



April 2023

Service Times

Holy Eucharist, Rite II on
Sunday at 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I on
Wednesday at 7:30 am

Bible Study on
Wednesday at 11:00 am

THE MISSION OF GRACE CHURCH

*Gather in Christ, grow in
faith, and love our
neighbors*

THE VISION OF GRACE CHURCH

*Be a home where people can
connect with their faith,
to be in harmony with self,
others and God.*

The Way

My dear People:

Greetings in Our Lord! As of writing we are still in Lent and therefore are still refraining from that “A” word. But we are right on the cusp of the celebration of Easter! In our upcoming observance of the rites of Holy Week, we will conclude our journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem and instead we will be spectators and participants in the events surrounding His final suffering and death. This is the most sacred time in the Christian world and also the most joyful. It is joyful because it is when we celebrate Jesus’s triumph over the grave, over sin, death, and the devil, the things that make human experience as bewildering and as tragic as it can be.

Joy, including Easter joy, is a choice. We can choose to respond to God’s grace. The tomb has already been emptied: will we embrace the new life Jesus proffers? I wonder what our Easter joy will look like this year. What new way will God’s Spirit inspire us toward deeper, richer, more abundant life with Him? This is a time not to ask *whether* God is faithful or whether His gifts are abundant, but rather how *we* might give in, how we might hand ourselves over to His super-abundance.

When I look around at our common life at Grace already, I am struck by how that abundance is already so present. The warmth and hospitality we exude towards others near and far, our own families and new friends, is one of our greatest gifts. I know that this vocation of sharing hospitality comes from you already making this response to God in good faith. I think especially of our recent celebration of my one year anniversary of ordination to the sacred priesthood. We gathered together and shared with my family this already happy occasion that you made all the more meaningful. It's exciting then to consider what God may have in store for this next immediate leg of our journey.

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All articles should be emailed to the Parish Administrator at gracechurchsec@verizon.net.

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In that vein, following the welcoming of new members to the parish vestry this winter, I pitched to them a challenge of sorts. I asked them to relate some goals for Grace to accomplish in the coming year. What did they see God calling us toward? Is it a new outreach project? Is it making sure that a new generation would be there to receive Grace's treasures in faith? I would like to extend this invitation to everyone in our parish. As we enjoy this happy time, basking in the glow of Jesus's resurrection, let's dare to put this joy to good use! Let us come and see, let's discern together, what comes next.

Friends, I look forward to this journey together, and know that with Him guiding us we cannot fail. I ask for your prayers and know that you are in mine. I remain, affectionately,

Your Friend and Pastor,

The Rev'd John M.W. Conner



April 2023 Calendar

April 2

Palm Sunday
11:00 am Worship

April 5

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study

April 6

Maundy Thursday
Service at Incarnation,
Morrisville 7:00 pm

April 7

Good Friday
Service at Incarnation,
Morrisville 12:00 pm

April 8

Easter Vigil
Service at Incarnation,
Morrisville 7:30 pm

April 9

Easter Sunday
11:00 am Worship

April 11

7:00 pm Property Mtg.

April 16

Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 am Worship
ECW Meeting

April 2023

Kalendar and Intentions

April is the month of the Blessed Sacrament

1. Lenten Feria
2. **Palm Sunday****Pro Populo**
3. Monday in Holy Week
4. Tuesday in Holy Week
5. Wednesday in Holy Week
6. **Maundy Thursday**
7. **Good Friday**
8. **Holy Saturday**
9. **Easter Sunday**.....**Pro Populo**
- 10.Easter Monday
- 11.Easter Tuesday
- 12.Easter Wednesday
- 13.Easter Thursday
- 14.Easter Friday
- 15.Easter Saturday
- 16.**Low Sunday****Pro Populo**
- 17.Easter Weekday
- 18.Easter Weekday
- 19.Easter Weekday
- 20.Easter Weekday
- 21.Easter Weekday
- 22.Easter Weekday
- 23.**Easter III**.....**Pro Populo**
- 24.Easter Weekday
- 25.St. Mark, Ev.
- 26.Easter Weekday.....**Shrine at Walsingham**
- 27.Easter Weekday
- 28.Easter Weekday
- 29.S. Catherine of Siena, V.
- 30.**Easter IV****Pro Populo**

April 2023**Calendar continued****April 19**

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study
 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

April 23

Third Sunday of Easter
 11:00 am Worship

April 26

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study

April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 11:00 am Worship

May 2023**Calendar****May 3**

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study

May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 11:00 am Worship
 ECW Meeting

May 9

7:00 pm Property Mtg

May 10

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study

THANK YOU

Thank you to the ECW and all of the people who made dishes for the potluck luncheon. It was a most enjoyable day spent with Fr. Conner and his family. – *Sue Horger*

WEDNESDAY

There will not be a 7:30 am Wednesday service or 11:00 am bible study on the Wednesday after Easter, April 12. Wednesday morning services & bible study will resume on April 19.

TITHELY

At the Annual Meeting, Kim Kull introduced the topic of online tithing through a company called "Tithely Giving." She gave us information sheets to guide us through the process, should anyone wish to participate. Copies of this information are available on the table in the parish hall.

Kim said she could include this information and links through our church website to make things as easy as possible. Please let Kim or me know if you are interested in tithing on-line so we can get started. Bob Miller

COFFEE HOUR

Have you signed up recently to bring something for coffee hour? This sign-up sheet was revised for 2023 to allow parishioners to bring an item for coffee hour rather than be responsible for providing all the goodies. We realized how expensive it could be to bring in multiple food items. Did you know that you can get reimbursed up to \$30 towards your cost for refreshments? See Bob Miller for reimbursements.

Thanks – *Sheron Drennen*

May 2023**Calendar continued****May 14**

Sixth Sunday of Easter
11:00 am Worship
Mother's Day

May 17

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

May 20

4:30 to 7:00 pm Country
Buffet

May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter
11:00 am Worship

May 24

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study

May 28

The Day of Pentecost
11:00 am Worship

May 29

Memorial Day – Office
Closed

May 30

Office Closed – Parish
Admin Off

May 31

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study

MARY'S CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous support of Mary's Cupboard food pantry.

Below is a list of items that are currently needed.

Toothpaste	Corn
Shampoo	Green Beans
Peas	

We have a LARGE quantity of peanut butter so we will not be in need of any. Thank you.

Any questions contact *Sonja Norton* 215-946-7559.

USHERS

The Vestry members had volunteered to be Ushers, however many of them are also choir members and cannot do both on Sundays. So, we are asking the congregation to pitch in. If you are not sure about the procedure, we can help with that. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If we have enough people to fill the list, you would only need to usher once a month or less. *Bob Miller*

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2 – Palm Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday
April 9 – Easter
May 14 – Mother's Day
May 20 – Country Buffet
May 28 – Pentecost
May 29 – Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 30 – Office Closed
June 4 – Trinity Sunday
June 18 – Father's Day
July 4 – Independence Day – Office Closed
July 10-14 – Parish Administrator's vacation

Vestry Leadership

Senior Warden:

Bob Miller (215) 788-2972

Junior Warden:

Leon Horger
(215) 788-0720

Treasurer:

Langhorne Tax &
Bookkeeping

Building Treasurer:

Al Van Dine
(215) 943-1572

Clerk of the Vestry:

Cathie Miller
(215) 788-2972

Vestry Members:

Bob Grow,
Dennis Hickey,
Leon Horger,
David Jackson,
Bob Miller,
Edgar Seely,
Al Van Dine.

Ministry Teams

Communication:

Sheron Drennen

Pastoral Care:

Doris Laino

Property:

Bob Miller

PRAYER LIST

Just a reminder that the Prayer List in the Sunday bulletin is for those who have an immediate, short-term need. These names will be listed in the bulletin for four weeks.

The Prayer List in the newsletter and Noon Prayer bulletin will contain the names of those who have a long-term illness. The names on these two lists will be removed after two months if no new information is provided (in writing). All prayer requests must be in writing and must be submitted by Tuesday morning to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Sheron Drennen

PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL

Alicia D	June R
Ashley T	Kathy
Barbara B	Matthew S
Beverly W	Melinda M
Brian M	Nancy
Caleb D	Nathan
Cindy D	Patrick D
Dan L	Robert B
Dean H	Shirley H
Gerry	Tenaglia family
Jim M	Terry
John	Val S
	William

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

1 - Shirley Hickey	16 – Bernt Vurlicer
4 - Robert Briegel	17 - Cynthia Keaton
11 -Dani Epstein	25 - Christina Hofmann
	25- Karen Gaudio

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

6 - Robert & Cathie Miller
17 – Chris & Joy McDonald

