

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 24, 2024

Grace Church Day this Sunday!

This coming **Sunday, May 26**, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday as “Grace Church Day,” with a festive, pot-luck lunch following the 10:00 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 were scheduled for the day prior, and it wasn't 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.



**Please bring a dish or dessert to share,
your fellow parishioners will thank you!
These food donations can be left on the tables
in The Pavilion prior to the 10am service.**

The 1829 Society of Grace Church

The 1829 Society is comprised of parishioners who have notified the church that they have included Grace in their estate planning. Grace Church thrives today in no small part because former generations of parishioners have remembered Grace in their wills. On this Grace Church Day, we recognize the members of the 1829 Society and thank them for their generosity:

Walter & Diane Stamp
Thano & Alison Chaltas
Adrienne Southgate
John Chamberlin
Marc & Valoree Schrank
Polly Wall
Ben & Jennifer West
Jeff Williams & Tim Walsh
David Olsen & Leonard Flood
Carter & Susan Hall



Final Full Choir Sunday

This Sunday, May 26, will be the last with full choir until September. To celebrate Trinity Sunday, the combined choristers and adult parish choir will sing C.V. Stanford's [Sanctus \(Holy, Holy, Holy\)](#) and [Te Deum](#), from his Opus 115 in C Major, ['Twas in the year that King Uzziah died](#) by Charles Wood and Psalm 29 to Anglican Chant by Henry Ley. We are SO grateful to our choir members – over 50 individuals, ages 8 to 80+ - who give so much of their time, week in and week out, to make our communal worship more beautiful, inspiring, and meaningful. Please find a choir member or chorister after church and thank them for all their hard work!



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.

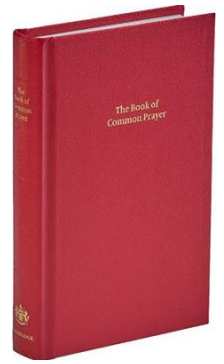
In the meantime, we have received a most generous gift of \$2,000,000 towards the restoration and rebuilding of the organ. With the \$250,000 we had already raised, this not only allows us to proceed with the mural restoration and Phase 1 of the organ project (new console, front organ, and some portion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



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 First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday May 26, 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 **Trinity Sunday**,
please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

May 19, 2024 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for **Trinity Sunday**, [please click here.](#)

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