



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 21, 2020

Spotlight on Grace: Mardi Gras!

"Make a joyful noise!" - Psalm 100:1

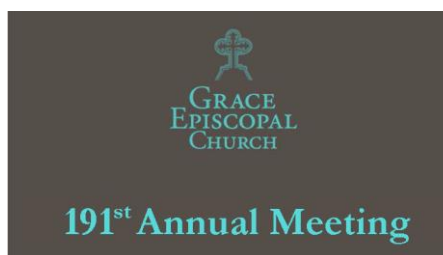
Christians all over the world celebrate this time just prior to Lent as a period of feasting before the Lenten fast. The English term for the day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, from an Old English term for obtaining forgiveness of sins. It is traditional in England to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, since they contain butter and eggs - foods that might be avoided during the Lenten fast. In fact, the Russian word for the period just before Lent is "Maslenitsa", from the Russian word for butter, "masla." Most Americans know this festival by its French name, "Mardi Gras" or "Fat Tuesday," and associate it with New Orleans. In years past Grace has hosted a pancake supper, but this year we're celebrating as they might in New Orleans (well, as a *church* might in New Orleans!).



So join us in The Pavilion at Grace for dinner and dancing from 5:00-7:00 PM this Sunday, February 23rd, as we "make a joyful noise." 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. Sarah Barker (wife of Chris Barker, our Director of Administration), a professional dance instructor, will guide us in some line dancing to traditional Mardi Gras music. Kids are most welcome! (Limited parking is available in the church lot as well as on the south side of Chapel Street across from the church, and street parking is always free on Sunday.)

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26

12 Noon and 7:00 PM

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



Weekday Worship during Lent

Thursdays at 6:00 PM

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

Preachers

March 5: Drake Douglas
March 12: Jennifer West
March 19: Judith Suthphen
March 26: Ryan Weimer
April 2: Morayo Akande

Presenters

Jonathan Huyck & Vince Edwards (Music)
Matthew Sneider (Literature)
Andrew Raftery (Art)
Charles Carroll (History)
Benjamin Willis (Architecture)

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.

Upcoming Music at Grace

Thursdays at Noon

This coming Thursday, February 27 at 12 Noon, Clara Gerdes, a Master's candidate in Organ Performance at Yale University, School of Music and Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue, NYC will present a 30-minute organ recital. Composers featured will include César Franck, Rachel Laurin, Charles-Marie Widor, and Max Reger.



Music for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany Sung Eucharist at 10:00 AM

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

Psalm 99 (Chant by George A. MacFarren)

Offertory Anthem: The Transfiguration - Larry King

Communion Anthem: Christ upon the mountain peak - Paul Bouman

Hymns: 410 (Lauda anima), 137 (Warham), 133 (Elmhurst), 460 (Hyfrydol)

Voluntaries: Chaconne from Suite for Organ - Gerald Near, Ite missa est from Missa Brevis - Zoltàn Kodály

Choral Evensong

On Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 PM the Grace Church Choristers will sing a service of Choral Evensong with music by David Halls, Christopher Jennings, David Hogan, and Charles Wood. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.



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.



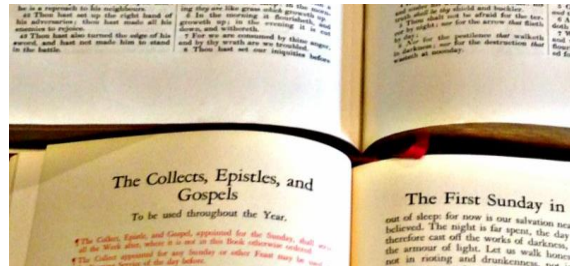
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: [What is Lent?](#)

[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.