



## Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 1, 2026

### Cemetery Spruce-Up - Join Us Tomorrow!



All of our Grace Church family are invited to join us tomorrow from 9am to noon and help us support the annual **Care for The Square** spruce-up event in Trinity Square, which is anchored by the increasingly-beautiful Grace Church Cemetery.

Many members of the Trinity Square neighborhood come to work in our cemetery, so it's important that Grace Church makes a strong showing at this family-friendly outreach event.



If you have gardening tools, feel free to bring them; if you forget, don't worry - we have plenty of rakes and other tools! Senior Warden Joel Goloskie will lead a short guided tour, including the stately gravestone of Bishop John Henshaw who served as rector of Grace Church and led the construction of the beautiful church building we enjoy to this day.

The Cemetery is located at 10 Elmwood Avenue, just a few minutes' drive from Grace Church. Please join us, even if you haven't signed up. All are welcome!



### Celebrating Jonathan Huyck - Treats Needed!

You are warmly invited to join us in The Pavilion on Sunday, May 17, from 3pm to 5pm as we celebrate the ministry of our Rector, Fr. Jonathan Huyck, whose tenure at Grace Church ends today. At this reception, we will share our gratitude and appreciation for all Jonathan has done here at Grace during the past 15 years of service. Jonathan himself will take the microphone to share his thoughts and final message at 4pm that day. Please

stop by to wish him well and share in our parish-wide recognition of Jonathan's impact on our church.

At the reception, there will be an opportunity to record a video message to him which we'll edit into a longer piece he can enjoy at home, so start thinking about what "Jonathan story" you want to share in that video.

We are inviting you to bring a treat to share at the reception! Please note that we ask that all foods be "finger food" - simple items that can be served and eaten without utensils to make it easy for everyone to enjoy the day and minimize cleanup. Good options are brownies, cookies, petit fours, small cupcakes, and the like. If items need to be cut, please do so before you drop them off. (Kindly do not bring pies, frosted cakes, or desserts that have to be scooped.) You can drop off your items with Diane Stamp when you arrive.

Thanks for your assistance, and we look forward to seeing you on May 17!

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## The Pipes Are Calling!

Director of Music Vince Edwards has been out of town this week for a family funeral and professional conference, so [The Pipes Are Calling](#), his blog chronicling Grace's massive organ restoration project, has been on hiatus. If you haven't yet visited the blog, use this time to catch up and learn more about what has happened and what will be happening soon!



The current (rough) timeline is that immediately after Grace Church Day on Sunday, June 28, the scaffolding installation will begin in the church. It'll be erected in the Chancel area first, then will progress toward the back gallery. Once the Chancel portion of the scaffolding is complete, a team of painters will begin the weeks-long work of painting the walls of the Chancel before the organ is returned and installed later in the summer.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks as Vince continues documenting - in words and pictures - every aspect of the project and its progress.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us, and subscribe to this blog to follow the action in real time. Visit [thepipesarecalling.blog](#) - and be sure to share the link with friends!

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## What Happens at Vestry Meetings?

Have you ever wondered about the topics discussed and decisions made at Vestry meetings? You can find out!

Each month, we send approved meeting minutes to any parishioner who wants them, and during this time of transition they may be of particular interest.

If you'd like to have your name added to the distribution list, please contact the parish office ([admin@gracepvd.org](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org)).

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## Reminder About Parking on Sundays

Please remember that, on Sundays, our Grace Church lot is available on a first come-first served basis. We also rent the lot at 357 Westminister Street (shown on the map below) for parishioners and visitors to use on Sunday mornings. And of course, metered parking is free on Sundays!

We ask that you not park on Chapel Street on Sundays. There is no parking allowed on that street at any time, and doing so creates an extreme hardship for our neighbors and the businesses around us.

Thank you for your assistance!



## Shawl Ministry at Grace - Thanks for Your Help!

Shawl Ministry has packed up the dozens of custom dishcloths they made for our friends at Pete and Andy's Food Bank, and tied each to a new bottle of dishwashing liquid to make a useful and beautiful donation to the food pantry. Thank you to our Shawl Ministry

Team and to all who donated dishwashing liquid!

The group now is on to their next project: **making baby hats for newborns at Providence hospitals.**

Interested in joining us? You are welcome! We gather in the Pavilion each Wednesday at 10am and use God's gifts in service to others. (And we have great conversation and some laughs in the process.) Thank you for your help!

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# Worship with Us!

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### May 3, 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.*

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**Collect for This Sunday:** *Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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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**The Pavilion**  
*at Grace*

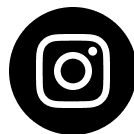


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a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship,  
proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and  
beyond.*



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