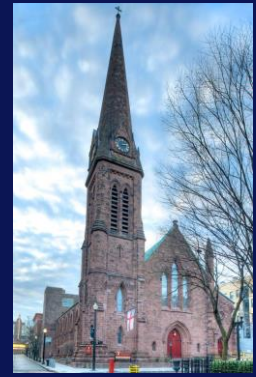


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 10, 2024

Spotlight: Upcoming Staff Changes

On Sunday, June 23, we will say farewell to two beloved Grace Church staff members. David Heinze, our Associate Director of Music since 2019, will be moving to New York, where he will be the Director of Music & Organist at [Christ Church \(Episcopal\), Bronxville](#). Vivian Blais, Director of Children & Youth, and her husband Cameron will be moving to Michigan to be nearer to her family and eventually grow their own.



Both David and Vivian have contributed so much to the life of our parish, and we will miss them. But we are happy for them both to begin the next chapters of their lives and wish them all the best! Please join us for a special Coffee Hour following church on Sunday, June 23, to wish a fond farewell to David and Vivian.

Feasibility Survey Report and Some Very Good News!

Thanks to all who participated in our Capital Campaign Feasibility Survey. We had nearly 100 responses; 94% indicated that they supported the Organ and Mural Restoration Projects, with a similar percentage indicating that they would be willing to contribute over a period of 2 to 5 years. The vestry will be forming a committee to lead the campaign, and you'll be hearing more about that in the coming weeks.

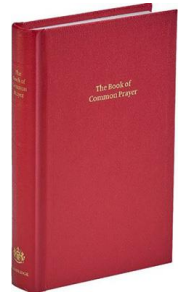
In the meantime, we have received a most generous gift of \$2,000,000 towards the restoration and rebuilding of the organ. With the \$250,000 we had already raised, this not only allows us to proceed with the mural restoration and Phase 1 of the organ project (new console, front organ, and some portion of the back organ), but possibly to be able to complete the restoration of the entire organ. Our donors (who wish to remain anonymous) are hopeful that their gift will inspire the congregation's involvement, allowing us to complete this monumental project. We are deeply grateful to all who have contributed, and will contribute in the future, to ensure that our noble and historic organ sings for many years to come.



Vince Edwards, *Organist & Director of Music*
The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector*

Inquirers' Class

Adults interested in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows are encouraged to attend our 2024 Inquirers' Class held on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Chafee Room, and as always, absolutely all in the parish are welcome. The clergy will lead discussions on the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. If you have any questions, please contact the Rector via email at jhuyck@gracepvd.org



Save the Date - Grace Church Day on Trinity Sunday!

On **Sunday, May 26th**, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday as "Grace Church Day," with a festive, pot-luck lunch after the 10 a.m. service. Normally, we would celebrate Grace Church Day on Ascension Sunday (the closest thing Grace has to a "[Feast of Title](#)"), but a wedding and reception are scheduled for the day prior, and it wouldn't be possible to turn around the Pavilion in time.

This year, Trinity Sunday is an excellent day for a parish celebration at Grace, as it's the final day of the choir season, so we'll have great music! Wedding schedule permitting (weddings/receptions represent a sizable piece of our annual income), we will return next year to celebrating Grace Church Day on Ascension Sunday. For now, **set your calendars for May 26 to celebrate our common life at Grace...and the Holy Trinity, of course!**



Shawl Ministry Update

The Shawl Ministry thanks all who have made baby hats for newborns in local hospitals. We invite you to knit or crochet with us on Wednesdays from 10-11 am in the Pavilion, or to donate any items which you have made at home. The hats will be delivered at the end of May. For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600, or email janeditmars@gmail.com





FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT

DUELING ORGANS:

A VIRTUAL VS. PIPE SHOWDOWN!

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

12:00 NOON

Organists Graham Schultz (Organist & Choirmaster, St. Stephen's Church) and Dāvids Heinze (Associate Organist, Grace Church) will explore repertoire and arrangements for two separate organs that spans multiple centuries.

This concert will feature the 2005 Giuttari Continuo Organ used in tandem with the Hauptwerk Virtual Organ of Grace Church for music by George Frederic Händel, Antonio Soler, Claude Balbastre, & others.

THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON): A CONCERT SERIES

Free, diverse, 45-minute concerts held at Grace Church for the enjoyment of the city of Providence and its visitors! *(Church Address: 300 Westminster Street)*

Please feel free to stay for the entire concert or for five minutes - whatever works best for your schedule!



CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

8:00 PM

Doors open at 7:30 PM

A short 30-minute service of Gregorian Chant & unaccompanied Renaissance Polyphony,
sung in a darkened Church amongst hundreds of candles and fragrant incense.

The perfect calm and meditative way to start the week.



AN INVITATION FROM
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND

God willing,
THE RIGHT REVEREND W. NICHOLAS KNISELY,
XIII Bishop of Rhode Island,

will ordain
JEFFREY CHARLES DRAKE DOUGLAS
to the Sacred Order of Priests

Your prayers and presence are requested at the service on

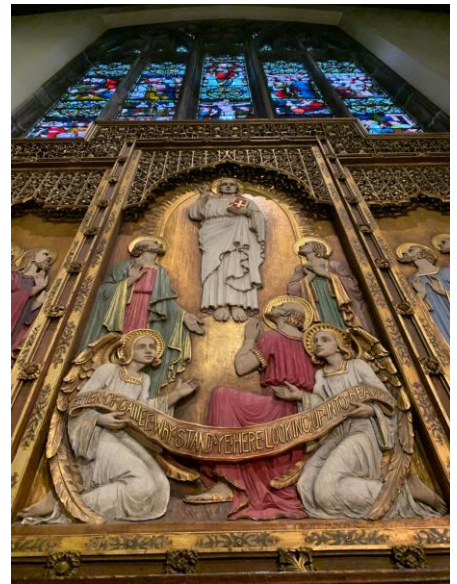
SATURDAY, JULY 27TH, 2024
10:00 AM



Clergy attending the ordination service in person are asked to vest in a cassock, surplice, and red stole.

A reception will follow the service in The Pavilion.

Sunday Morning Worship:
The Feast of the Ascension
(Transferred)
May 12, 2024



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

~ Sunday Morning YouTube Link ~
[Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

To view the Order of Service for **The Feast of the Ascension**,
please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

May 12, 2024
The Feast of the Ascension
(Transferred)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for **The Feast of the Ascension**,
[please click here.](#)

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