

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 17, 2024



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.

Wear Red on Pentecost!

This coming Sunday, May 19, Grace Church – along with churches throughout the world – will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. All are invited to wear red to church on that Sunday, the color that recalls the flames of fire that rested over the heads of the apostles when the Holy Spirit descended on the 50th day after the Resurrection.



Pride Volunteers Needed

Building upon the unforgettable fun and fellowship shared in years past, Grace Church will once again have a booth during Rhode Island PrideFest on **Saturday, June 15, 2024**. We are seeking a number of volunteers to join us at the booth in shifts to help set up, take down, and share information and excitement about our wonderful faith community with PrideFest attendees. To sign up for a shift or the please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour. **Please email Ian Rossi at iangrossi@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up. *N.B. Even if you don't identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, our straight-identifying allies are most welcome to help out at the booth as well!***



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.

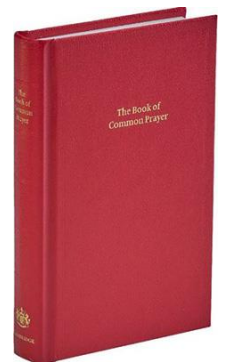
In the meantime, we have received a most generous gift of \$2,000,000 towards the restoration and rebuilding of the organ. With the \$250,000 we had already raised, this not only allows us to proceed with the mural restoration and Phase 1 of the organ project (new console, front organ, and some portion 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



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 Day of Pentecost May 19, 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 Day of Pentecost**,
please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

May 19, 2024 The Day of Pentecost

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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.*

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

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