

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 31, 2024

Grace's new Director of Administration: Michele Adamo

A native of Baltimore, Michele Adamo lived in Pennsylvania before moving to Rhode Island in 1997. Michele has a Bachelor's degree in English from Bucknell University and has more than 20 years working in the world of marketing and communications. Most recently, she served for several years as Office & Communications Manager at Beneficent Congregational Church on Weybosset Street. She is a committed volunteer who has served in a number of roles for organizations as diverse as Sts. Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church, Dorcas International Institute, and PeaceLove Studios. Though Michele's work at Grace will be as the Director of Administration, she's also an ordained Episcopal deacon, having served at Grace Church for several months in 2020 as part of her diaconal training. We're thrilled to have her back at Grace...full time!



Pride Volunteers Needed

Building upon the unforgettable fun and fellowship shared in years past, Grace Church will once again have a booth during Rhode Island PrideFest on **Saturday, June 15, 2024**. We are seeking a number of volunteers to join us at the booth in shifts to help set up, take down, and share information and excitement about our wonderful faith community with PrideFest attendees. To sign up for a shift or the please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour. **Please email Ian Rossi at iangrossi@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up. *N.B. Even if you don't identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, our straight-identifying allies are most welcome to help out at the booth as well!***



Summer Choir

During the summer months we will enjoy the leadership of our Summer Choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns, psalm, and a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please email Vince Edwards for more information. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir 'uniform' - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes.



Grace Church Pride Apparel

Grace Church Pride T-Shirts and Tanks that feature the Grace Church Rainbow Window logo (designed by former parishioner Ben Willis) will be available next weekend in a variety of sizes to purchase for \$20 to cover the cost of producing them. These will be available for purchase at our booth at PrideFest and at the Church during Coffee Hour! Spread the message of our loving and open faith community by buying one and wearing it proudly!



Outreach Ministry Refugee Apartments Update

Dorcas Institute's mission is to ensure that newly arrived individuals or families have a place to move into, but the housing situation is not always ideal. For example, some families are having to move in together, or temporarily stay in hotels. While this is only a temporary issue as they build relationships with housing organizations and local landlords, they have not been able to engage our team with volunteer activities of late. They hope to get back to normal soon, but in the meantime, they are asking if we know of any landlords willing to work with Dorcas on renting properties to their clients. If anyone is interested or knows of a person/group willing to rent to Dorcas, they can email Emily directly at ecrandell@diiri.org.



We also received two letters in the past few weeks from Dorcas which I have transposed here. The first is from a Care Manager in response to our Bin Drive.

Dear Grace Church,

My name is Paige and I'm a Refugee Care Manager at Dorcas. I and the whole team are very grateful for your generous donation. By your donation, you have helped so many of our clients, and we are able to offer more services to them as well. Dorcas wouldn't be who we are without the help of very generous and compassionate organizations like you all.

Thank you so much

- Paige Jones

The second was sent during National Volunteer Week:

Dear Grace Church,

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of your volunteers who lend their time to clean and prepare homes for new arrivals. We are so grateful for our partnership this National Volunteer Week!

Sincerely,

Emily Grandell

@Dorcas International

Even though work has been slow recently, we are prepared for when things pick back up. I am continually inspired by the support and energy of our entire faith community here at Grace Church towards this ministry. We are doing the work that Jesus has taught us to do, and I love sharing in this work with all of you.

With peace,

Bill Galligan, *Outreach Ministry Chair*

Feasibility Survey Report and Some Very Good News!

Thanks to all who participated in our Capital Campaign Feasibility Survey. We had nearly 100 responses; 94% indicated that they supported the Organ and Mural Restoration Projects, with a similar percentage indicating that they would be willing to contribute over a period of 2 to 5 years. The vestry will be forming a committee to lead the campaign, and you'll be hearing more about that in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we have received a most generous gift of \$2,000,000 towards the restoration and rebuilding of the organ. With the \$250,000 we had already raised, this not only allows us to proceed with the mural restoration and Phase 1 of the organ project (new console, front organ, and some portion of the back organ), but possibly to be able to complete the restoration of the entire organ. Our donors (who wish to remain anonymous) are hopeful that their gift will inspire the congregation's involvement, allowing us to complete this monumental project. We are deeply grateful to all who have contributed, and will contribute in the future, to ensure that our noble and historic organ sings for many years to come.

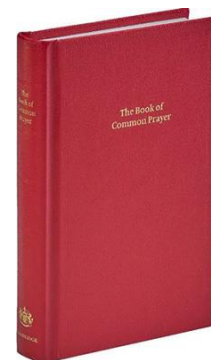


Vince Edwards, *Organist & Director of Music*

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector*

Inquirers' Class

Adults interested in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows are encouraged to attend our 2024 Inquirers' Class held on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Chafee Room, and as always, absolutely all in the parish are welcome. The clergy will lead discussions on the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. If you have any questions, please contact the Rector via email at jhuyck@gracepvd.org



Shawl Ministry Update

The Shawl Ministry thanks all who have made baby hats for newborns in local hospitals. We invite you to knit or crochet with us on Wednesdays from 10-11 am in the Pavilion, or to donate any items which you have made at home. The hats will be delivered at the end of May. For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600, or email janeditmars@gmail.com



AN INVITATION FROM THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND

God willing,
THE RIGHT REVEREND W. NICHOLAS KNISELY,
XIII Bishop of Rhode Island,

will ordain
JEFFREY CHARLES DRAKE DOUGLAS
to the Sacred Order of Priests

Your prayers and presence are requested at the service on

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH, 2024
10:00 AM



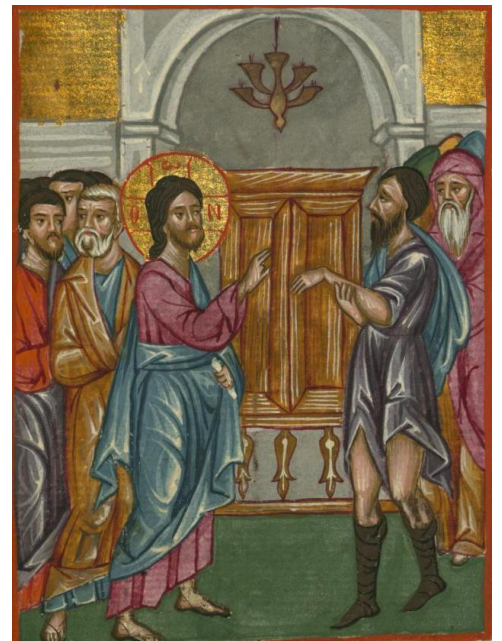
Clergy attending the ordination service in person are asked to vest in a cassock, surplice, and red stole.

A reception will follow the service in The Pavilion.

Sunday Morning Worship: **The Second Sunday after Pentecost** **June 2, 2024**

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost](#), please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

June 2, 2024

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost](#), please [click here.](#)

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