhode Island Shriners in Cranston on Saturday, April 6, 2019, beginning at 6:00pm. Please [visit the PICA website here](#) for more details and to purchase your tickets online using their PayPal link. Also, if you or someone you know is a business owner whom you think might be willing to donate a silent auction item for the event, PICA delivers food relief to so many families in need in our community. Please contact PICA if you're interested in donating a silent auction item.



Discernment Workshop The Revs. Pam Gregory and Jennifer West, both trained by Suzanne Farnham in the "Listening Hearts" method of discernment, will present *Discernment: Are You Listening to your Life?*, at St. John's in Barrington on Saturday, April 6. The workshop will run from 8:30am to 3:00pm. For more information or to register, [please visit this page](#) on the diocesan website, and click the Eventbrite link. The cost of registration is \$5, and includes the cost of lunch and morning coffee and pastries.

ECC 70th Anniversary Gala On June 1, 2019, Celebrate 70 years of joyful ministry at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI, and support future programming for children including inner city youth, children with special needs, the LGBTQ+ community, and individuals awaiting adoption. [Tickets are now on sale](#) for this 70th Anniversary Gala.



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.