

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church _____ April 30, 2021

Spotlight: Know Thy Vestry

Know Thy Vestry is an ongoing series appearing periodically to help parishioners get to know members of the Vestry of Grace Church. The nomination of Michael D'alesandre to the Vestry was approved at the 192nd Annual Meeting of the Parish in February, alongside Joseph Berryhill and Nicholas Halar. Today's spotlight is on Michael D'Alesandre.



I am a new vestry member, and a fairly new Grace Church parishioner, having joined in August, 2018. I'm a fourth-generation Episcopalian, and a child of clergy. I have been employed as an officer in the home equity area of a large regional bank since 2003, and reside in North Providence.

My father's somewhat unexpected death in 2017 brought a time of great sorrow, and concurrent discernment was that a parish change was in order. With recalling that my most pleasant memories of parish life growing up were at the larger parishes, Grace Church immediately came to mind.

I have not been disappointed, as Grace is a large, vibrant, diverse parish, with a great music program and clergy. As Grace has a tradition of a competent, devoted vestry, I pray for Our Lord's guidance to continue to uphold this tradition with my fellow vestry members, as we are charged with great responsibility for our beloved Grace Church. I look forward to serving and working with all of you!

PSA: For your Sunday morning commute to Grace Church!



This weekend (May 1-2) the Providence Marathon will be taking place through the downtown area. The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority has issued a list of road closures and detours for the weekend, [which can be found by clicking here.](#)

To view a map of the Marathon route, [please click here.](#)

If you are planning on attending Sunday morning worship in person, we hope these links will help you prepare for your route to and from church!

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, April 29, we welcomed **Cheryl Bishkoff**, Principal Oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra. Cheryl played works by Robert Valentine, Carl Nielsen, and Émile Paladilhle, and was accompanied by Vince Edwards.



[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch the recorded concert!

Next week's artist will be Clara Gerdes Bartz, a recent graduate of the Organ Department at Yale University. Clara will play works by William Walton, Maurice Duruflé, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and a work by Franz Liszt that she transcribed for the organ herself.



If you would like to attend the Thursday Concerts in person, please email Vince Edwards at vedwards@gracepvd.org with you Name and Phone Number.

Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming this and all concerts going forward. The recordings of the live-streamed concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

Sunday Morning Worship: In Person and Live-streamed

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

The service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The services will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning.



Sunday Morning Links

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for The Fifth Sunday of Easter, [please click here.](#)

If you would like to attend a Sunday morning service 'in person', pre-registration is required.

To pre-register your attendance, please [click here.](#)

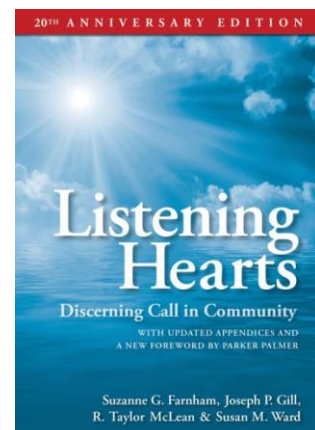
In person attendees will be required to abide by social distancing norms as well as wear a mask for the entirety of the service (besides when consuming communion). We are currently limited to 40 spots, thus the sooner you pre-register the better!

**Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together, we hope you join us either in person or 'virtually' online!
As always, ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!**

Listening Hearts: A Five Week Series

The pandemic has changed us in ways yet to be realized. The Rev. Jennifer West is inviting those so inclined to prayerfully dialogue about our present relationship with God through a five week discussion series based on the renowned book *Listening Hearts* by Suzanne Farnham and others.

Entering its 30th anniversary this book helps readers to "clarify and expand their understanding of call, ministry, discernment, and



community as they relate to one another.” Designed for those with an appreciation for silence and listening, each discussion session will center on an aspect of discernment: What is Call for the Christian?, What is Discernment?, What Conditions Help to Discern God’s Call?, Is It God We Are Hearing?, and Why Is Christian Community Important in Hearing God’s Call?

Beginning on May 22 (Memorial Day Weekend excluded) on Saturday mornings, participants are expected to read *Listening Hearts* before the first session and, to maintain the coherence of the group, to commit to faithful attendance. Interested in participating or learning more? Please [contact Grace Church](#) or [Jennifer West](#) or call Jennifer at 401 867-0474.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Group

The Wednesday prayer group invites all parishioners to join them in prayer via Zoom every Wednesday at noon. If you can't make that time but would still like to have their prayer list for your own prayers, you can request that list instead. Either way, contact Adrienne Southgate at asouthgate1@cox.net to join in.

May 2, 2021 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

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