

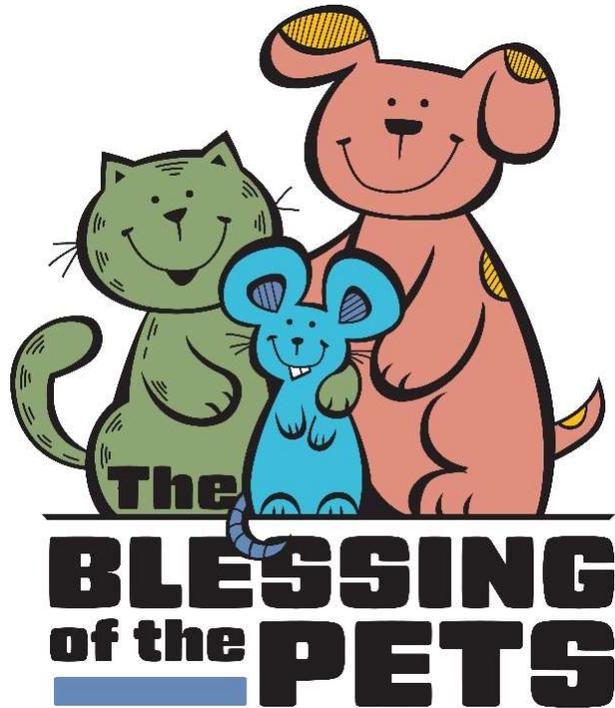


# Grace Notes

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*Bring your pet to church!*

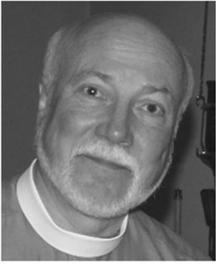
**Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m.**  
*This beloved service celebrating  
St. Francis of Assisi will be held  
outdoors on the church grounds.*

**Watch as Apples are Pressed to Make Cider**

**Sunday, October 3**

With the apples in the orchard so numerous and big,  
we will press apples using a cider press  
during Coffee Hour.

**FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**



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

**October Continues Our Slow **Climb** out of COVID Require God's Gift of Patience**

We're not there yet—with Delta and the schools full of unvaccinated children—we may be in for some rough times this Fall. So, we will stick with small steps as we **Climb** out of COVID:

- We continue Sunday Services with Eucharist being held each week at 8 and 10 a.m.
- We continue to require masks to be worn when inside during services, and the distribution of the hosts will be done by me going to the ends of the aisles.
- Carol T. Johnson, our Hospitality Chair, is seeking Coffee Hour Volunteers so we can bring back this social aspect of Sunday services. We will probably endeavor to hold Coffee Hour outside, weather permitting, or in the Fowler Room.
- We will not hold in-person Sunday School just yet, but Sunday School leader Leslie Grant and I are cooking up some Veggie-tales from YouTube that teach Bible stories and values in an animated way using vegetables!!
- We will hold out annual St. Francis's Celebration and Blessing of the Animals on Sunday October 3 at the 10 AM Service, outside in the front, using straw bales to create the altar—more information coming soon.

This all continues to bewilder and stress us all, but perhaps that's why Patience is not just a function of the resources of our own individual willpower, but comes as one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In fact, of the 12 gifts, PATIENCE ranks as number 4 coming only behind charity (or love), joy, and peace.

So, when our world's Slow **Climb** out of COVID gets to you, say a little prayer, and ask God to bestow on you the gift of PATIENCE to help make it through the day.

**Call for Participants in Confirmation Class and Spring 2022 Confirmation**

Carol T. Johnson and Fr John would like to begin the last series of Confirmation Classes the first Sunday of Advent. Class will meet every other Sunday in the Fowler Room after the 10 AM service and Coffee Hour. There will be some time off for Christmas and Easter and perhaps School vacation. Confirmation should occur sometime in late April or May. We will again use the curriculum from the national church, *Confirm not Conform*, and each class will last no more than an hour. We also will again include an overnight confirmation retreat experience up at the Diocesan camp in New Hampshire along with prospective confirmands from across the diocese.

Once you and your teen have decided to go for it, please ask Father John after church on a Sunday for the *Confirm not Conform Commitment Pledge*.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Christmas Trees and Wreaths**

Tentatively, the trees are expected to be delivered to Grace Church November 21 or 22. Please mark your calendar for this important delivery as many hands are needed to unload and set up the trees for what will be our 34<sup>th</sup> year of tree sales.



**Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis—Outdoor Service and Outdoor Blessing  
Next Sunday, Sunday October 3, 10 AM**

*Fr John*

Eleven years ago, on my first Feast of St. Francis here at Grace, we had a service and blessing out on the front steps of the church. It was well-attended and served as a beacon to the neighborhood that interesting things were happening here at Grace.

This year, we will set up straw bales for an altar on the top step; Paula will set up music in the vestibule to be near the electric outlets, and everyone else will sit on folding chairs in a semi-circle facing the front stairs out front. Hopefully, we can do a lemonade coffee-hour to the side of the semi-circle.

***So, the 10 AM service will be outside (weather-permitting) (the 8 AM will be a normal service inside without a pet blessing).*** Bring your pet, safely contained in a carrier or by leash. If your pet gets nervous around other dogs or people, then stake out a chair and some room for your pet in the semi-circle back row of chairs or at the sides, giving ample distance from others so your pet will feel safe.

After the Closing Prayer, line up with your pet on the orchard-side of the driveway, and I will come to the first of the front steps and give each pet a blessing, and give you a commemorative Holy Card for the occasion...perhaps also a treat for your pet! Once your pet is blessed, you may exit down the other driveway.

Feel free to invite your friends or neighbors even if they only come to the final blessing and pet prayers at around 10:50. We will announce this event on Facebook and other social media.

*Special Addition this Year:* With the apples in the orchard so numerous and big, we will press fresh apple cider from a press during Coffee Hour—come watch and enjoy.

**The Cookie Walk Resumes**



This year's Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM, or until sold out. The event will be a bit different this year because of the ongoing pandemic. Rather than shoppers perusing plates of cookies and filling their own boxes, a group of volunteers will package the cookies ahead of time. We will have boxes of a variety of cookies, paying special attention to nut-free choices, as well as single cookie flavors.

Start planning your cookie baking and let Dorothy Sabourin ([SewLoft259@aol.com](mailto:SewLoft259@aol.com) or 774-571-9621) know what you'll provide. Also let her know if you need to have someone pick up your baked cookies. Otherwise, please deliver them to the church kitchen Friday, December 10, afternoon or early Saturday morning. As in the past, homemade sauces and fruit spreads are also welcome. Thank you!

In the unlikely (hopefully!) event we need to cancel again because of the pandemic, we will make that decision no later than Thanksgiving. Again, thank you all for your support of this delicious fundraiser.



**Young at Heart Lunch Get-together, October 20**

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 church secretary. We will meet in the church hall where we can be safely distanced while enjoying the blessings of our friendships over a light meal and discussion.

## Acolytes Needed

Calling all acolytes, new and previously experienced! We are in need of acolytes for our 10:00 Sunday services. Being an acolyte is easy and fun, and can provide a person with a different perspective of the worship service. If you or someone you know is interested in this important role in our worship, please let Father John know or email Marsha McGettigan at [Marsha2424@comcast.net](mailto:Marsha2424@comcast.net)

## OUTREACH

*Sue Breen*

### Changing Sock Drive from Spring to Fall

Grace Church received another grant from Bombas Socks. Bombas increased our grant to 2250 pairs of socks to help children, teens, women, and men.

Bombas also changed our delivery date to the Fall instead of Spring, so Grace will change our Sock and Flip Flop Drive to the Fall. Since we already had our annual sock drive this past spring, this will begin— *not this Fall*, but next year in the Fall of 2022 to coincide with Bombas Sock delivery.

Thanks for all your socks and flip flops this past Spring. All were delivered to Boston Shelters and places that distribute food and clothing including *Cradles to Crayons*, *Women's Lunch Place*, *St. Francis House* and *Pine Street Inn*. YOU MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

### Grace Notes Deadline

The next newsletter deadline will be on October 17 for the November edition of Grace Notes. All parish members are invited to share with their parish family. Please be sure to have your submittals to the church on time.



### Welcome Back to Coffee Hour

About twenty years ago, I went to my first ever Coffee Hour. The church that I had attended for my whole life up to that point didn't offer the opportunity to gather and have a bit of refreshments after the Sunday Service. I didn't know what I was missing all those years until I started going to the Coffee Hour. My experience had been one of when the final blessing is given, you leave and you better get going because there is another service soon and your car is going to be in the way! Coffee Hour has offered me the opportunity to spend time with the people with whom I had spent the last hour worshipping. Time to reach out and to care about one another! This was often the message I heard in the service.

Here at Grace, we have had to let go of Coffee Hour with the pandemic. Now is the time to bring it back. I am writing to ask you to come to the Coffee Hour and to consider being an occasional host/hostess. Coffee/Tea is supplied along with the cups, etc. You just have to make it and serve it! Everyone appreciates a goodie to go with the beverage of course and that is up to you. There is a budget for Coffee Hour and all you have to do is give me your receipts and I will see that you are reimbursed.

Please contact me – [ctj05@comcast.net](mailto:ctj05@comcast.net) and that “zero 5”. If you don't contact me, I may need to contact you! Thank you ahead of time! CAROL (also known as Carol T. Johnson)



### Stewardship

Our stewardship campaign will begin the week of October 17. As we emerge from the Covid Pandemic and find a greater (and much need) normalcy in our lives, we ask you to prayerfully consider your valuable personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Grace Church gives thanks for your faithful and ongoing contributions to the church during this difficult period of time.

### Pledging 101

About this time of year many churches ask their members to designate what they hope to give in the year to come. We know that the church is not a business - it's the family of God - but things go better if the church operates along responsible business principles.

When we pledge, the church can plan which programs it can afford to launch or maintain, how many paid staff members (pastor, secretary, custodian, choir director, etc.) it can employ. It can project how much support it can send to missions, children's homes, settlement houses in lower economic areas and more.

A pledge, made after prayer and with full consideration of one's resources, helps prevent financial stress and makes the church perform more effectively. Ultimately, our pledge and the fulfillment of it serves God and gives joy to everyone including ourselves.

### New Alarm System

If you are entrusted with a key to access the church, and have missed the many emails and announcements, please be advised your old pin code will not dis-arm the church alarm. If you still need a key to the church, you must contact Patty in the church office to make a new pin code. If you have a key and no longer need it, please turn it in to the church office. These keys cannot be copied and are quite costly to replace. Your help is appreciated.



### October Celebrations



#### Anniversaries

- Sue Walsh & Norm Beauchemin
- Heather & Kevin Wisehart
- Joseph & Kimberly Miller
- Barbara Mackey & Eric Ahlberg
- Amanda & Matthew Nichols

#### Birthdays

- Flannery Miller
- Ryan Hooper
- Mia Serratore
- Geoffrey Baguma
- Philip Riley
- Kathryn McTeague
- George Currier
- Roger Barrett
- Helen Rintala
- David Button
- Olivia O'Connor
- Tommy Nedder
- Mason Falcone
- Emma Fleming
- Eric Bedard
- Lillian Johnson
- Yvonne Soto



## In Prayer

Bread of life, I am hungry. Please feed me.  
Living water, my spirit is parched.  
Please quench my thirst.

Please keep in your prayers...

- Those whose lives are devoid of peace and security due to the virus, fear, or unemployment.
- Teachers, parents, and students of all ages, in this school year, be it virtual or in person; may minds be opened, skills honed, and new friends made.
- All God's creatures as we bless our pets on October 4 in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.
- Our parish; May our present style worship buoy our service to our Lord through all the good works at Grace Church.
- The souls of Connie Eck, and Stanley Wharton, who recently passed into God's eternal rest.
- Those of our parish who are ill: A.J., Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Jem Dearbin, Carolyn Escher, Iris Falcone, Arlene Gemba, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Aidan Hooper, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Madeleine King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Madeleine Merifield, Carol Misner, Kevin Most, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Carol Ringler, Manny Sanchez; Anna, Michael, Maia, & Daniel Sangalang; Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Warren, John Whitcomb, Pauline Wilhite and Ann, Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Prayer Line.

*Our Private Prayer Line: 508 668 7175*



## Support the Norwood Food Pantry

Donations can be dropped at the church anytime. There is a clearly marked bin in front of the food pantry storage building at the rear of the church.

- Hash, Beef Stew, Chili
- Canned Fruit
- Tea Bags (black or green, regular or decaf)
- Coffee (instant regular or decaf)
- Spaghetti Sauce (24-26 oz. jars or cans)
- Boxed Rice (Rice Pilaf, Near East, Rice a Roni, Zatarains, etc.)
- Canned Tuna (6-7 oz., white albacore chunk or solid)
- Cold (Boxed) Cereal

## Sunday Readings

### **October 3**

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

### **October 10**

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

### **October 17**

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

### **October 24**

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

### **October 31**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26 PENT 18 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting	2 9:00 AM Food Pantry
	3 PENT 19 <b>Blessing of the Animals</b> Partry Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	6 7:00 AM AA Meeting	7 7:00 AM AA Meeting	8 7:00 AM AA Meeting	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry
	10 PENT 20 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	11 <b>Columbus Day</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	12 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	13 7:00 AM AA Meeting	14 7:00 AM AA Meeting	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting	16 9:00 AM Food Pantry
	17 Grace Notes Deadline PENT 21 Stewardship Sermon 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	18 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	19 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	20 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Senior Lunch	21 7:00 AM AA Meeting	22 7:00 AM AA Meeting	23 9:00 AM Food Pantry
	24 PENT 22 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	25 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	26 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 9:00 AM Food Pantry
	31 PENT 23 <b>Halloween Sunday</b> <b>Wear your costume to church</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	1 <b>All Saints Day</b> 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4 7:00 AM AA Meeting	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting	6 9:00 AM Food Pantry

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