



Grace Notes

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May 2021

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

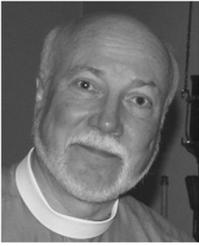


*All of them
were filled with
the Holy Spirit...*

Acts 2:4, NRSV



Sunday
May 9 & 23
at 10 a.m.



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

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

*All-Important Meeting May 23rd After Eucharist in the Sunken Garden
Plan the 2021-2022 Church Year*

Please be sure that someone or yourself is present at the meeting to represent your guild (i.e., Altar Guild or choir), group (i.e., Young at Hearts), interest group (i.e., folks who work in the garden or mow) or ministry (i.e., Outreach, prayer line, readers, lay preachers) as we jointly plan the next church year beginning in September. This will be a VERY important meeting because with God's grace and, if the vaccines perform as expected, we will be back to a semblance of normal in September.

However, we have all experienced new things during this pandemic so what do we want to bring with us to this "new normal" and what do we want to leave behind as quickly as possible? Rather than discuss this abstractly, this parish has the tradition of co-creating a calendar of events to embody our priorities and ministries. We are a small parish so we need to keep our focus clear as we move through the year so that we are not unnecessarily splitting our efforts and funds.

- Do we want to continue to intersperse outdoor services weather permitting?
- Do we want 8 AM and 10 AM services or one common service at 9 or 10?
- What continuing presence of Zoom do we want to keep, e.g., continue with Zoom vestry meetings or move to in-person vestry meetings after the Eucharist on Sunday?
- Do we want to continue the drive-through events next year? At the same frequency?
- What will Sunday School look like; are there enough interested teens to run a Confirmation class; do we want to return to the Adult Education class on Sundays between services?
- What will Hospitality look like to next year: do we want a couple parish dinners? Will we have a Mardi Gras and Spooky Halloween Coffee Hours?
- Who will mow the trim this year? Who will handle the schedule?
- Etc. etc.

Talk to people and get an idea of what your group would like to newly include for this next year, or leave in the pre-COVID times.

I look forward to our meeting.

Father John



Zoom Church Services with Grace, May 2, 16, 30

Attend our Sunday Morning Prayer with sermon at 9:00 a.m. 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

Worship
with us
from
HOME

Live In-Person Services May 9 (Mother's Day), May 23 (Pentecost)



Weather permitting, Grace Church will hold services out doors on the church grounds. Live services are held at 10:00 a.m. The few services we have had outdoors have been well received. It is a blessing to be able to worship in a socially distance manner, yet together. Please note, there will be no Morning Devotions by telephone on these Sundays.

Signup for Outside Service on Mother's Day, May 9

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FA4AF29A3FA7-reservation11>

Signup for Outside Service on Pentecost, May 23

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4FA4AF29A3FA7-reservation12>



Young at Heart Lunch Get-together Wednesday, May 19

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.



"Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me."

Shared Experience

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?



*Planning
Ahead*

**The Year Ahead
May 23**

Since the chairs will already be set up for outdoor service, Grace Church will hold a meeting to plan out the church year. This annual meeting is to schedule all the events for the upcoming church year. Vestry members, church officers, music director, coordinators, and any who have suggestions or ideas for events are urged to attend. We will meet directly following the 10a.m. Pentecost service on May 23.



**Grace Notes Deadline
May 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.



Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne

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.

MAY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

- 5/10 John & Somerset Buchanan
- 5/18 Roger & Judy Barrett
- 5/26 John & Karen Stanley
- 5/30 Carol & Bob Maloof

Birthdays

- 5/3 Katie King
- 5/6 Grace Stone
- 5/8 Charlotte Loescher
- 5/12 Max LeBlanc
- 5/21 Richard Jarrell
- 5/24 Belle Fleming
- 5/25 Fr. John Brockmann
- 5/25 Blake Baguma
- 5/26 Brian McTeague
- 5/28 Elizabeth Wilson
- 5/29 Brent Mathews

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.



**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

Lord
hear our
Prayer

Breath of God, inspire me by your Word. Fire of God, kindle in me a passion for serving others in your name.

Please pray also for...

- A deep experience with Jesus this Easter season with our mix of in-person outside and Zoom 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, Iris Falcone, Holly Foster, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Aidan Hooper, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Madeleine King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Marion Merifield, Carol Misner, Jess Morton, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Emily & Doug Rennie, Carol Ringler, Manny Sanchez, Quincy Sousa, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, 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.
- The souls of Bill Daly, Spenser Rose, Donald Sabourin, David Sullivan, who recently passed into God's eternal rest.



MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 4 EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday DIRT SUNDAY 10:00 AM Service Outdoors weather permitting</p>	<p>26 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class</p>	<p>27 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class</p>	<p>28 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>30 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p>
<p>2 5 EASTER Pantry Sunday 9:00 AM Zoom Service 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conference call</p>	<p>3 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class</p>	<p>4 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class 7:30 PM Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>5 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>7 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p>
<p>9 6 EASTER Mother's Day 10:00 AM Service Outdoors weather permitting</p>	<p>10 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>11 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class</p>	<p>12 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Deanery Meeting</p>	<p>13 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p>
<p>16 7 EASTER: The Sun. after Ascension Day 9:00 AM Zoom Service 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conference call</p>	<p>17 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class</p>	<p>18 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class</p>	<p>19 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Young @ Heart Lunch</p>	<p>20 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 Grace Notes Deadline 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p>
<p>23 Pentecost 10:00 AM Service Outdoors weather permitting 11:15 AM Planning the Church Year</p>	<p>24 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Closing Eucharist & Graduation</p>	<p>26 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p>
<p>30 PENTECOST 1: TRINITY SUNDAY Trinity Sunday 9:00 AM Zoom Service 10:50 AM Morning Devotion via Conference call</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>1 7:00 AM AA Meeting 10:30 AM Cristy Dearbin Graduation Service 7:30 PM Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>2 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 7:00 AM AA Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p>

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