



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

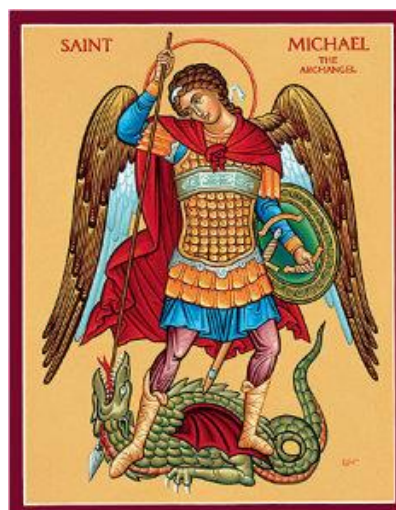
September 27, 2019

Spotlight on Grace: Feast of St Michael and All Angels

September 29 is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, and since that falls on a Sunday this year, we're going to celebrate it in church!

What this means for our worshipping community is the opportunity to sing some wonderful hymns, and for the choir to sing a special anthem, *Factum est silentium* by Renaissance composer Richard Dering. This dramatic anthem portrays through text and music the battle between St. Michael and the dragon (representative of the devil), or the battle between good and evil.

In addition, this week we welcome the Right Reverend Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, for his annual visitation. He will preach at both the 8AM and 10AM services. During the 10AM service, Bishop Knisely will confirm and receive four new members into the Episcopal Church. Join us for this mighty celebration! And we invite you to attend an informal Q&A session with Bishop Knisely at 9AM in the Chafee Room.



Blessing of the Animals October 6

Grace Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6, to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The Rector will bless the animals at the 10AM service. Grace Church welcomes everyone and their pets: dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, turtles, and toy pets that are brought to the church for the service and the blessing. The only requirement is that animals must be properly restrained, leashed or caged.



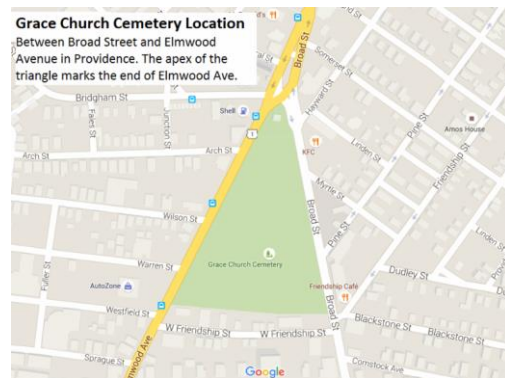
20s & 30s Group Potluck

The 20s & 30s Group at Grace is picking back up for the Fall season with its usual monthly potluck meal in The Pavilion on Thursday, Oct 3rd at 7PM. A special invitation is extended for anyone in the age cohort who hasn't attended yet. We are a lively, loving group and are excited to welcome even more into the fold to explore our faith and journey through life together. Please bring a dish to share if you're able and email any questions to 20s30s@gracepvd.org. We hope to see many of you there!



Grace Church Cemetery Cleanup

Join Trinity Gateway Historic Improvement Association (TGHIA) for our fall clean up of the Grace Church Cemetery, Saturday, October 5, from 9:00am to Noon. Participate in community and cleanup by lending a hand (or two) to help improve the experience and remembrance of this space. We will gather at the cemetery at 9:00am.



This clean up is being done in conjunction with Trinity Square Together, a collaboration of nonprofits and businesses working to make sustainable improvements to the Trinity Square area.

To support these periodic cemetery cleanup efforts, TGHIA has set up [a GoFundMe page](#), and we invite you to consider making a donation to help cover their costs.

Grace's Perpetual Food Drive

Grace Church's support of [Better Lives RI](#) (formerly known as PICA), forms a core component of our Outreach Ministry. If you've observed parishioners dropping off food donations on Sunday mornings, that's in support of our perpetual food drive to help stock the shelves of the food pantry at Better Lives RI. You'll find a basket located behind the back row of pews in the church, and your donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated. Peanut butter and canned protein are particularly well received. Leading up to Thanksgiving, you will hear more about our food drive as we make a particular effort to stock the food pantry shelves for the holiday season. In addition to this direct food support, Grace's Outreach Ministry also makes regular monetary contributions to Better Lives RI to support their operations.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

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:

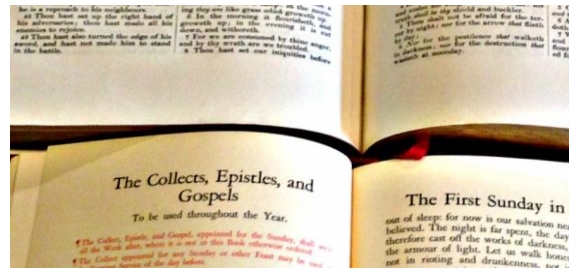
1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and

Snow; and

2.) 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.

September 29, 2019 The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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 go to: <https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/Michael.html>

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? Please email cbarker@gracepvd.org 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.
