



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

April 5, 2019

Vestry Officers Old and New

At the first meeting with its new members, the vestry elected its officers for the year. David Olsen was elected to another term as Junior Warden and Liz Messier to another term as Treasurer. New vestry member Joel Goloskie, who was previously elected by the vestry to fill the unexpired term of Pam Stephanapolous, was elected Secretary, and our new Senior Warden is Adrienne Southgate.



The fact that both our new Secretary and Senior Warden are lawyers is sheer coincidence! I want to thank the four officers named above for their service to the vestry, and, by extension, the parish. We are blessed to have such capable and gracious leaders here at Grace - it is a pleasure and honor to serve alongside them. And while I said it in my annual address in February, I'll say it once more in writing - thanks to Marc Schrank for his wonderful leadership as senior warden before turning the reins over to Adrienne last month!

Please feel free to talk with any of the officers named above about anything that's on your mind. The names of the vestry members are always printed on the back of the Sunday bulletin, and you can always speak to any of them as well. Chances are you know at least one of them. If you don't, I'm happy to introduce you!

Blessings,
Jonathan+

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Holy Week this year begins on April 14 (Palm Sunday), with Easter Sunday therefore following on April 21. For the most immersive experience of Holy Week, we encourage you to consider

Holy Week at Grace

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|  | Palm Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am |
|  | Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |
|  | Good Friday | 12:00 Noon |
|  | Easter Vigil | 8:00pm |
|  | Easter Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am |

attending each of the services of the Holy Triduum if you are able: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Collegium Ancora Concert May 5

Please mark your calendars for a special 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://collegiumancora.org) for information or to purchase tickets online.



Lenten Giving Cross

The Lenten Cross has been placed in the church, and even though the bulbs representing donation requests for foster families through our partner agency Children's Friend may have been claimed by now, gift cards to local grocery stores and general retail stores (e.g. Walmart, Target) are still 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.

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.

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.



EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

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!

Please dedicate my gift (circle one):
in honor of in memory of or in thanksgiving for (please print legibly):

Please place card with your gift in the envelopes provided, before Tuesday in Holy Week.

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:

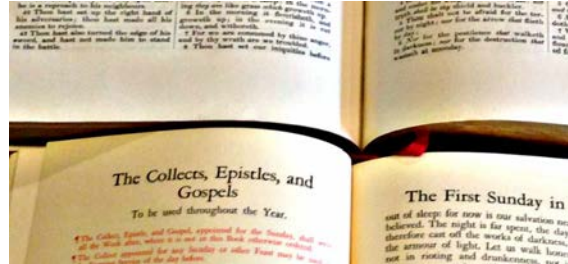
- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) On the **top level only** of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on

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.

April 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Way of Love in Lent - REST](#).
[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.

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.



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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.