



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 14, 2020

Spotlight on Grace: Know Thy Vestry

As new parishioners join the vestry, we like to feature them in these pages. Polly Wall, rather than being a new vestry member, rotates off the vestry this month after serving 8 1/2 years - the longest serving vestry member in recent memory. She was also senior warden and has been crucial to making Grace what it is today, so we're featuring her with great thanks as she finishes her term on the vestry. God bless you, Polly! – Jonathan+



Although I grew up (christened and confirmed) at Grace, in the days when Joan Martin and Ray Finelli taught Sunday School, I left after college for 3+ decades. In that time I married, had two delightful children, divorced and as a single mom, supported my family with a career mostly in finance, mostly in New York. I also served on the vestry at Christ Church Bronxville. But I was back in this church almost every magical musical Christmas Eve with my family.

When I remarried and returned to Providence in 2008, Grace was a very different community and it has developed in many wonderful ways ever since. With Jonathan Huyck's arrival as rector in 2010, I became more involved in various projects such as (chronologically), restoration of the cemetery cottage and installation of new fencing, negotiating the sale of Grace Church Apartments to Preservation of Affordable Housing "POAH" (which covered much of the Pavilion cost), joining the Capital Campaign committee, and working primarily with Liz Wheeler to get our splendid Pavilion built. While all that was fulfilling, most meaningful is the fellowship and support, particularly when each of my parents died and then with the untimely death of my husband.

Concurrently, Grace attracted completely new staff which have brought an abundance of outstanding music, stewardship, organization and care. As a member of this spirited and spiritual congregation, I have gained many new personal connections along with an increasing appreciation for the ideas, energy, gifts and openness of so many in our midst. I am very grateful that I was given this opportunity, 8-1/2 years on the vestry with 4 as senior warden, to contribute my own strengths. Thank you. Together we do so much. And we continue to have new things to celebrate and give thanks for! Going forward, I expect to remain active with the Finance & Investment committee.

Blessings to each of you,
Polly Wall

Upcoming Music at Grace

Thursdays at Noon

This coming Thursday, February 20 at 12 Noon, Associate Director of Music David Heinze plays works of J.S. Bach, Jāzeps Vītols, Charle-Marie Widor, Jehan Alain and Zoltàn Kodàly.



Music for the Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

10 AM Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass for St. Paul's - Vincent Edwards

Psalm 119:1-8 (Chant by George A. MacFarren)

Offertory Anthem: Lord, I trust thee - George Frederic Händel

Communion Anthem: Blessed are those - Thomas Tallis

Hymns: 616 (Es flog ein kleins), 641 (Southwell), 312 (Malabar), 347 (Litton)

Voluntaries: Adagio from Symphonie No. 2, Op. 13 - Charles-Marie Widor,

Pastorale - Jāzeps Vītols, March from Scipio - George Frederic Händel

Choral Compline

The next service of Choral Compline will be Sunday, February 16 at 8:00 PM. The men of the Grace Church Schola will sing Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony in a candlelit church with fragrant incense. Come and spend a half-hour in the stillness before the beginning of the week. Doors open at 7:30 PM.



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The poster features a background of soft, watercolor-style floral washes in shades of pink, blue, and green. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The anchor logo is a golden-yellow color.

191st Annual Parish Meeting

The 191st Annual Meeting of Grace Church will take place in The Pavilion following the 10 AM Eucharist on February 23 at 11:30 AM. The annual meeting involves the election of new vestry members, and a time for the congregation to hear from the officers of the vestry, specifically the senior warden and the treasurer. All are welcome to attend. The Vestry Nominating Committee has nominated Jeff Williams, Frank Ward, Liz Messier and Emily Pera to serve on the Vestry for three-year terms. Diane Stamp has been nominated as a delegate to the 2020 RI Diocesan Convention, and Sue Hall has been nominated as an alternate delegate to the Convention.



Grace Church Mardi Gras Party!

All are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras in The Pavilion with dinner and dancing from 5:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, February 23rd.

Lent is just around the corner, but it's not here yet! Jambalaya, beans and rice, and drinks will be provided. Please bring one of the following to share: appetizer, corn bread, salad, side dish or dessert. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*



20s/30s Sock Drive Report

The sock drive organized by the 20s/30s Group reports that 862 pairs were collected and will be split into thirds amongst three organizations: Mathewson Street United Methodist Church, Crossroads and Mobile Loaves & Fishes. We thank all who participated in donating nearly a thousand pairs of socks to the local community!



Self-Guided Tour of Grace Church

Ever wonder about the history of our beautiful church building? Who were the architects? When was the organ case installed? Of what kind of marble is the High Altar made? Why is the lectern in the shape of an eagle? If you would like to know the answer to these (and other burning questions!), pick up our new "Self-guided Tour of Grace" brochure, available at the back of the church.



ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26

12 Noon and 7:00 PM

*Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Music of Lloyd and Allegri at 7 PM*



And looking ahead into Lent . . .

Thursdays at 6:00 PM

*Contemplative Eucharist with prayers and music from the Celtic tradition,
with homilies by lay preachers.
Followed by a simple supper and brief presentations on Music, Art, Literature,
Architecture, and History as relates to the Canterbury pilgrimages.*

Fridays at 12 Noon

The Way of the Cross

*A short liturgy during which participants walk from station to station throughout the
church to pray and commemorate Christ's journey to Mount Calvary.*

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:

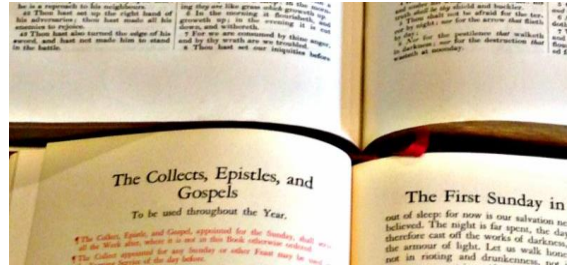
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.



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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: [Oasis: Young Adult and Campus Ministries Conference 2020](#).

[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.