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**Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church**  
**Lenten Edition | Thursday, March 19, 2026**

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## **Holy Week at Grace Church**

At Grace Church, we transition from Lent to Holy Week with our Palm and Passion Sunday service on March 29. That week, we'll have a Eucharist every day of the week, through Easter on Sunday, April 5. We hope to see you many times during the week as we travel the road to Jerusalem, on to Calvary, and beyond to Christ's resurrection.

Pick up a copy of the "Holy Week & Easter 2026" guide to all our upcoming services, or [click here](#) to download the list.

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

Holy Eucharist *with* The Blessing of Palms & Procession *at* 10:00 AM  
Choral Compline *at* 8:00 PM

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 30 & 31**

Spoken Holy Eucharist – 12:00 Noon

**HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

Spoken Holy Eucharist  
12:00 Noon

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Candlelight & Shadows (*Sung by the Men's Compline choir*)  
8:00 PM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

Holy Eucharist *with* The Washing of Feet,  
Procession to the Altar of Repose, & Stripping of the Altar  
7:00 PM

*The Garden Watch follows the service in The Chapel of the Messiah.*

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion – 12:00 Noon  
The Way (Stations) of the Cross – 6:00 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

The Great Vigil, The Renewal of Baptismal Vows,  
& The First Eucharist of Easter (*followed by a Champagne & Chocolates reception*)  
8:00 PM

**THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 5**



Holy Eucharist *with* Choir, Brass, & Timpani  
10:00 AM

*On Easter Day, all children are most welcome to participate in the  
Easter Egg Hunt during Coffee Hour following the Service!*

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## Flowers and Music for Easter!

We hope you're looking forward to the uplifting music and beautiful spring flower display you'll experience at Grace Church during the Easter season!

To lend your own support toward those programs and help make them possible, please use the "Easter Flowers and Music" dedication cards found in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack.

Please complete the form (legibly!) and note your dedications, then place the card and your payment in a light-green "Flower Guild" envelope and drop it in the offering plate or at the Parish Office by Monday, March 30.

## Easter Flowers and Music

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (minimum \$20) for Easter flowers.

I wish to make a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support special Easter music.

I wish to make an additional Easter gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.



Please dedicate my gift:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gift Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ **Thank You!**

*Payment may be made electronically using the QR code, or by check/cash in the offering plate using the green "Flower Guild" envelopes. Orders/payment due by Monday of Holy Week.*



## Weekly Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Tonight!

We have just two more Thursday evening Eucharist/suppers this year - can you join us for one of them? We'll meet first at the Lord's table, then adjourn to the Pavilion to enjoy a meal together - a wonderful time of getting to know one another better as part of a holy Lent.

These events take place on Thursdays in Lent through March 26. The Eucharist starts at 6pm and supper will follow in the Pavilion.



Each week, we need volunteers to help during the service (to read, serve the chalice, and to do Altar Guild setup), and to help provide the meal by bringing something to share: salad, a main course or side dish, or just bread and dessert. Homemade or store-bought - all of it is welcome!

**Please look for the March 26 sign-up sheet in the Pavilion and add your name for next week!**

This year, we've received another donation of delicious soups from Blount Fine Foods, which can be used on those evenings as well, so come in and try them, too!

## Candy Donations Needed - This Sunday!

Our Youth Group will be filling Easter eggs next Friday, March 27, in preparation for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 5, and we need your help!

This Sunday, March 22, please bring bags of small, individually wrapped candy that can be used to fill the hundreds of eggs we'll hide around the church for our little ones to find. Pieces should be small enough to fit in the eggs - something like a Tootsie Roll, butterscotch candy, or Hershey's Kiss.

Please place your bags of candy in the food donation baskets (we'll pull them out next week). If you forget to bring your donations this Sunday, we can accept them in the



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## The Pipes Are Calling!

This week's posts in "The Pipes Are Calling," our blog about the Grace Church organ project, include profiles of past organists, discussions about organ size and using old pipes vs. new ones - and [updates on the production of some of our new organ components!](#)



Specifically, you'll find renderings of our new custom organ console as well as photos from Casavant showing some of the hand-carved wood that will adorn it. When the new console is installed, it will have casters so it can be moved out to the center of the Chancel (using specially built ramps) so everyone can enjoy it!

Follow this blog to stay updated on every aspect of the project and its progress in real time. And enjoy all the pictures!

Visit the blog at [thepipesarecalling.blog](#) - and be sure to share the link with friends!



Episcopal Charities  
of Rhode Island

## Grant for Pete & Andy's Food Pantry!

This week, we received a \$1,000 Lenten Challenge grant from Episcopal Charities on behalf of Pete & Andy's Food Pantry! Senior Warden Joel Goloskie was instrumental in requesting this grant, which was awarded by Episcopal Charities as part of their Charities NOW fund.

The Charities NOW fund seeks to provide money quickly to help feed those in need. The funds we received will be put to use in our community next week by our friends at Pete & Andy's.

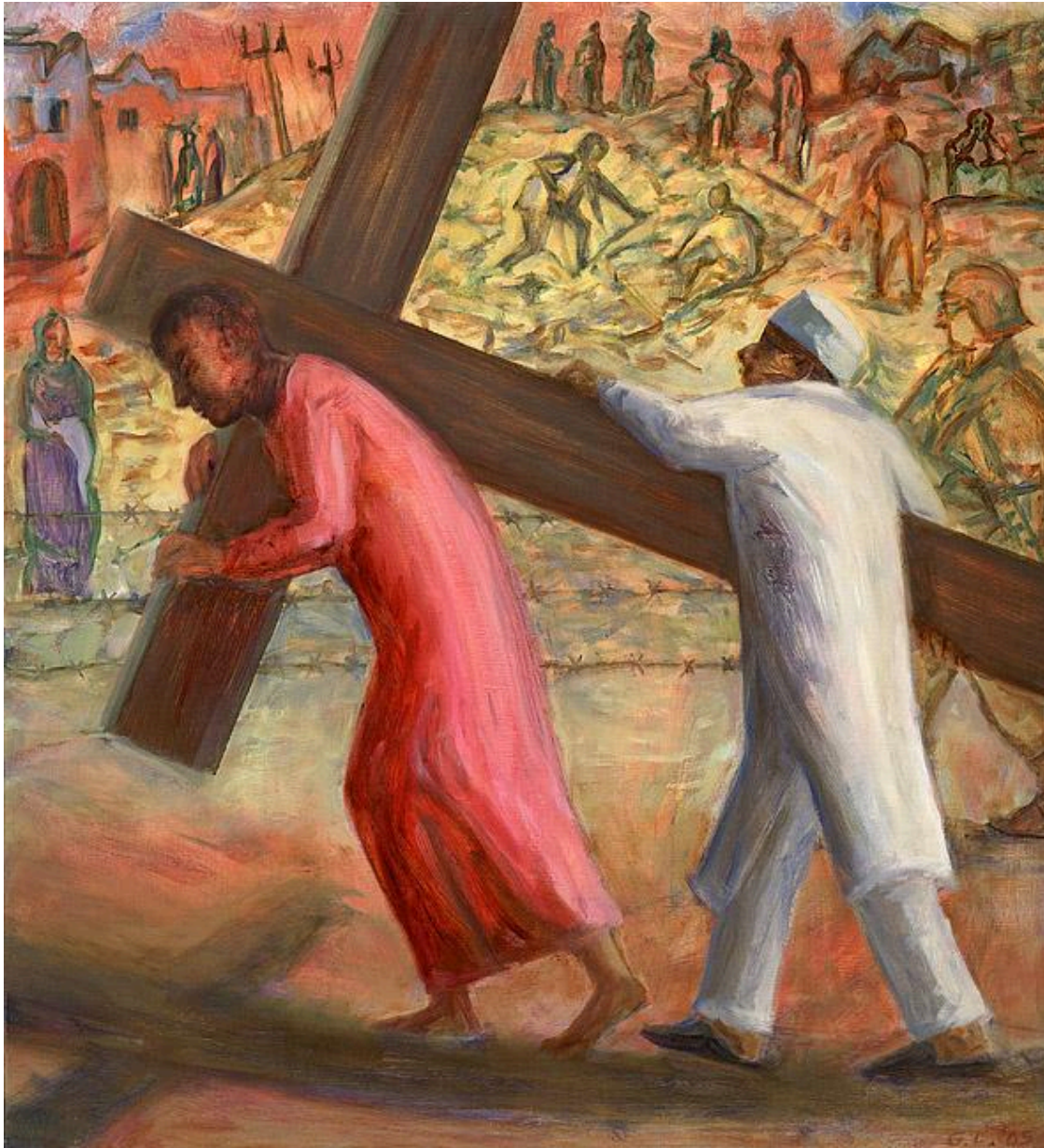
Thanks, Joel, for your leadership in this worthy effort!

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# Join Us for a Holy Lent at Grace Church

You are invited to join us at Grace Church for Lent 2026! We'll offer several ways to experience a holy Lent; some of these include:

- **Stations of the Cross:** Each week, stop in 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 artist Gwyneth Leech - [please click here](#).

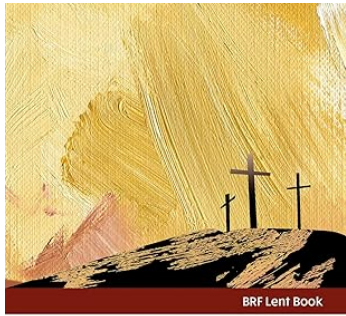


- **Household Goods Drive for Pete & Andy's:** Take some time to clean out your closets and donate new/gently used household goods to our neighbors at Pete & Andy's Food Pantry &

**Pete & Andy's**  
FOOD PANTRY | THRIFT STORE

Thrift Shop! Here, clients of their food pantry can acquire practical items for their families to use. Scour your closets, basement, and those hidden nooks and crannies, and bring in blankets, bedding, towels, dishware, pots and pans, utensils, and the like. They also would welcome toilet paper and feminine-hygiene products – neither of which are covered by SNAP benefits.

- To see the full list of Lenten activities here at Grace, pick up this guide at church or [download it here](#).



**Giving It Up**  
Maggi Dawn  
Daily Bible readings from  
Ash Wednesday to Easter Day

**This Just In!**

Since the response to "Giving It Up" - Maggi Dawn's book of Lenten devotions - was so robust, we ran out of copies in early Lent. We just received a small quantity this week, so if you would like to purchase a copy (\$12) to have for next year, stop by the parish office. *(And if the cost presents a financial hardship, please contact the parish office.)*

## Interfaith Vigil for Peace - Thursday, March 26

Roman Catholic Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C. Ss.R. is hosting an Interfaith Vigil for Peace on Thursday, March 26 at 7pm in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. He will be joined by Rhode Island faith leaders and groups, including our own Diocesan Bishop Nicholas Knisely.

The evening will include prayers for peace, music, and reflections; members of our own Grace Church Choir will perform an Anglican chant.

All are welcome to join as we gather together to pray for peace!



**Interfaith Vigil  
for Peace**

*Come and join Rhode Island's diverse faith communities as we gather in vigil to pray for peace.*

<b>When:</b> 7:00 pm Thursday, March 26th	<b>Where:</b> Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul 30 Fenner St. Providence 02903
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**Sponsored by:**

  
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## Now Accepting Apple Pay and Google Pay

We now can accept Apple Pay and Google Pay for electronic donations! When you visit [our donation page](#) and enter your donation amount, you'll find these two additional options for payment methods. Thank you for your support of Grace Church!



## Finding Key Fobs



We're continuing to collect key fobs from those who no longer are in roles that require them to have one.

Some folks need access to the building outside office hours for certain ministries throughout the week (e.g., for Choir/Chorister/Collegium rehearsals, to pick up the donations for Pete & Andy's food pantry, to set up for the 20s/30s+ monthly dinners, to come in during the week for Altar Guild). **If you are not in one of those roles, we'd appreciate your turning in your key fob.**

You can drop it in the mail slot just outside the parish office when you're here for the Sunday service, or anytime during the week. Thank you in advance!

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## Weekly "Commuter's Bible Study" - Fridays

Our Friday-morning Bible study continues to meet each week at 7am to discuss the readings for the coming Sunday service. Those conversations can help you find more meaning in the passages and allow space for you to think about how the scripture still applies to our lives today. Bring your coffee and join us! (Parking is available in our lot.)



## Shawl Ministry at Grace - Making Dishcloths!

Shawl Ministry brings God's love to those in need of comfort. During Lent, we are making dishcloths for the guests of Pete and Andy's Food Bank. We even have a new supply of cotton yarn, so you can choose your favorite color!

You are invited to join us each Wednesday at 10am in the Pavilion at Grace...or make a few at home and drop them off. Thank you for your help!

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## E-News During Lent - On Thursdays

During Lent, we will send our weekly e-news, "Grace Abounds," on Thursdays instead of Fridays to provide timely reminders of happenings at the end of the week. We hope to see you at some of those events!

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# Worship with Us!

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### March 22, 2026

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 live-streamed service on YouTube.*

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

**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](#).

**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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**The Pavilion**  
*at Grace*



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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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