



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 28, 2020

Spotlight on Grace: An Important Message from Grace Church

Friends,

We have all been hearing and reading about the spread of COVID-19 (the coronavirus) in recent days, which has many of us concerned or downright afraid. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:34, "do not worry about tomorrow... today's trouble is enough for today." But he doesn't say we shouldn't *plan* for tomorrow, and so we are urging everyone to take sensible precautions so as to stay healthy ([recommendations from the CDC are here](#)). A few words, now, about some precautions here in church:



- We have bottles of hand sanitizer available in the pews; please use them! Those participating in the service, especially the clergy and those serving at the altar, will use them frequently.
- We suggest remaining in your pews at the Peace and simply bowing to one another, rather than shaking hands.
- The Holy Eucharist may be received in one kind (bread) only; receiving in one kind has all the spiritual benefits of both. If you do receive wine, please drink from the chalice. According to the CDC "the risk for infectious disease transmission by a common communion cup is very low, and appropriate safeguards--that is, wiping the interior and exterior rim between communicants, use of care to rotate the cloth during use, and use of a clean cloth for each service - would further diminish this risk." *American Journal of Infection Control* (Vol. 26, No. 5, 1998). Intincting (dipping) is NOT a sanitary substitute, as many people's fingers touch the wine. For the time being, please do not intinct.
- The receiving line following the service will include conversation but not physical

contact. In general at Grace Church, we should refrain from shaking hands until this virus passes.

- We ask those serving at coffee hour to please wash their hands or use sanitizer prior to serving.
- We encourage all of you to stay home when you are ill, so that you may recover and others may stay healthy. For anyone missing church, the Sunday sermon is uploaded to our website each Sunday after church [here](#), and every weekly eNews we send out contains that Sunday's opening collect (prayer) and a link to the Bible readings that Sunday.

Thank you for following the guidelines listed above and for your care of yourselves, your families, and your fellow parishioners.

Lenten blessings,
Jonathan

Weekly Worship During Lent

Wednesdays

12 Noon Spoken Eucharist with sermon in the Chapel of the Messiah.

Your Journey of Lent at
Grace Church in Providence

Thursdays

March 5 - April 2, 6:00 PM

Contemplative Eucharist with music and prayers from the Celtic tradition and a brief sermon. A light supper and brief presentation in The Pavilion follows.



Preachers

Presenters

March 5: Drake Douglas	Jonathan Huyck & Vince Edwards
March 12: Jennifer West	Matthew Sneider (Literature)
March 19: Judith Sutphen	Andrew Raftery (Art)
March 26: Ryan Weimer	Charles Carroll (History)
April 2: Morayo Akande	Benjamin Willis (Architecture)

Fridays

February 28 - April 3, 12 Noon - 12:30 PM

The Way of the Cross: A short liturgy in which participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross.

Free Anglican Rosary Workshop

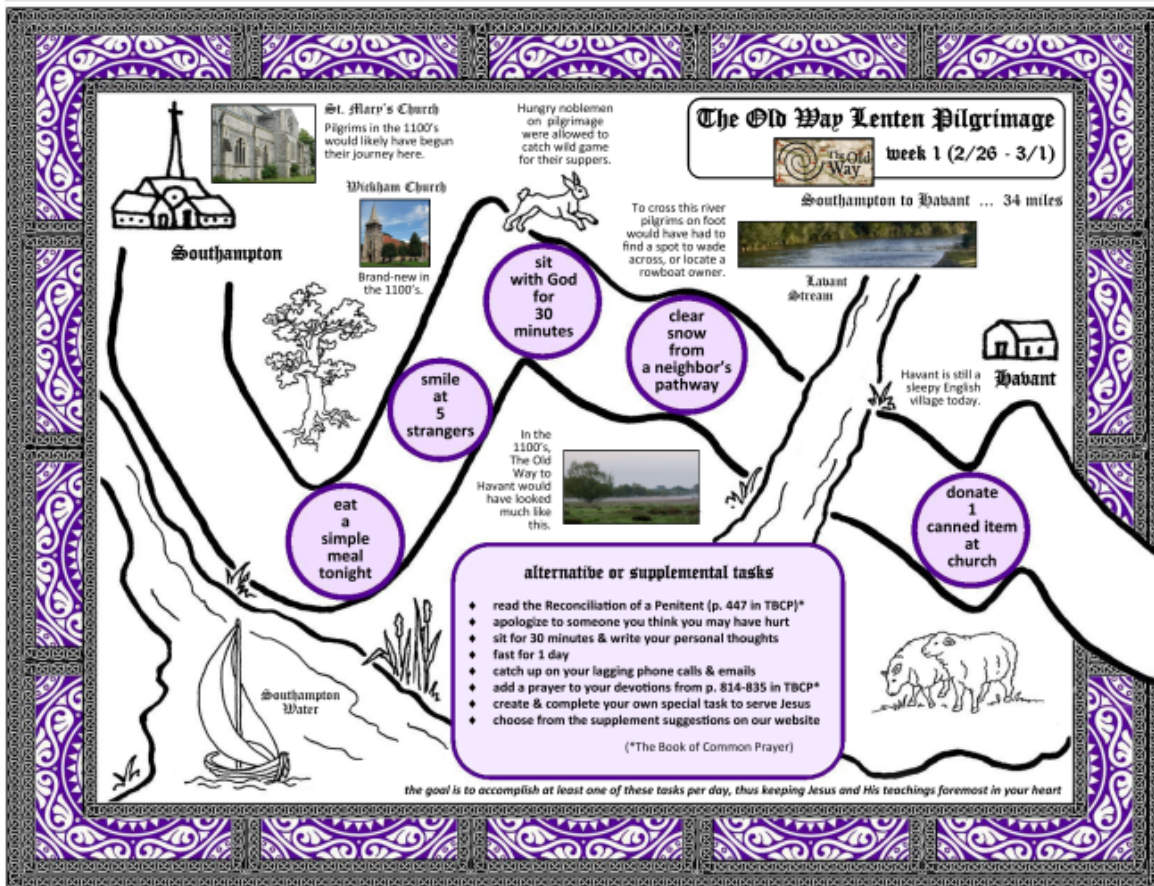
On Saturday February 29th from 10:30AM to 12 Noon, Michele Adamo, Deacon-in-Training will be leading a Rosary-making workshop. Please enter through the Pavilion reception entrance facing our parking lot off Chapel Street.

All beads will be supplied, as well as a selection of items (crosses, flatbeads for the Old Way logo, ladybugs, etc.) for the terminal bead. No experience necessary!



Virtual Lenten Pilgrimage Map: Week 1

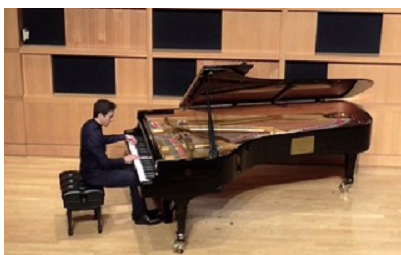
Each week, we will issue a map depicting the week's Lenten journey, showing what King Henry II and his retinue might have seen in the 12th century along the way on their 244-mile penitential pilgrimage from Southampton to Canterbury. Progress through the map is made by performing one or more of the instructions which appear in circles; if a particular task does not appeal to you, additional suggestions are given on each map, and an expanded list in the document headed, "Observing Lent: One Step at a Time." Prayer is one of the three major Lenten disciplines.



Upcoming Music at Grace

Thursdays at Noon

On Thursday, March 5 at 12 Noon, Juan Carlos Rios Betancur, Director of Music at The Church of the Redeemer in Providence will offer a piano recital that will feature works by Paul Bowles, Isaac Albéniz, and Ernesto Lecuona. Juan is a talent pianist from Colombia, having just received his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from West Virginia University.



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.



Diocesan Choral Festival

On Saturday, March 7, Grace, St. Luke's, East Greenwich, and St. John's, Newport will be hosting the Annual Diocesan Choral Festival at Grace Church. The guest director this year is Graeme McCullough, Organist & Director of Music at All Saint's Episcopal Church, Worcester, M.A. Choristers and choir members from each of the three participating parishes will come together for a day of rehearsals with Graeme and then sing a service of Choral Evensong that evening at 5:00 PM. Music featured will be by composers Christopher Jennings, David Halls, Charles Wood, David Hogan, and Ivor Atkins. A reception will follow evensong in The Pavilion. Please do join us for this wonderful annual collaboration between parishes of our diocese!



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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Styrofoam Recycling

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.

Lenten Giving Cross Begins March 8

Beginning on the Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, the Outreach Ministry at Grace Church invites you to bring diapers and baby wipes for our annual Lenten Cross Drive. These much-needed supplies will be donated to families served by Children's Friend. The Lenten Cross will be placed in The Pavilion beginning March 8, and donated supplies can be placed there through Lent.

In prior years we've requested a broader range of goods, but Children's Friend informs that the particular need for diapers and wipes is substantial. [Children's Friend](#) promotes the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable young children. Thank you to all who may donate.



March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



For the text of the readings for The First Sunday in Lent, [please click here.](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent](#)

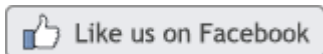
[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)

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.

Connect with Grace

This Sunday's Readings

Listen to Recent Sermons



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.