



# Grace Notes

Official Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church Norwood, Massachusetts

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Submit your articles or schedules on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to issue month.



**Dirt Sunday  
May 22**

Bring a small container of your garden soil to church for the blessing of a fruitful harvest

## Planning the Church Year; Sunday, May 22

All groups, ministries, and representatives of groups please attend the meeting on Sunday May 22 to plan out the church year for 2012-23 and ensure that our small parish and limited energy and funds can be coordinated and focused. We will begin after coffee hour up in the Fowler Room.



## Dirt Sunday, May 22



Officially known as Rogation Sunday, Dirt Sunday is the day when the Church offers prayer for God's blessings on the crops for a bountiful harvest. The word "rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask."

You are invited to bring to church with you on May 22, a small container of dirt from your garden, some seeds you plan to sow, or any tools you use to garden. Fr. John will offer a blessing that we may bear fruit to the glory of God.



## Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale will run from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Hours of operation are scheduled for Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 12-5. Your support is appreciated.

## Young at Heart Lunch, May 18 at noon

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. We will meet in a safely distanced setting while enjoy the blessings of our friendships over a light meal and discussion.



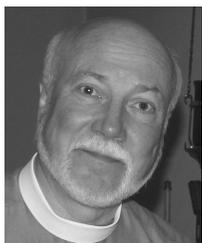
## Memorial Day Weekend

Due to the holiday weekend when many are away, there will be ONE service at 9 a.m. on May 29. Be sure to tag your calendar accordingly. As well, the office will be closed on May 30.

### June Grace Notes Deadline is Sunday, May 22

Be sure to get your articles & schedules in on time.

*"Communication is key to all relationships;  
including your relationship with your church family."*



**FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 to noon.

Rector by appointment

A poem occasioned by the upcoming retirement of Patty Begin as Grace Church Parish Secretary.

**What Do We Treasure About You? Let Me Count The Ways.\***

We treasure you for having the grace to have successfully survived working with five different priests in the parish since you arrived 25 years ago.

We treasure you for having the talents of friendship and care for all who walk into your office, and most especially for those who walk with canes.

We treasure you for the stories you regale us of your many ocean voyages with Bob over your 33 years of marriage.

We treasure you as the fount of parish memories and information; surely there's never been a birthday or anniversary forgotten.

We treasure you for your soups that feed a monthly hungry crowd of Young at Heart

We treasure you for being able to expand your talents, for example, moving the Grace Notes newsletter to an online publication with color and pictures.

We treasure you for being a penny-pincher on behalf of the parish ensuring that less is more where you are in charge.

We treasure you for ministering in your job listening to the sorrows and needs of those in want.

And most of all, we treasure you as the lovely daughter of God who has been, is, and will forever be a blessing to all who cross your path.

Amen.

*\*With a nod to Elizabeth Barrett Browning*



**Receiving the Wine During Communion**

As we make every effort to find the “fine line” to accommodate to our parish members while keeping risk of Covid as low as possible, communion wine (along with the bread) will be given out from a cruet at the top of the aisle to those who bring their own cup from home each week to receive the wine. Those receiving (the bread and/or the wine) will be masked **in a line down the center aisle**, returning via the side aisles (please maintain social distance as indicated on the carpet). Bring an extra little wine glass with you to share with someone who has none. Reclaim it afterwards and reverently wash both at home.

## Thank You to Those who made our music program special!



Dear Members of Grace Easter/Holy Week Choir (Cathy Noble, Michael Regner, Katie King, Charlotte Mathews, Brent Mathews, Dave Escher, and Helen Rintala),

I want to thank each of you for making our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations so wonderful. Many of you put in much effort to make our worship beautiful and meaningful and I am deeply grateful to each one of you.

A huge thanks to Cathy, Michael and Katie for their flexibility and deep devotion to the Grace Music Program through these last 2 years in the shadow of the Covid epidemic.

Thank you for your unending commitment to the choir and the Grace community,  
Paula King,  
Music Directress



A big **Thank You** to the Altar Guild, choir and organist, readers,  
and all who took part in the Holy Week and Easter services!!

## Thank You, Sue Breen, Parish Outreach Coordinator, For Successfully Leading A Collection for Aid to the Ukraine!!

The final total of money that Sue Breen, our Parish Outreach Coordinator, was able to collect during her campaign is \$3584.79.

In rain or shine, Sue was out there this Early Spring along Chapel Street in front of the church and by the entrance to Shaw's in downtown Norwood. We want to also thank Dorothy Sabourin and Meredith Baguma for creating the Ukrainian colors pins given away to those who contributed.

The money will be going to Episcopal Relief and Development who are in close contact with church and ecumenical partners including the ACT Alliance, The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society of Partners in the Gospel. These organizations are coordinating immediate and long-term humanitarian responses through their local partners in Romania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia.

For more information:

[Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine - Episcopal Relief & Development](#)

## Pantry Sunday

Remember those less fortunate on the first Sunday of each month by bringing a non-perishable food item to the Pantry Sunday. Donation bin is in front of the pantry storage building behind the church.



**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR MAY**

**May 1**

[Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#)  
[Revelation 5:11-14](#)  
[John 21:1-19](#)  
[Psalm 30](#)

**May 8**

[Acts 9:36-43](#)  
[Revelation 7:9-17](#)  
[John 10:22-30](#)  
[Psalm 23](#)

**May 15**

[Acts 11:1-18](#)  
[Revelation 21:1-6](#)  
[John 13:31-35](#)  
[Psalm 148](#)

**May 22**

[Acts 16:9-15](#)  
[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)  
[John 14:23-29](#)  
[Psalm 67](#)

**May 29**

[Acts 16:16-34](#)  
[Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21](#)  
[John 17:20-26](#)  
[Psalm 97](#)

**In  
Prayer**



Quiet my heart and mind, dear Jesus. Help me sense the peaceful rhythm of your heartbeat against me.

*Please keep your prayers ...*

- A deep experience with Jesus this Easter season with His invitation to "Come and See."
- A renewed trust in God by each of us touched in so many ways by the pandemic.
- A cessation of Russia's war against Ukraine, and great thanks for Sue Breen's persistence and grace in soliciting funds for Ukrainian aid efforts
- Bravery to offer supplies to the Food Pantry, keeping tabs on those in your neighborhood, and offering whatever help is needed to others.
- Our confirmands: Nicholas Grant, Jon Grant, Livi LeBlanc, and Maggie Bedard
- Those on our parish prayer list: A.J., Andrea, Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Carolyn Escher, Arlene Gemba, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, LaJuana Hobbs, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Harry King, John King, Madeleine King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Madeleine Merifield, Carol Misner, Kevin Most, Ellen Paulsen, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Marcia Regner, Marcia Regner, Ralph Regner, Emily Rennie, Karen Rennie, Carol Ringle, Manny Sanchez, John Stanley, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, Sherry Vincent, Joseph Warren, John Whitcomb, Linda Wiedmann, Pauline Wilhite and Ann; Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Prayer Line.
- For the souls of Lorna Flaherty, Eileen Russell, Amy Sullivan who passed into God's eternal rest last month



### Healing Ministry at Grace Church

Healing Prayers are being offered by phone. You can call one of our Healing Ministers any time: Cathy Noble (781-344-1237), Deb Morton (781-769-4044), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).

### 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. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board by the offices; Or, 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.

## Confirmed in the Faith

Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.

Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

At Grace Church, we congratulate Maggie Bedard, Jon Grant, Nicholas Grant, and Livi LeBlanc, as they are confirmed on Saturday, May 14 at St. Stephen’s Church in Cohasset.

### In-carnation



The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother’s undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God’s coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.

### A prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.



May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MAY 2022

<b>1</b> <b>3 EASTER</b> Pantry Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry
<b>8</b> <b>4 EASTER</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry <b>10:00 AM</b> Confirmation at St. Stephen's in Cohasset
<b>15</b> <b>5 EASTER</b> <b>Grace Notes Deadline</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist; Baptism	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Young @ Heart Lunch	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry
<b>22</b> <b>6 EASTER</b> <b>DIRT SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:30 AM</b> 2022-23 Calendar Planning Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> EFM Class	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry
<b>29</b> <b>7 EASTER</b> <b>One Service today</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> AA Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry

### May Anniversaries

Roger & Judy Barrett, May 18  
 John & Karen Stanley, May 26  
 Carol & Robert Maloof, May 30

### May Birthdays

05/03 Katie King	05/25 Fr. John Brockmann
05/06 Grace Stone	05/25 Blake Baguma
05/08 Charlotte Loescher	05/26 Brian McTeague
05/12 Max LeBlanc	05/28 Liz Wilson
05/21 Rich Jarrell	05/29 Brent Mathews
05/24 Belle Fleming	

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