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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. For this edition, we highlight new Vestry member Nicholas Halar.

When I walked into Grace Church for the first time in 2014, I instantly knew that I was home. Since my childhood, church has been an important part of my life. My grandmother instilled in me a deep faith and a reverence for worship from a very young age. Through my formative years and into college, I was very active in music ministry and, after graduation, took an organist position as the Director of Music Ministry at Blessed Sacrament Church in Providence. When my husband Bryan and I became engaged in 2013, I knew that I needed to find a faith home that accepted us for who we were. I was instantly drawn to the Episcopal Church and, from day one, the warmth of Grace welcomed us into the fold. Finding Grace Church was a lifeboat at a very tumultuous period in my life and, since then, this faith community has kept us afloat through everything that life has thrown at us. Early in my time at Grace, I was “volun-told” by Jonathan to become active in various ministries. Since then, I have been a Lector and Intercessor, Chalice Bearer, member of the amazing Grace Choir, Interim Outreach Ministry Chair and, now, Vestry Member. I am so excited to be part of a group of loving, caring and dedicated individuals, guiding for our church as we move forward into a new “normal” post-pandemic.



In the outside world, I work in Human Resources for a global forensic accounting firm out of Providence and I am the Director of Music for The Chorus of Kent County, a 100-voice community chorus in West Warwick. Between work, music and my amazing family (human and furry), I am beyond blessed.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve the parishioners of Grace in this capacity and promise to do my best for you and future generations, as we safeguard our spiritual home.

Sunday Morning Worship: In Person Only on July 4, 2021

Due to a shortage of available Audio/ Visual Volunteers, we will not be able to stream this coming Sunday's 10:00 AM Eucharist service. We hope you can join us in person!

If you are interested in serving as an Audio/Visual Volunteer, please contact David Heinze, at dheinze@gracepvd.org.



If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**, [please click here](#).

Pre-registration for services is no longer required!

Updated COVID-19 guidelines:

Fully vaccinated individuals are welcome to either wear masks or not, purely at their election.

Individuals who have not been vaccinated are kindly asked to wear masks while on the premises.

**Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!**

Summer Chapel Begins July 11

We'll worship in the church for July 4th, and then transition to The Pavilion at Grace for Summer Chapel beginning July 11th.



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.



July 4, 2021
The Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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