



GRACE
Episcopal Church

March 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,

As of writing, we are just on the cusp of beginning our annual observance of Lent. Always an exciting time, albeit a bit daunting for the reverend clergy. There are sermons and classes to prepare and extra liturgical offerings to pull off, all while also trying to keep up the usual round of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving! Where popular usage might speak of “giving things up” as we approach our celebration of Our Lord’s Pasch, I can only think of the things I have seemed to have taken on!

Perhaps there is a lesson there. Whether we are actively “giving things up” (I usually give up buying books) or “taking things on”, Lenten observance is an instrumental exercise. Its goal is such that we are decidedly more concerned with God at this time. Whatever it is we do, let it be done for God. Let this season serve as an opportunity to mix up your routine and to ask questions about how you spend the rest of the Church’s year.

For our Lenten program this year we will be considering just that: how we lead our lives with God, how we cultivate the life of prayer. Each week we will gather in order to share together in an offering of the evening Office followed by a brief discussion on a different dimension of the spiritual life. We will consider prayer, the Divine Office, the holy sacrifice of the Mass, having a relationship with a spiritual director and/or confessor, and finally what it means to have a rule of life. This introduction to ascetical theology will, in a way, serve as a counterpoint to our very doctrine-heavy program last year which, as you might recall, concerned itself with basic Christian theology. This year instead we will focus on what are very hands-on ways in which we live what we believe.

Looking ahead to the end of March, we will be approaching my first anniversary of ordination to the sacred priesthood. What a blessing it is to serve as your priest and to have this place as my parish of title. My life was indelibly changed since that chilly Saturday morning and I am glad that I was surrounded by you all on that special occasion. I am looking forward to celebrating this anniversary with the potluck sponsored by our E.C.W. chapter on Sunday, March 26th.

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Articles for the April 2023 edition of *The Way* are due to the office by Monday, March 20, 2023.

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

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Friends, soon enough our Lenten fast will be over, and we will be looking back at this time of penitence through the happy lens of an Easter glow. But in the meantime, let's rise to the occasion and make the most of this time together. Let's use the treasures God has given to His Church to prepare to rejoice at the empty tomb. Trusting in His mercy, I remain,

Your Friend and Pastor,

The Rev'd John M.W. Conner

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Written by Pope Francis

March 2023 Calendar

March 1

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Lenten Program
at Incarnation, Morrisville

March 5

Second Sunday in Lent
11:00 am Worship

March 8

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Lenten Program
at Grace, Hulmeville

March 12

Third Sunday in Lent
11:00 am Worship
ECW Meeting

March 14

7:00 pm Property Mtg.

March 15

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Lenten Program
at Incarnation, Morrisville
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent
11:00 am Worship

March 2023

Kalendar and Intentions

March is the Month of St. Joseph

1. Ember Day Bishops, Priest & Deacons
2. Feria
3. Ember Day
4. Ember Day
- 5. Lent II.....** Pro Populo
6. Lenten Feria
7. Lenten Feria
8. Lenten Feria Keeping a Holy Lent
9. Lenten Feria
10. Lenten Feria
11. Lenten Feria
- 12. Lent III.....** Pro Populo
13. Lenten Feria
14. Lenten Feria
15. Lenten Feria Our Parish Vestry
16. Lenten Feria
17. Lenten Feria
18. Lenten Feria
- 19. Lent IV** Pro Populo
20. S. Joseph, Husband of Mary
21. Lenten Feria
22. Lenten Feria Shrine at Walsingham
23. Lenten Feria
24. Lenten Feria
25. Annunciation of OLJC
- 26. Lent V.....** Pro Populo
27. Lenten Feria
28. Lenten Feria
29. Lenten Feria Forgiveness of sins
30. Lenten Feria
31. Lenten Feria

March 2023**Calendar continued****March 22**

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study
 6:30 pm Lenten Program
 at Grace, Hulmeville

March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent
 11:00 am Worship

March 29

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study
 6:30 pm Lenten Program
 at Incarnation, Morrisville

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

ITALIAN DINNER RECAP

Thanks to all the ladies and men who worked on the Italian Dinner. We had a great turnout of 104 people, with a profit of \$1,349.81. People have been texting me of how great the food was. It is a wonderful feeling for all of us to know that our church is so vibrant. *Sue Horger*

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please fill out the blue Easter Flower envelope found in the pew or mail a check to the church office, along with a note for whom the flowers are given. Please note on your check "Easter Memorial Flowers". You can make your check out for whatever amount you choose. All flower donations must be turned in by Sunday, April 2. *Altar Guild*

WEDNESDAY LENTEN PROGRAM

Fr. John will be leading a Lenten Program on Wednesday evenings starting March 1st at 6:30 pm. The evening will include Evening prayer at 6:30 pm; Forum at 7:00 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm. Incarnation, Morrisville (1505 Makefield Road, Morrisville) will host the Lenten program on March 1, 15 & 29. Grace, Hulmeville will host the Lenten program on March 8 & 22. *Rev. John Conner*

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

On Sunday, March 26th the ECW will host a potluck luncheon after the 11 am service to celebrate Fr. John Conner's one year ordination to the priesthood. All members of Grace Church are welcome. If you wish to bring a potluck meal, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please list your name and the dish you will be bringing. Any further questions please feel free to contact Sue Horger at (215) 788-0720. Thanks – *Sue Horger*.

April 2023**Calendar continued****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 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

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*

LENT SCHEDULE - 2023

- 3/1 – Wednesday Lenten Program at 6:30 pm at Incarnation, Morrisville
 3/5 – Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 am service
 3/8 – Wednesday Lenten Program at 6:30 pm at Grace, Hulmeville
 3/12 – Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 am service
 3/15 – Wednesday Lenten Program at 6:30 pm at Incarnation, Morrisville
 3/19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 am service
 3/22 – Wednesday Lenten Program at 6:30 pm at Grace, Hulmeville
 3/26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 am service
 3/29 – Wednesday Lenten Program at 6:30 pm at Incarnation, Morrisville
 4/2 – Palm Sunday 11:00 am service
 4/6 – Maundy Thursday – service at Incarnation, Morrisville at 7:00 pm
 4/7 – Good Friday – service at Incarnation, Morrisville at 12:00 pm
 4/8 – Easter Vigil – service at Incarnation, Morrisville at 7:30 pm
 4/9 – Easter Sunday 11:00 am service

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

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

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

March 5 – Second Sunday in Lent
 March 12 – Third Sunday in Lent
 March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
 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

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,
Doris Laino,
Edgar Seely,
Al Van Dine.

Ministry Teams

Communication:
Sheron Drennen

Pastoral Care:
Doris Laino

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 MARCH

Bergey family	Keller family
Beverly W	Linda D
Brian M	Matthew S
Caleb D	Melinda M
Cindy D	Mike K
Dan L	Nancy
Dean H	Patrick D
Gerry	Robert B
Jim M	Schmidt family
John	Shirley H
John H	Tenaglia family
June R	Terry
Kathy	Val S
Kathy K	William

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

2 - Jessica Schwendeman 14 – Donna Fleming
5 - Mary Ann Hazlett

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

15 – Richard & Christine McGonigal
17 - David & Gloria Rodgers
22 – Robert & Joyce Grow

