



Grace Notes

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For All the Saints

Sunday, November 7

**Join us as we remember those saints
who have passed on to God's eternal rest**



2021

Submit your articles or schedules by the 20th of the month prior to issue.

Christmas Trees and Wreaths

The trees are expected to be delivered to Grace Church November 21 or 22. Many hands are needed to unload and set up the trees for what will be our 34th year of tree sales. We will let you know more as the date closes in.

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 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.

B-SAFE Thanks Youth Program Partners

THANKS! All of us at St. Stephen's Youth Programs are SO GRATEFUL for our partnership during B-SAFE 2021. The opportunity to be together for hands-on learning, in-person meals, and super-fun full-day field trips was a joy and a blessing.



If you have not had a chance to see this [B-SAFE THANK YOU VIDEO](#) of B-SAFE rock stars reciting Amanda Gorman's poem "The Hill We Climb", please take a look (or watch again!). Please share this out with your congregations in e-newsletters or other appropriate platforms, too! <https://youtu.be/JQnwXiHgKHI>

Grace Notes Deadline, November 21

Don't Miss the



The next newsletter deadline will be on November 21 for the December 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.

Young at Heart Lunch Get-together, November 17

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.



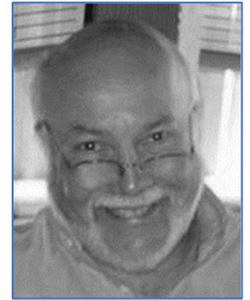
SAVE THE DATE Christmas Trees and Wreaths

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From the Rector's Desk

From the Rector's Desk—Looking Out the Window

Some November mornings dawn with a quiet, brilliant beauty because these are the mornings touched by *Jack Frost*. Jack is likely the son of the Norse god of wind *Kari*, and when born he was named in Norse *Jokul* (“icicle”) *Frosti* (“frost”). When *Jokul Frosti* immigrated to England with the Norse, he became *Jack Frost*, an elf-like being who colors tree leaves and paints patterns on windows.



This mid-nineteenth century poem by Hannah Gould of Newburyport I think captures the November arrival of Jack quite well:

(1) The Frost looked forth one still, clear night,
And whispered, “Now I shall be out of sight;
So, through the valley, and over the height,
In silence I’ll take my way.
I will not go on like that blustering train,
The wind and the snow, the hail and the rain,
That make such a bustle and noise in vain,
But I’ll be as busy as they!”

(2) So he flew to the mountain, and powdered its crest;
He lit on the trees, and their boughs he drest
With diamonds and pearls; and over the breast
Of the quivering lake he spread
A coat of mail, that it need not fear
The downward point of many a spear
That he hung on its margin, far and near,
Where a rock could rear its head.

(3) He went to the windows of those who slept,
And over each pane, like a fairy, crept;
Wherever he breathed, wherever he stepped,
By the light of the morn were seen
Most beautiful things; there were flowers and trees;
There were beves of birds and swarms of bees;
There were cities with temples and towers; and these
All pictured in silvery sheen!

(4) But he did one thing that was hardly fair—
He peeped in the cupboard, and finding there
That all had forgotten for him to prepare—
“Now, just to set them a-thinking,
I’ll bite this basket of fruit,” said he,
“This costly pitcher I’ll burst in three;
And the glass of water they’ve left for me
Shall ‘tchick’ to tell them I’m drinking!”

Perhaps November’s Jack Frost can also set you *a-thinking* about what it is that you value? Is it the *basket of fruit* that soon perishes? The *costly pitcher burst in three* by a careless motion? Or the moment *hardly fair* when you stand and are asked how your stewardship of your money, time, and talent furthered the growth of the Kingdom of God? Or is this something you had *forgotten to prepare*?

Father John



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), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).



In Prayer

Giver of all good things, I am thankful beyond words for your generosity and love. Help me share your love broadly. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers...

- Those whose lives are devoid of peace and security due to the virus, fear, or unemployment;
- Safe journeys for those travelling during the Thanksgiving holiday;
- The souls of those loved ones who passed into God's eternal glory over this past year, being prayed for on All Saints Sunday;
- All of us; as we prayerfully consider our Stewardship Pledge this year, while learning to be better stewards of God's creation;
- 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

Sunday Readings

November 7

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 14

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 21

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Psalm 25:1-9



November Birthdays

11/04 Alexander Wisehart
11/09 Jean Folsom
11/14 Paula King
11/15 Roberta McCormack

11/18 Susan Jarrell
11/18 John Pierce
11/18 Emily Grant
11/25 Lisa McTeague

11/25 Tracey Johnson
11/25 Harrison Wisehart

We like to send best wishes to all our parish members.

If we haven't sent you a birthday or anniversary card, it's because we don't have the date.

Please call Patty in the church office.

The journey begins at Advent

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."



Grace Church Christmas Wreath Order 2021

Name _____ Email: _____

Phone _____

BOW CHOICES: Red, Burgundy, White (colors subject to availability)

PRICING: \$20 for bow/decorated \$10 for plain wreath

- Pre-orders due by **November 21, 2021**
- Checks payable to "**Grace Episcopal Church**" (memo line, WREATHS)
- Estimated availability for pick up will be by December 4th.
- DROP OFF orders at Grace Church or Mail to 150 Chapel Street, Norwood, MA 02062

Wreath Type	Cost per wreath	How Many?	Cost
Plain Wreath	\$10		
RED Ribbon Wreath	\$20		
BURGUNDY Ribbon Wreath	\$20		
WHITE Ribbon Wreath	\$20		

TOTAL ORDER: _____

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Help Books Achieve their Greatest Purpose



The books you place in the book donation bin behind Grace Church are sorted by priority and need, then donated to literacy-focused or community-based non-profit organizations, including libraries and schools; as well as resold online at prices that would make Amazon and eBay blush.

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.

Honoring our veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Special dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2021*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 7, 2021*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2021*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 25, 2021*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 28, 2021*



Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul.
It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the
fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God.

Elisabeth Elliot, Keep a Quiet Heart

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 PENT 23 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	1 All Saints Day 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
7 PENT 24 All Saints Sunday Daylight-Saving Time Ends Pantry Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	8 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	9 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	10 7:00 AM AA Meeting	11 Veterans Day 7:00 AM AA Meeting	12 Diocesan Convention 7:00 AM AA Meeting	13 Diocesan Convention 9:00 AM Food Pantry
14 Ingathering PENT 25 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	15 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	16 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	17 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Young @ Heart Lunch	18 7:00 AM AA Meeting	19 7:00 AM AA Meeting	20 9:00 AM Food Pantry
21 Grace Notes Deadline Last Sun. after PENT: Christ the King 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	22 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	23 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	24 7:00 AM AA Meeting	25 Thanksgiving Day 7:00 AM AA Meeting	26 7:00 AM AA Meeting	27 9:00 AM Food Pantry
28 1 ADVENT 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4 9:00 AM Food Pantry

STAFF

The Rev. R. John Brockmann, Rector
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OFFICE HOURS

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