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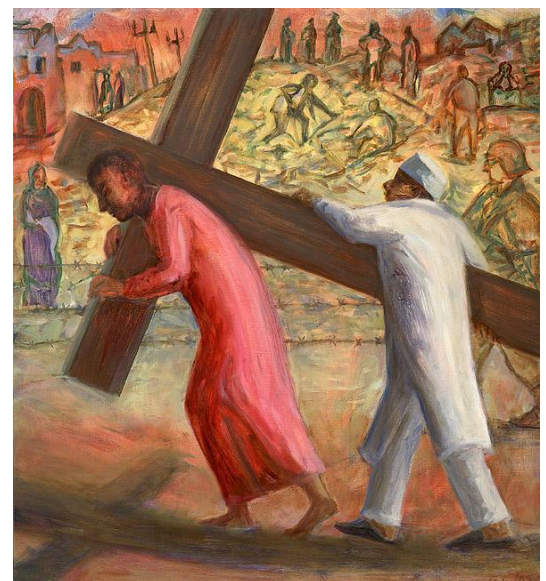
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST GWYNETH LEECH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024
10:30 AM – 12 NOON

Join us for a free presentation given by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech as she shares her creative process for creating the Stations of the Cross images that are used during the season of Lent at Grace Church. Originally created in 2005 for St. Paul's Church on the Green in Norwalk, C.T., this set of images has gained international attention. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the artist and delve deeper into these powerful artistic expressions. A light lunch is included at Noon. www.gwynethleeche.com

The Way (Stations) of the Cross Services during Lent

The Way of the Cross (also known as The Stations of the Cross) services begin **today, Friday, February 16 at 12:00 Noon**. Join us for this short liturgy during which participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross. This service lasts about 25 minutes and is scheduled for every Friday at 12 Noon during Lent (*with the exception of March 1st due to an event*).



Lent at Grace 2024 Brochure

The penitential and reflective season of Lent begins next week as Christians around the world observe Ash Wednesday. Here at Grace Church we will have several additional offerings during Lent which are listed in the Lent 2024 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!

To view a PDF version of the brochure, [please click here!](#)



CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 PM

Doors open at 7:30 PM

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

Thursday Lenten Eucharists

Beginning next **Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 PM**, join us each week for a short Eucharist service with music, prayers, and a brief reflection on specific pieces of Christian artwork offered by lay parishioners of Grace Church. 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 first preacher in the series is our Director of Youth Ministries, **Vivian Blais**. She will offer a reflection on the painting known as "[The Sistine Madonna](#)" by the 16th century Italian artist [Raphael](#).

The Annual Parish Meeting

The 195th Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place in The Pavilion immediately **following 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 25 (during Coffee Hour)** to hear reports from parish leaders and to elect vestry members. The Vestry Nominating Committee will present the following slate for the Vestry: for a second, three-year term – **Joseph Berryhill and Michael D'Alesandre**, for a first, full, three-year term – **Clinton Crocker and Peter Dugan**, and for Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate – **Frank Ward and Ken Reeves**.



SACRED ARTWORK FOR LENT:

A VISIT TO THE RISD MUSEUM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024
6:00 PM

In place of the usual Thursday Lenten Eucharist on February 29, we invite you to a special event which will be held at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum (located at 20 North Main in Providence). Parishioner and RISD Professor and Artist Andrew Raftery will lead us through the exploration of four sacred works of art, ranging from the 13th to the 20th centuries, in the RISD Museum's collection.

Meet Andrew at the Benefit Street entrance to the museum (corner of Benefit and Waterman Streets) by 6:00 PM. There is a coffee shop there where you can gather.

Parking suggestions: There is a parking lot on Steeple Street by New Rivers, but there should be parking on Benefit by Atheneum Row and on College between North Main and Benefit Streets. Carpooling is encouraged!

Shawl Ministry Update

We have once again agreed to make shawls for an Ignatian Spiritual Retreat. Colette Cook has requested 15 shawls for the women who are recovering from homelessness and addiction. She thanks us for our handiwork, saying: "These shawls will be a tangible expression of God's love and care for our retreatants." Would you please let me know if you, (or your friend or family member), could commit to making 1 shawl,

using any yarn, in any pattern, **by November 1st?** Call or email Jane Ditmars (Shawl Ministry Co-ordinator) with any questions you may have: (610) 657-5600 or janeditmars@gmail.com



CHORAL EVENSONG CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MUSIC BY C.V. STANFORD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 4:00 PM

The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church sings music by the 19th century Anglo-Irish composer Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), in observance of 100 years since his death. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

Sunday Morning Worship **The First Sunday in Lent**

~ 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 First Sunday in Lent**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The First Sunday in Lent **February 18, 2024**

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 texts of the readings for **The First Sunday in Lent**,
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