

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - Thursday, March 27, 2025

Special Requests for Pete & Andy's Food Pantry



At last Thursday's Lenten Eucharist, our guest preacher was the Rev. Maryalice Sullivan, rector of St. Peter and St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Providence - also the home of Pete & Andy's Food Pantry.

During the supper afterward, Rev. Maryalice shared her gratitude for the foodstuffs Grace Church provides so regularly. When asked if our donations for their clients suited the current need, Rev. Maryalice shared that they've had several requests for paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels), as well as dish detergent and laundry detergent.

As it happens, our own **Shawl Ministry** has been knitting/crocheting dishcloths all week to donate to Pete & Andy's, so all donated bottles of dish detergent will be adorned with one of these extras! (See below for a sample of what they'll look like.)

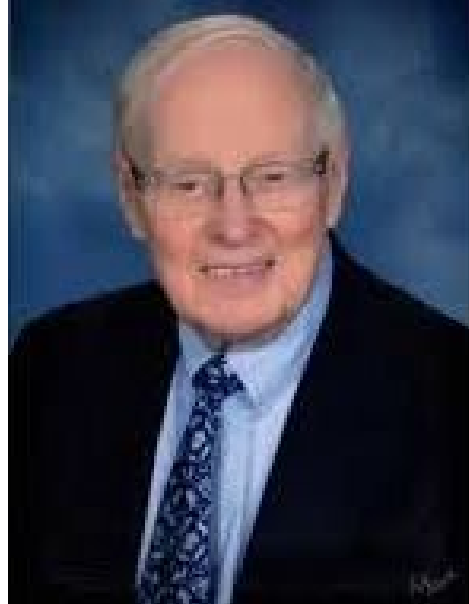
Can you help? If so, please bring your donations on Sunday!

Memorial for Paul Twelves

The memorial service for The Rev. Paul Twelves will be on Saturday, April 5 at 11:30am at [All Saints' Church in Chelmsford MA](#). All are welcome to attend.

Paul, who was ordained a priest in 1954, was a beloved Grace parishioner for several years after his retirement. In his retirement, Paul also served as part-time interim minister for various parishes in Rhode Island. For more details of Paul's life and ministry, [click here](#).

May Paul rest in peace.



Easter Flowers & Music Donations/Dedications

Once again, you can order Easter lilies in honor of, in thanksgiving for, or in memory of, loved ones - those plants will be used to decorate the church for Easter!

You also can donate to our music program in recognition of a loved one, or in gratitude for some blessing in your life.

To do so, complete a form found in the church (please print legibly!) and place it - with your payment - in one of the green flower envelopes and drop it in the offering plate. The card also has a QR code you can use to pay electronically.



Dedications received **by Tuesday, April 15** will be printed in the service bulletins for the Easter Vigil (April 19) and Easter Sunday (April 20).



Thursday Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Tonight

You are invited to join us on Thursdays in Lent - through April 10 - for a Lenten Eucharist and Supper. The Eucharist begins at 6pm in the Chancel, with a supper immediately following in The Pavilion.

Our supper tonight is provided by church members (thanks for your generosity!), with an additional soup option donated by [Blount Fine Foods](#). Please bring sweets, sides,

Lent at Grace Church



There are several opportunities to worship here at Grace throughout Lent:

- **Thursday evenings:** Starting at 6pm, join us for **a brief service of Holy Eucharist, followed by a supper in The Pavilion.** Each week's menu will vary, based on who volunteers to bring it that evening. (We also have a supply of delicious soups donated by [Blount Fine Foods](#) to help with the meal.)
- **Friday:** Each week, join us at noon for the short liturgy of **The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross")**. 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. To learn about the unique paintings at each of these 14 stations - made by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech - [please click here.](#)
- **Sunday:** As usual, we'll gather at 10am each Sunday morning to celebrate **Holy Eucharist, with our Choir** singing seasonal anthems and psalms.

In addition, our Choir and Music department is presenting several programs throughout the Lenten season. The last spotlight event is:

- **Third Thursdays at Noon:** provides diverse programs of music - free of charge - for the enjoyment of the community and visitors to the city.
 - **April 17 - Brown University Chamber Ensemble** featuring students participating in Chamber Music Ensembles in the Music Department at Brown University.

[Click here to download a full schedule of Lenten activities](#) - and join us as you travel this time with Christ.

Seasonal Change to E-News: Note that, during Lent, we'll publish the "Grace Abounds" weekly e-news on Thursday instead of Friday so you're aware of events happening on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope to see you at some of them!

Sunday School and Youth Group

Sunday School

Sunday School (age 4 – Grade 6) meets during the Sunday morning service (other than the 2nd Sunday of the month, when kids attend the main service with their families). The children and teachers process from the church to the Sunday School rooms after the opening prayer. Kids can gather in the northwest corner of the church with the Sunday School teachers or sit with their families and join in the procession as it goes by. Questions? Call the parish office at 331-3225 or email sundayschool@gracepvd.org.

Youth Group

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays. Teens can come to the Youth Group room at 7p.m., or come for pizza first in the choir room (Cronhimer Hall) at 6:30p.m. Questions? Feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225 or email

Shawl Ministry - Our Project for March!

Shawl Ministry is now making dishcloths for the women's shelter and for those who come to the food pantry at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church. We invite you to join us in the Pavilion on Wednesdays from 10-11 am.

You are also welcome to knit or crochet at home using any dishcloth pattern. Completed items may be dropped off at the church throughout the month of March. Thank you for helping us with this project!

For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at janeditmars@gmail.com!



Sunday Worship: The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2024

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our 10:00 AM service of Holy Eucharist. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.

~ [Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube](#) ~

Livestreamed Worship: When available, this service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

Order of Service: To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**, please [click here](#).

Collect for This Sunday: *Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came*

down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

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*Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
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