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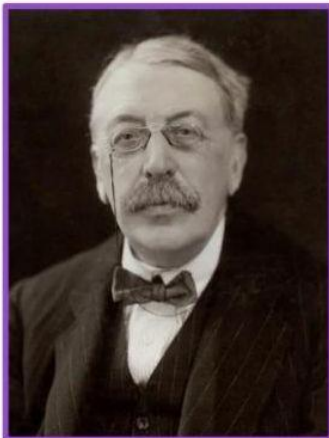


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 23, 2024

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**.



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.



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!

March 3rd is Refugee Bin Day at Grace Church

In recent years people at Grace Church have contributed more than two dozen bins of supplies to help greet and settle newly arrived refugees in our community. Now some of those bins are empty, needing to be “adopted” (and filled) for a new set of new arrivals. We have about a dozen bins which we are handing out along with a list of desired items for different rooms (e.g. kitchen, child’s room, single adult, etc). Or, you can provide your own bin! Since this is a wonderful way to translate a Lenten spiritual discipline into a physical act of love for our (new) neighbors, please pick up a list/bin on Sunday, choose a room, and **return it (filled) in two weeks by March 17th**, so we can be ready for Holy Week the following week! Thanks for your participation in this unusual Grace ministry.



Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island Executive Director Visit *Sunday, March 3rd at 9:15am in The Pavilion*

Join us as we welcome Kathy Cloutier at Grace. Kathy will give a short presentation in the Pavilion about the work Dorcas International is doing here in Rhode Island and the impact we here at Grace Church have made.

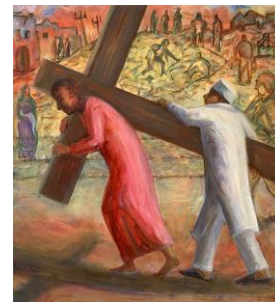
A seasoned, visionary and versatile executive with more than two decades of leadership experience within both the non-profit and private sectors, Kathy Cloutier is a steadfast proponent of equity, opportunity and social justice. She is a founding member of Rhode Island’s Immigrant Coalition, the Greater Providence Adult Education Consortium, and Rhode Island’s Refugee Support Network. Kathy is now in her 10th year serving as the Executive



Director of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, a multi-service organization assisting more than 5,000 immigrants, refugees and established residents in need each year, as they seek to build a successful life in Rhode Island.

The Way (Stations) of the Cross Services during Lent

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!](#)

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



Sunday Morning Worship **The Second 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 Second Sunday in Lent**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The Second Sunday in Lent **February 25, 2024**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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

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