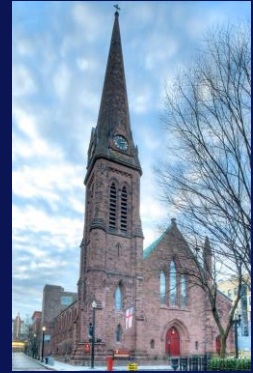


GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 10, 2023

Spotlight: Know Thy Vestry - Laurie DiBattista



I was brought up Catholic and attended parochial schools from kindergarten through high school. When my husband Joe and I were married in 2001, we started going to St. Joseph's Church on Hope Street in Providence, but I just never felt welcomed in the Catholic Church since it was our second marriage. I was unable to receive communion and always felt looked down upon. We decided to leave the church and started attending many churches and denominations. It wasn't until we came to Grace Church that we felt so welcome (truly welcomed!). Grace had a community of diverse individuals and families that really cared. It was more than going to church and rushing out to get home. It is the mingling and conversations that I enjoy most. Parishioners calling me out of the blue, because we were missing from church for more than a couple of weeks. It is the hospitality and support that I have become dependent upon. I look forward to coming every week. In all my years attending services at different churches, I have never felt this way. It is truly a blessing. As a caregiver for Joe now, I really lean on several of our parishioners for just the conversations, prayers and laughs we have. For Ministries, I am the parish treasurer and a vestry member, I serve on the finance committee and have volunteered numerous times with through outreach at Grace.

Grace parishioners might not know that not only am I a Nana, I am also a Great Nana! I have 2 sons that live locally in RI and are Firefighters and RNs. Between the 2, I have 3 grandchildren. I have a great granddaughter who lives locally that I am blessed to spend a lot of time with. My mom of 90 is still living and my best friend. I am truly lucky to have 3 out of my 4 siblings living within 5 miles of each other. We spend a lot of time together as a family.

I have worked at Collette in Pawtucket for 24 years, retiring this December as a Senior Tax Director. I am really looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren and hoping to pick new interests to keep me going.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder

This coming Sunday, March 12, is Daylight Savings Time!

So remember to SPRING forward by one hour the night before so you aren't late to church!



"Thou shalt set the time one hour ahead, no more, no less. One hour ahead shalt the clock be set, and the setting of the clock shalt be one hour ahead . . .

PROVIDENCE  SINGERS

Artistic Director
Christine Noel



Finding the Light

with the
Aurea Ensemble

featuring

Requiem by Maurice Duruflé

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten

Holding the Light by B.E. Boykin

Only in Sleep by Ēriks Ešņvalds

The Light Dawns on a Weary World by Mack Wilberg

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 7:00pm

Grace Episcopal Church, Providence

Sunday, March 12, 2023, 3:00pm

St. Mary on the Bay, Warren



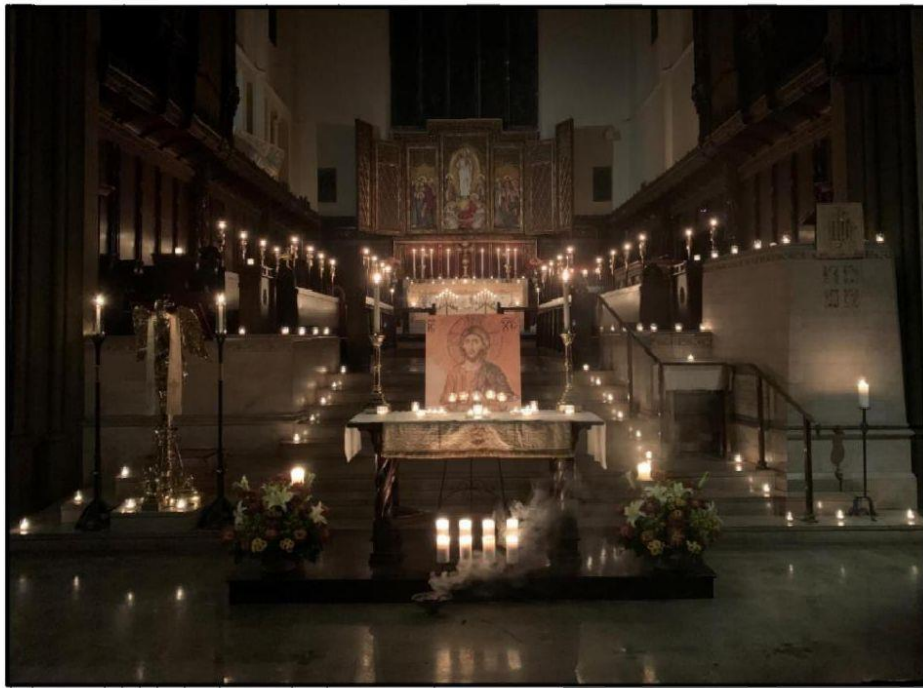
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CHORAL COMPLINE



**30-minutes of Gregorian Chant,
and unaccompanied Renaissance Polyphony**
sung amongst hundreds of candles and fragrant incense

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

8:00 PM

Doors open at 7:30 PM



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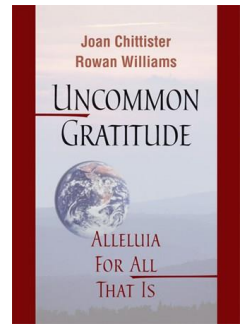
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Lent at Grace Church

Grace Church has several additional offerings during the penitential and reflective season of Lent which are listed in the **Lent 2023 Brochure** found on **the tables in the rear of the church**. We hope that these opportunities will guide and aid your prayers and spiritual life during Lent, so please do join us!



Lenten Book Club: "Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is"

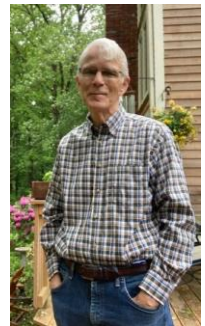


This is a six-session book club from the Episcopal Church on "Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is" by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams. The book is broken into three sections: discovering what we are, becoming who we are, and growing into the unknown; however, we'll break this up a bit more to decrease the reading for each session. This is a perfect book to explore during Lent because as the book jacket describes, it looks at things which are easy to give thanks for and some that are much harder.

For more information [please click here](#), and to register [please use this link](#).

Thursday Lenten Eucharists

Next **Thursday, March 16 at 6:00 PM**, join us each week for a short Eucharist service with music, prayers, and a brief sermon preached by "priest-parishioners", retired clergy who have made Grace Church their spiritual home. The service takes place in the Chancel near the High Altar amongst candlelight and incense for a more intimate worship experience. A light potluck supper in The Pavilion follows the service. The next preacher in the series is **The Rev. Michael Coburn**.



The Way (Stations) of the Cross

Grace Church will offer the short liturgy of The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross") **every Friday at 12 Noon during Lent**. During this lunchtime service participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross.



Coffee Hour Donations Needed!

Ever wonder where that delicious food at Coffee Hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at Coffee Hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion before church. Your fellow parishioners thank you!



Thursdays @ Noon Concerts Dr. Sarah Simko, *Organ* March 16, 2023

Next Thursday, we welcome organist Sarah Simko, Associate Organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit and Instructor of Organ at Madonna University in Livonia, MI. She



received her Bachelors degree from the Eastman School of Music, and is the recipient of a Graduate Award from the Presser Foundation, to be used to create a comprehensive set of recordings of organ music by living American female composers. She will play a free, 30-minute program music by Marcel Dupré, Anne Wilson, Chelsea Chen, and Olivia Margaret Ontko.

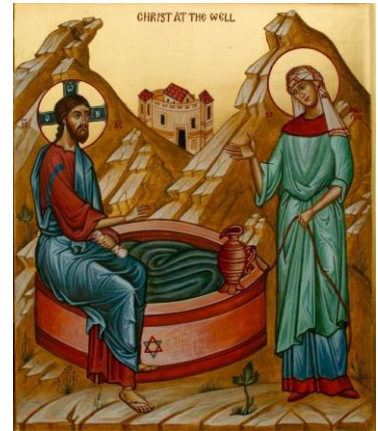
To view upcoming concerts, [please click here!](#)

The Thursdays @ Noon Concert Series serves as a form of outreach to the greater metropolitan area of Providence by providing diverse programs of music, **free of charge** for the enjoyment of the community and any visitors to the city.

Sunday Morning Worship: The Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM 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.

Sunday Morning YouTube Link: [Click here!](#)



This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

To view the Order of Service for The Third Sunday in Lent, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

March 12, 2023 The Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Third Sunday in Lent**, [please click here.](#)

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