



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 31, 2020

Spotlight on Grace The Feast of the Presentation - Candlemas

This Sunday is a special day in the life of the church, and we're not talking about Groundhog Day or the Superbowl! In the church calendar, February 2 is known as Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40. Because February 2 falls on a Sunday this year, we are able to celebrate this great feast of the church together. Our service on Sunday morning will begin in a slightly different manner this morning, with a brief ceremony near the baptismal font. This includes the Nunc Dimittis, or Song of Simeon, who was present, along with the prophetess Anna, when Mary and Joseph presented Christ in the temple. A candle will be lighted and blessed by the Rector, and carried in procession around the church as we sing the opening hymn. We give thanks for the richness of our liturgical life together and for the light of Christ in our lives.



Upcoming Music at Grace

Music for Candlemas

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers will sing When Mary to the Temple Went by Johannes Eccard and the Nunc dimittis from the Washington Evening Canticles by David Hogan for the 10AM Sung Eucharist on February 2nd as part of our observance of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple.





Thursdays at Noon Concerts Resume

This coming Thursday, February 6 at 12 Noon, classical saxophonist Bennett Parsons of Boston will present a 30-minute recital of music by J.S. Bach, George Gershwin, Paul Bonneau, and Niccolò Paganini.



Sonic Sonnets

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Music based on the Sonnets of
William Shakespeare & John Donne
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 4:00 PM

GRACE CHURCH | 300 WESTMINSTER ST. PROVIDENCE

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191st Annual Parish Meeting & Mardi Gras Party

The 191st Annual Parish Meeting will take place in The Pavilion following the 10AM Eucharist on February 23 at 11:30AM. Every annual meeting involves the election of new vestry members, a time for the congregation to hear from the officers of the vestry, specifically the senior warden and the treasurer.



191st Annual Meeting

That same evening, all are encouraged to return to Grace for a special Mardi Gras party that will be held in The Pavilion from 5:00-7:00PM. More information to follow!

20s/30s News

Sock Drive

The Grace 20s&30s Group invites you to donate to the Sock Drive on February 2nd & 9th. You'll find a red hamper in the Pavilion after the 10AM Eucharist where we will collect new, unopened packages of warm socks to be distributed to local agencies. During these cold winter months socks are the No. 1 item requested by organizations supporting communities in need. Please consider contributing to the drive to show some love to our neighbors this Valentine's season. Any questions can be directed to 20s30s@gracepvd.org



Monthly Dinner Reminder

The next 20s/30s community dinner will be held in The Pavilion on February 6th, beginning at 7:00PM. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass. This monthly potluck is an opportunity for fellowship and discussion of the Christian faith with peers.



Small-scale Styrofoam Recycling through Grace

On the first Sunday of each month, Grace Church will collect your carefully cleaned and dried styrofoam recyclables in a blue recycling barrel that will be placed outside the office entrance to The Pavilion, next to the handicapped ramp. The two recyclable categories of styrofoam are food-service foam (items such as styrofoam coffee cups, take-out containers, foam meat trays, etc.) and rigid packaging foam.



Items that are NOT recyclable through this program include packing peanuts and soft spongy foam. Key to the success of this program will be your cooperation in ensuring items are thoroughly cleaned and dried before drop-off.

Please be sure to ONLY bring foam recyclables on the first Sunday of a calendar month, as no recyclables will be collected on any other day. And please do not place recyclables of any other variety in the blue barrel... it is exclusively for styrofoam recyclables. Also, the scale of this recycling program is limited to the capacity of that single blue barrel, so if the barrel is full please hold your recyclables until the following month, or bring them directly to the RI Resource Recovery Corporation drop-off facility in Johnston.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

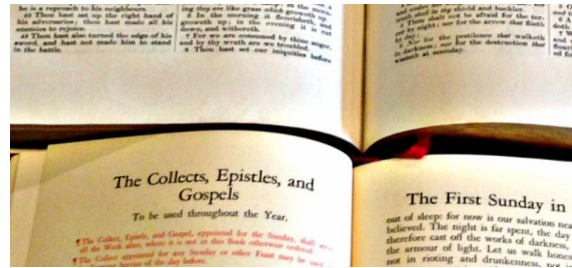
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

February 2, 2020

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple: Candlemas

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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 Feast of the Presentation](#).

[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.