



Grace Notes

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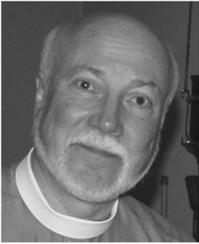


Sunday, April 25 @ 10 a.m.

weather permitting

Worship
with us
from
HOME

Sunday
April 18
at 9 a.m.



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 to noon.
Rector by appointment

Hybrid Live Outside Eucharists and Zoom/Conference Call Services for Eastertide.

With so many COVID variables still in play after more than a year, and with the possibility of a third wave coming...just as it did in 1918 with the Spanish Flu, it is hard to predict precisely where we will be during Eastertide in April and May.

However, with many of our most vulnerable members vaccinated, and with warmer weather arriving, we will be moving to a hybrid schedule of Zoom Sunday services and live, outside Eucharists (weather-permitting).

So, for April we will attempt to have live, outside services on Easter (4/4) and then on Good Shepherd Sunday (4/25). In May, we will try to do the same for Mother's Day (5/9) and for Pentecost (5/23). These services will be at 10 to give us time to get tables and chairs in position. The Sundays in between will be virtual services on Zoom or on Conference Call. Who knows, perhaps the sun will drive us to hold the Pentecost Service in the Sunken Garden shade?

Thanksgivings in April...A Follow-up to Thanksgivings at January's Annual Meeting

So much has been going on at the church as far as **physical renovations** go. Probably the largest number of renovations in recent history have occurred lately to take advantage of church spaces being unused. The 60-year-old tile floors which were popping up, missing tiles, and difficult to maintain have all been replaced by upgraded tiles which even have an added level of cushioning. Interior storm windows in the church will help keep out heating bills down as will new gutters and gutter caps keep the basement from flooding. The 60-year-old rectory roof has been replaced and various places where water was intruding have been corrected.

All of this was done with **funds on hand** from the Capital Campaign led by Debby Nedder, from clever setting aside of some rectory rent for a rainy day by Lynn Escher and Beth Gurney, and from open bequests given in memory of deceased parishioners, such as Elizabeth Gleichauf. We borrowed nothing nor did we tap into Operating Funds.

All of this was done with the **unknown talents** of our parish such as Katherine Wharton, our Senior Warden, and David Button, our Junior Warden, who negotiated with movers and tile installation experts setting up flowcharts and plans that rivaled those of the Big Dig. There were also those whose **talents and insight were well known** and who once again stepped forward like Bob Parsons who reassembled all the computers and copiers in Patty's office.

A huge thank you to all those who like Deb Terry and Leslie Grant claimed ownership of cabinets and materials in Russell Hall and weeded out materials and helped move items so the tiling could be accomplished. I believe everyone will find Russell Hall bigger than you recalled because so much accumulated junk has been discarded and storage spaces reconfigured.

Beyond the renovations, there is the whole **new element of virtual worship** that we have accomplished over the last year. We knew that Paula King could play the organ, piano, and electronic piano and could lead a choir, but we had no idea she could also digitally record various singers and combine them into digital movies with art and animation. We knew that Tracey Johnson was digitally adept, but, without her aid as a videographer, our virtual services could not have happened. The best example of this was her recording of our Palm Sunday dozen-voiced reading of the Passion on Zoom. When it came time to hold the Palm Sunday Service for my non-computer folks over the phone, I simply held my phone up to the computer and re-played the dozen-voiced reading of the Passion on Zoom. We also need to thank all the faithful lay readers who have help lead Sunday worship even if they were in Florida or the Cape.

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Part of our virtual worship has been our **innovative sharing of The Chosen Season 1 episodes** with my wife's parish in Rockland. On Wednesdays for the eight weeks, Grace Church in Norwood and Trinity Church in Rockland as well as visitors coming on from Florida, South Carolina...and even Quincy to watch together and then discuss in quite deep ways the meaning of the episodes.

Beyond renovations and virtual worship, there has been a blossoming of **worship outreach efforts** helmed by Sue Breen from the Blue Christmas to Ash Wednesday drive-through for ashes publicized on Channel 10. (Of course, Sue couldn't do it alone and depended up upon the members of Team Blue: Deb Morton, Sue Jarrell, Cathy Noble, Dorothy Sabourin and, of course, Katherine Wharton and Tracey.) There was Helen Rintala out there for Palm Sunday Drive-through Part 2 from 8 AM to 1 PM, as well as all those on the Stations of the Cross vigil on Good Friday, and then Sue Breen handling the Flowering of the Cross on Easter. Bishop Carol Gallagher who is our Regional Canon said that Grace Church should get an award for most-innovative parish in the Central Region (Boston Harbor, Alewife, Charles River and Neponset River deaneries).

Beyond our important worship efforts, we also have our active and effective **community support outreach** including the Souper Bowl and the Socks for the Homeless collections each skippered by Sue Breen.

A final thanksgiving should be for our joint communal effort at keeping each other free from the spread of COVID infections. As of this date, no one in the parish has contracted the virus at services or events at the parish. All the Zooming, masking, hands-washing, sanitizing has paid off by allowing us to function as a parish in a somewhat cocooned-state while trying our best to bring Jesus' Kingdom of God to Norwood and Norfolk County.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 12



Young at Heart Lunch Get-together, Wednesday, April 21

A lively discussion and fellowship for the over 60-set, this luncheon get together meets once a month at noon. To streamline planning, please let Fr. John know you are coming by Sunday prior. Everyone is kindly asked to bring a lunch. Dessert will be supplied by host of the month and a homemade soup will be offered by your favorite secretary. We will meet in the church hall where we can be safely distanced while enjoy the blessings of our friendships over a light meal and discussion.



Zoom Church Services with Grace, April 11 & 18



Attend our Sunday Morning Prayer with sermon at 9am. Zoom services are available when there is not an In-church service. If you have a computer that has a camera/microphone/speakers, you can join online through a web browser. Or you can download the Zoom app to your smart phone, iPad, or tablet. To Join Zoom Service: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5037830452> Meeting ID: 503 783 0452



EASTER MEMORIALS

Frances & Victor Allen
 Arthur Alexander
 David Alexander
 Zelia Begin
 Ida, Neils, & Leo Bowman
 Joseph T. Falcone
 Mabel & S. Thomas Falcone
 Thelma & Fred Fowler
 Lavinia, Vincent, & Cedric Gee
 Lois Hahn
 Pauline, William, Bill and Michael Haley
 Rose & Benjamin Jackson
 Loved ones of Lillian Johnson
 Edith & Frank Ladowsky
 Harriet May & Frost Henry Leighton
 Elizabeth & Sydney Leighton Family
 John & Margaret Leighton
 James Lynch
 Marge Lynch
 Maureen Lynch
 Dianne MacDonald
 Elizabeth & George Meldrum

Vernon & Shirley Noble
 Judith Fowler Obermeyer
 Brian Parsons
 Doris & Charles Parsons
 Ida and Edward Pickett
 Alexander Rennie
 David Stuart Rennie
 David and Marion Rennie
 Sarah & Miriam Sandiford
 Charles & Mary Sauer
 Christopher & Willemenia Sauer
 Edward A. Scott, Sr.
 Frederick Scott
 Mary Scott
 Ethel Thompson
 Caroline & John Waite Family
 Jack Webster
 Stan and Gilberte Wharton
 Hal & Mari Wilkinson
 Judy Wisehart
 Elsie, Jack, Peter, & Cynthia Womack



A note from Music Directress, Paula King

A big thanks goes out to the amazing musical talents of the cantors who led the singing in our Holy Week services and the beautiful harmonies we heard on Easter Sunday! Michael Regner, Katie King, Cathy Noble and Catriona Morris keep up the good work!

Sock Drive Huge Success

The Outreach Sock Drive program added a new touch this year. Besides our usual appeal to the Grace Congregation, we added a bold notice on the Grace Church message board appealing to our community to contribute to our sock drive and did they deliver!!! A bin placed under the Grace Church sign was filled to the brim multiple times!! As of March 30th we collected 425 pairs of socks from our community and Grace Church members as well as many monetary donations from Grace members to buy more!!! And this doesn't even count the socks we expect to receive from Bombas Socks (last year they gave us 1700 pair) to give to those in need. Grace Church and its members and the Norwood Community are beyond AWESOME!!!

Grace Notes Deadline, Sunday, April 20

The deadline for submitting articles and schedules to the monthly Grace Notes newsletter will be on the 20th day of each month prior to issue month. The church office is grateful to receive any articles deemed news worthy to your parish family.



SUNDAY MORNING DEVOTION VIA PHONE CONFERENCING

When 10:50 AM (Only on Sundays when there is NO In-church service)

How: Dial-in 605-313-5909, and enter Access Code 744948#

What: We Will Say Together Morning Daily Devotion from BCP (p. 137 or below)

Father John will read the Sunday Gospel and his sermon of the day.

We will have time to include our own individual prayers and have informal check-in with each other (Virtual Coffee Hour) after we do the service, and announcements of parish doings. Runs no more than 45 minutes.

Sunday Morning Devotion 10:50 AM Service Via Telephone

From Psalm 51

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reading of the Sunday Gospel

Sermon from Father John

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect of the Day

Prayer During COVID-19



Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year representing the presence of the Lord. All are welcome to make an offering in memory of a loved one. Please call Patty in the church office. She can let you know what dates are available and take the information for your memorial. Donation checks can be made payable to St. Faith's Altar Guild. Suggested donation \$6.00.



Anniversaries

4/3 Melissa & Stephen Flavin
4/8 Stephen & Jane Falcone
4/9 Robert & Jeannine Parsons
4/17 James & Chris Pedersen
4/25 Stephanie & John Fleming
4/29 Phil & Pat Riley

Birthdays

4/01 Stephanie Fleming
4/03 Carolyn Escher
4/06 Alexandra Bedard
4/06 Jane Pierce
4/08 Judy Barrett
4/09 Andrew Jarrell
4/12 Siuyien Mathews
4/13 Peter Loescher
4/13 Nancy Lane
4/15 Graham Jarrell
4/19 David Pierce
4/23 Elizabeth Gurney
4/24 Carole Ringler
4/28 Richard Cogliano

Healing Ministry at Grace Church in the Time of COVID-19



During this period of safe distancing due to the Corona Virus, Healing Prayers are being offered by phone. You can call any of our Healing Ministers any time: Cathy Noble (781-344-1237), Deb Morton (781-769-4044), Sue Breen (508-404-9887), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).

In Prayer



As the Spring flowers peek out of dark earth, so too does Jesus' resurrection burst upon a world darkened by a pandemic. Please pray also for...



- A deep experience with Jesus this Easter season, even with a new hybrid of traditional and virtual services.
- A renewed trust in God by each of us touched in so many ways by the pandemic.
- Humility to ask for help if we are sick, need groceries, or a phone call with our healing ministers or priest.
- Bravery to offer supplies to the Food Pantry, keeping tabs on those in your neighborhood, and offering whatever help is needed to others.
- Patience for the hope that increased vaccinations bring.
- Those on our parish prayer list: A.J., Ethan, Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Bill Daly, Iris Falcone, Holly Foster, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Joe Harney, Jr., Aidan Hooper, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Madeline King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Marion Merifield, Carol Misner, Jess Morton, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Emily & Doug Rennie, Carol Ringler, Donald Sabourin, Quincy Sousa, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, David Sullivan, Joseph Warren, Stan Wharton, John Whitcomb, Pauline Wilhite and Ann, Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Prayer Line.

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Zoom Service 10:30 AM Drive-Thru Palms	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	31 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 Deadline for Scholarship Applications Mundy Thursday 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM In-Church Service	2 Good Friday 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Drive-Thru Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Zoom Service	3 No Easter Vigil this year 9:00 AM Food Pantry
4 Easter Sunday Pantry Sunday 10:00 AM Easter Service Outdoors w/ Eucharist 11:30 AM Drive-Thru Flowering of the Cross	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting	6 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:30 PM Stewardship Meeting	7 7:00 AM AA Meeting	8 7:00 AM AA Meeting	9 7:00 AM AA Meeting	10 9:00 AM Food Pantry
11 EASTER 2 Guest Preacher- Rev Liz Steinhauser B-SAFE 9:00 AM Zoom Service 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conference call	12 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	13 7:00 AM AA Meeting	14 7:00 AM AA Meeting	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting	16 7:00 AM AA Meeting	17 9:00 AM Food Pantry
18 EASTER 3 9:00 AM Zoom Service 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conference call	19 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	20 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	21 Grace Notes Deadline 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Young @ Heart Lunch	22 7:00 AM AA Meeting	23 7:00 AM AA Meeting	24 9:00 AM Food Pantry
25 EASTER 4 Good Shepherd Sunday 10:00 AM Service Outdoors weather permitting	26 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 9:00 AM Food Pantry

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