



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - October 31, 2025

Grace's Live-Streaming Returns!

For those who enjoy our live-streamed services, we're excited to announce that, starting Sunday, our services once again will be live-streamed.

Diagnosing the problem and securing the needed equipment proved a bit more complicated than we expected. Good news is that the new equipment will allow us to try a few more bells and whistles, so you may notice those improvements in the coming weeks.

Thanks for your patience over the past few weeks - we hope you enjoy Sunday's service!. And if you have questions, please contact the parish office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org.



Observing All Saints Day

Join us at 10am this 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

Donations to Food Pantry Still Needed Until SNAP Returns

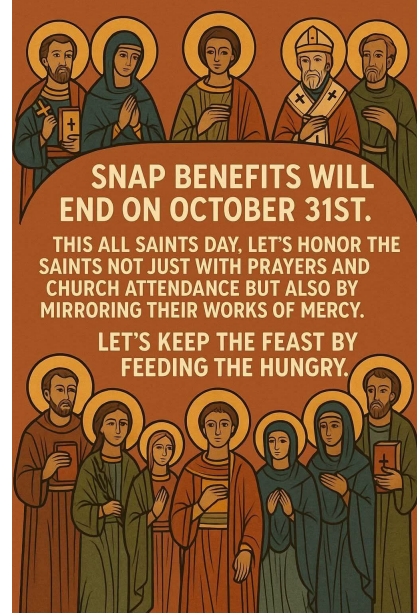
Thanks so much for last Sunday's generous outpouring of donations to Pete & Andy's Food Pantry! **We invite you to bring additional contributions of food and gift cards this Sunday** and for as long as the federal shutdown lasts.

As you know, the shutdown of the federal government means that resources used to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

are not being issued to families in need starting tomorrow, November 1. [This BBC article](#) explains the real-world challenges facing some of our friends and neighbors right now. [Federal emergency funds are not being used](#), so it's up to us to do what we can in our communities.

Here at Grace Church, we need your help to lend our support! 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."

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,

Note: Please indicate on your pledge card if you want offering envelopes so we know to set aside a box for you. Thanks!

RI Civic Chorale to Perform at Grace - November 8

The Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra kicks off their 2025-26 season here at Grace Church next Saturday, November 8 at 7pm. This opening concert is filled with the brilliance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, pairing the radiant serenity of the *Vesperae solennes de confessore* – a work filled with grace, devotion, and sparkling choral writing – with the profound emotional power of the *Requiem*, his final, unfinished masterpiece, shrouded in mystery and reverence.

From the quiet hush of evening prayer to the emotional charge of the famous *Lacrimosa*, this concert invites you on a journey through light and shadow, reflection and transcendence.

With these masterworks, they also will feature the brilliant young voices of our 2025 Collegiate Vocal Competition Winners.

For tickets and more information, [visit their website](#).



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!

Fall Back One Hour on Saturday

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend, so be sure to turn back your clocks one hour on Saturday night. Otherwise, you'll be REALLY early for church on Sunday!



Worship with Us! Celebrating the Feast of All Saints November 2, 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](#).)



Click the video box to join this Sunday's live-streamed service on YouTube.

Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service

Collect for This Sunday: *Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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
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