

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 27, 2020

## A Weekly Message from the Rector



[Click here](#) or on the image above to watch!



In response to a request from Open Doors RI, an organization that helps homeless people in Pawtucket, we are sharing [this link](#) for a Volunteer Sign-Up to assist in an initiative to help those less fortunate than us.

[Click here](#) or on the logo image above to find out more about Open Doors.

## Voices of Grace: "Virtual" Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to continue building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning we will send an email, post on Facebook and upload to Vimeo a short worship video put together by our staff that will feature clergy and parishioners participating in "virtual worship" reading lessons from scripture, preaching, and music all from their homes. Keep a look out for Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship every Sunday morning!



If you'd like to print the service leaflet for this Sunday's Virtual Worship please [click here](#).

## Please Consider Electronic Giving to Sustain your Pledge

During this period of disruption, we kindly ask parishioners to sustain their support as they're able. While the proportion of parishioners giving electronically has grown in recent years, many still make their offerings at worship. Mailing your pledge payments to the church is



certainly an option, but many may better appreciate the convenience of establishing secure and recurring electronic pledge payments right from a checking account. This can be accomplished on your computer [by clicking here](#), or also quite conveniently by using the GivePlus app on your phone. [Here's a video tutorial](#) on using the GivePlus app. Thank you for continuing to shine your light upon Grace Church.

### Schedule Pledge Payments Online

1. Visit:

[gracechurchprovidence.org](http://gracechurchprovidence.org)

2. On the home page, click the "Pray/Serve/Give" graphic to reach the giving page shown here.

3. Click "Create Your Online Profile".

4. Follow the prompts to complete your pledge.

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Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions

Enjoy the convenience of recurring pledge contributions created through this easy-to-use mobile giving app.

Establish regular weekly or monthly offerings, or respond to special appeals... all right on your smartphone!

1. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app.

2. Enter "Grace Church in Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (e.g. Pledge), and you're on your way.

3. Consider sourcing your contribution from a checking or savings account to maximize your contribution, or if using a card please consider selecting the option: "Help Offset the Processing Fee".

## Portraits of Grace

During this period of social distancing, it comforts us to recall our moments together and reflect upon the strength and vibrancy of our Grace Church community.



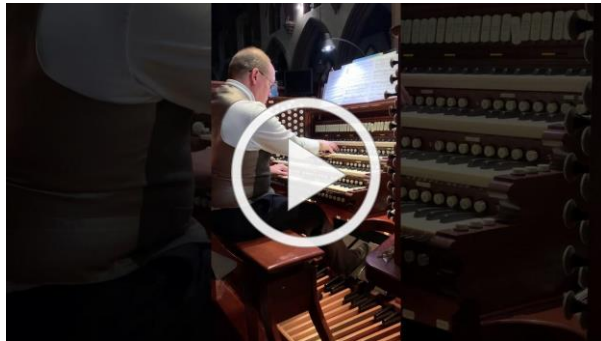
This photo is from our parish barbecue on June 24, 2018; our first event in the courtyard following the Fall 2017 completion of The Pavilion.

It's important to remember that we will enjoy moments like these together again. And while we await that return to normalcy, we encourage you to reach out to each other and share some fellowship over the phone.

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## **"Virtual" Thursdays at Noon Concerts March 26, 2020**

Though our normal Thursdays at Noon Concert Series has been temporarily put on hold, the parish musicians will continue the music online! [Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music at Grace play a short program of music by Kenneth Leighton, Felix Mendelssohn, and others.



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## **Details of the Temporary Closure at Grace**

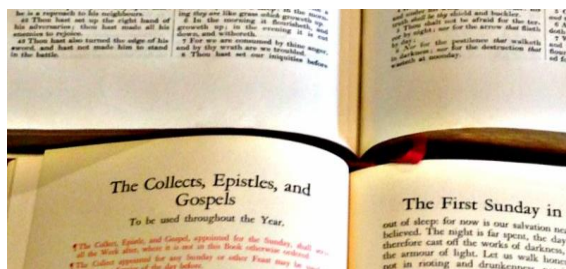
This closure impacts all parish activities at least through the end of March (and likely through May), including Sunday worship, the Open Doors ministry, the Wednesday Eucharist, the Thursday Noon concert, the Thursday Lenten Eucharist and dinner, the Stations of the Cross liturgy on Fridays, all meetings and ministry gatherings, all music lessons and choir rehearsals, and the Compline services which had been scheduled for this Sunday evening. We will continue to send a weekly ENews, so please stay tuned for further updates and some form of online worship experience that we intend to provide.

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## March 29, 2020

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



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

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

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