



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - October 24, 2025

Update on the Rector

We heard late last night that Fr. Jonathan's procedure yesterday went well. He is resting now and will be back with us next week. Please continue to keep him, Ann, and their family in your prayers.



Increased Need at Food Pantry as SNAP Runs Out

Due to the shutdown of the federal government, resources used to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are about to run out.

From [this Associated Press article](#), it's unclear when the program will be re-funded and to what degree.

Grace Church wants to lend our support, and we need your help! Please purchase some extra dry goods at the store and dig through your pantry to see what you can spare, and bring those items to church on Sunday. We hope to gather a large load of donations that we can deliver to Pete & Andy's Food Pantry.

And if you'd like to donate a gift card or two, Rev. Maryalyce Sullivan at Sts. Peter and Andrew advises that cards for Walmart or Price Rite - both of which are in their neighborhood - are very helpful! (Please put gift-card donations in an envelope with your name on it if you'd like that donation reflected on your giving statement.)

More About the Shutdown and SNAP:

According to [this article from WJAR](#), 140,000 vulnerable Rhode Island residents - some of whom are in church with us each Sunday - rely on SNAP benefits to cover some of their food costs. The program disburses approximately \$30M each month in the Ocean State and, for some families, is a significant part of their monthly food budget.

The State is working to find ways to help, but their resources are limited:

When asked how long the state could front or supplement that funding, [RI House Speaker Joe] Shekarchi said, "Not long at all. It's weeks, it's not months."

While October SNAP benefits have already been issued and are not affected by the shutdown, if the federal government doesn't re-open soon, no federally funded SNAP benefits will be issued as of November 1.

Stewardship Season Continues

During our 2026 Stewardship campaign, we invite you to prayerfully give thanks for the blessings of God's providence in our lives and consider sharing those gifts with others through our spiritual home, Grace Church.



If you haven't yet received your stewardship letter, copies of the letter (and pledge cards) are on the table at the back of the church. You also may call the parish office to have one sent to you.

During the coming weeks, we'll hear from the people of Grace about what inspires them to give to Grace and make Grace their church home. Our Stewardship campaign will end with Ingathering Sunday on November 23 when we'll dedicate to God's care all the pledges we've received.

Thanks and blessings,
Jonathan+

Diocesan Convention Tomorrow

The 234th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island takes place on Saturday, October 25, at the Park Theatre in Cranston.

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 8:30 am. During the liturgy, choir members from some of the Episcopal congregations in Cranston will lead the singing. The business meeting will start at 9:30 am. The morning Eucharist and Convention meeting will be livestreamed for those who would like to watch the event.

At this meeting, there will be reports from Diocesan committees, elections, voting on resolutions and the annual address from Bishop Knisely. Each church elects delegates to Convention and only these delegates are allowed to vote.

For more information about Convention, contact the Rev. Bettine Besier, Secretary of Convention at 860-303-5927 or send an email to convention@episcopalri.org.

Observing All Saints Day

Join us at 10am on Sunday, November 2, for a Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism for The Feast of



All Saints. We hope you will be with us to commemorate this important Feast Day in the life of the church!

Photos for All Saints': It is a tradition at Grace Church for our community to bring photos of departed loved ones which are placed on the High Altar. All are welcome to bring a framed photo of a loved one to be part of the memorial for this feast day.

Joint Evensong Service - November 2

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SOULS

*Featuring music of Murrill, Webb, Stanford,
and Edward Bairstow's stunning anthem
"Blessed City, Heavenly Salem."*



*Sung by the combined choirs of Grace Church and
St. Luke's, East Greenwich*

Sunday, November 2 at 4 PM
Grace Church in Providence ~ 300 Westminister Street

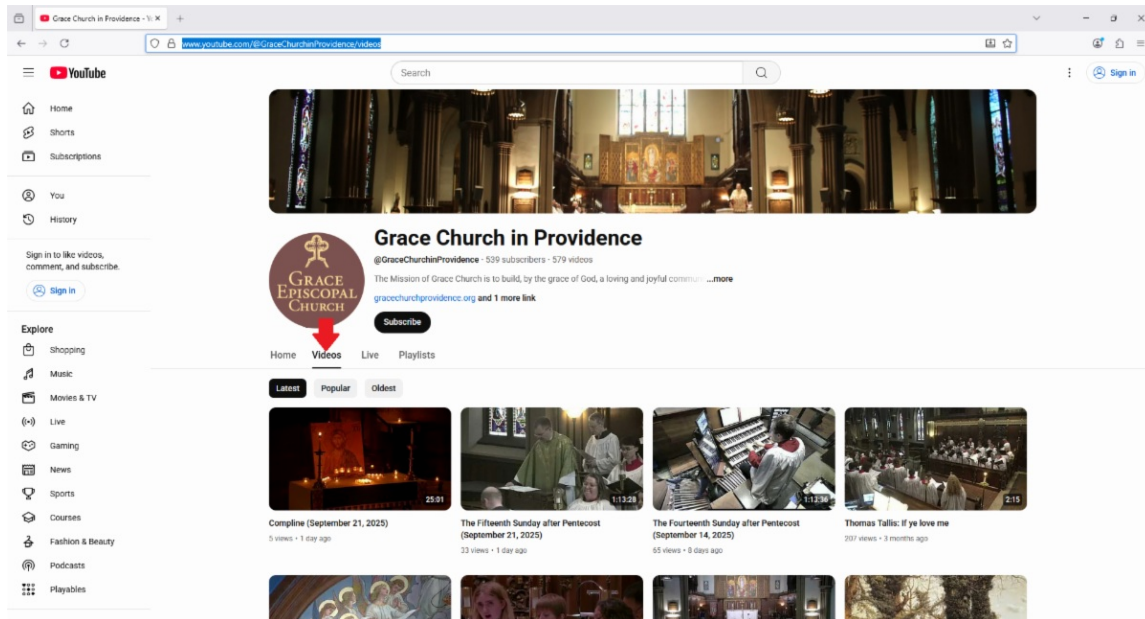
Updates on Grace's Live-Streaming

For those who enjoy our live-streamed services, you may have noticed that we've been unable to broadcast live in a few weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience.

We've been working with our vendor to understand the issue and, as of this writing, are working diligently with them to effect a solution.

Until then, please enjoy the recordings of our services on [Grace's YouTube page under the "Videos" tab](#). Recorded services are available here within 24 hours.

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org.



Shawl Ministry at Grace

Shawl Ministry continues to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort. We are also currently making hats and scarves for The Seamen's Church Institute to be given to the mariners in their "Christmas at Sea" program. Please join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. New members are

always welcome!

Worship with Us!

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 26, 2025

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10am 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.

Livestreamed Worship: Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).) - *Per the note above, this option is on hold while we resolve a streaming issue. Please stay tuned for updates. Thank you for your patience!*

[Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service](#)

Collect for This Sunday: *Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

More About the Episcopal Church: [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. [Click here](#) for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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

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a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship,
proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and*

beyond.

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