



GRACE
Episcopal Church

MAY 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

Dear Friends:

*While strolling in the park one day, all in the merry month of May... Spring has sprung! And the Lord is risen! The Delaware Valley always is particularly beautiful this time of year. A meandering drive up River Road will always bring home to the traveler the particular wonders of God's creation. The blossoms and the warm air, the shad in the river...what more could we ask for? It reminds me of the philosopher and activist Dr. Cornel West describing *Moby Dick*. "Sometimes" he said, "some books are so good you just have to put them down and slam them against the wall...too much life!"*

The Easter glow can sort of feel that way. We're always living under the light of Jesus's raising from the grave, but in this time it bubbles up, it overflows because the rhythm of the Church's life is concerned with it in particular. We've focused the lens on these forty days, before His ascending to the Father, when Jesus visits with His friends and the joy is palatable. It jumps off the page of the gospel and invites *us* into the joy of the apostles. This is the kind of joy the world needs, especially at this moment.

Christian joy, I've expressed before, is a strange thing. It says that God has used the things we assumed meant defeat and despair, epitomized in Jesus's cross, and made them the way He reveals His glory and overcomes the same. Easter joy is a proclamation of solidarity and forbearance and victory on God's part in order for us to take part in His abundant life. In our part of the world, where we see the landscape bursting with new life, it is as if the world itself is saying its own great "Amen" to the things God has done in Jesus.

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Articles for the June 2023 edition of *The Way* are due to the church office by Monday, May 22, 2023.

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

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In our common life together, this May will prove to be pretty busy. Your priest will be zigging and zagging across both the county and country with abandon! I am especially looking forward to the visitation of the Bishop at the Church of the Incarnation on the 14th and being able to be present at the 2023 Commencement Exercises at Nashotah House. It's always a good thing to return and pay our respects to the ol' alma mater and visit with friends old and new. That same weekend (March 20th) Grace's ECW chapter will host its annual Country Buffet, which I am sure will prove to be a happy event as it certainly was last year. I do hope some of our friends at Incarnation will be able to join as well.

Friends, I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to share in the joy of this season. God is knocking, beckoning us to drink deep, to abide, to live. As always, I am excited to see just how together we will respond. I remain,

Your Friend and Pastor,

The Rev'd John M. W. Conner



May 2023 Calendar

May 3

7:30 am Worship

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 13

9:30 am Wedding

May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Worship

Mother's Day

May 17

7:30 am Worship

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 2023

Kalendar and Intentions

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. S. Joseph the Worker
2. S. Athanasius, B & D
3. Ss. Philip and James, AP
4. Feria
5. Feria
6. Feria
- 7. Easter V**
8. Feria
9. Feria
10. S. Damien of Molokai, P..... Those with leprosy
11. Feria
12. Ss. Nereus and Achilleus, Mm
13. Our Lady of Fatima
- 14. Easter VI** Pro Populo
15. S. Isidore
16. Feria
17. Feria
- 18. Ascension**
19. Feria
20. S. Bernadine of Siena, P
- 21. Easter VII**..... Pro Populo
22. S. Rita of Cascia, Rel
23. Feria
24. Feria..... Shrine at Walsingham
25. Venerable Bede
26. S. Philip Neri, P
27. S. Augustine of Canterbury, B
- 28. Whitsunday** Pro Populo
29. Mary, Mother of the Church
30. Feria
31. Visitation of Mary Expectant mothers

May 2023**Calendar continued****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

June 2023**Calendar****June 4**

Trinity Sunday
11:00 am Worship

June 7

7:30 am Worship

June 11

Pentecost 2
11:00 am Worship
ECW Meeting

OFFICE HOURS

There has been a change to the Parish Administrator's office hours effective Tuesday, March 28. Sheron Drennen will now be in the church office Monday – Thursday 7:00 am until 11:30 am. This change was made to accommodate Sheron's new position as the Office Assistant at Incarnation, Morrisville. Sheron will be working in the afternoons at Incarnation. Fr. John Conner continues to have office hours at Grace on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please contact Fr. John to make an appointment on either of these days.

MAY WORSHIP

Fr. John will be away from 5/3 to 5/7, so on Wednesday, May 3 and Sunday, May 7 we will have Morning Prayer. The Bishop will be at Incarnation, Morrisville on Sunday, May 14, so Fr. Ernie Curtin will be the celebrant at Grace. Fr. John will be traveling to Nashotah from 5/15 to 5/20. On Wednesday, May 17 the 7:30 am service will be Morning Prayer.

COUNTRY BUFFET

The ECW will be hosting the annual Country Buffet on Saturday, May 20 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. This year they will be serving baked ham, roast chicken, sweet sausage with peppers & onions, scalloped potatoes, pineapple stuffing and a salad bar. Adult tickets will be \$13 and children 10 to 6 will be \$6.00. Children 5 and under are free. A list of items needed for the dinner can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you sign-up to donate an item on the list, please bring the donation by Sunday, May 7.

BLOOD DRIVE, JULY 31

Grace will host a second blood drive in 2023 on Monday, July 31st from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. More information will be available in June. *Diane McKairnes*

June 2023**Calendar continued****June 13**

7:00 pm Property Mtg.

June 14

7:30 am Worship

June 18

Pentecost 3

11:00 am Worship

Father's Day

June 21

7:30 am Worship

7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

June 25

Pentecost 4

11:00 am Worship

June 28

7:30 am Worship

July 2023**Calendar****July 2**

Pentecost 5

11:00 am Worship

July 4Independence Day –
Office Closed**FAITHFULLY DEPARTED**

The Reverend Marlee Norton, who entered life eternal on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Marlee served as Priest-in-Charge at Grace from February 2015 to October 2021.

BOOK CLUB

Do you know that Grace Church has had a Book Club since 2008? At this time our attendance is low sooo, if you have ever thought of joining now is the time. Rather than list all the types of books we read I'll give you a few names of fellow parishioners, also Book Club members you may speak with directly in regards to the Book Club. If this is not possible you may telephone us. Our telephone numbers are in the parish directory. Blessings - *Paula Epstein, Joan Vurlicer, Kim Kull, Doris Laino*

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Due to Fr. John's travel schedule, there will only be Bible Study on Wednesday, May 10th, 24th & 31st. There will not be Bible Study during June, July or August. May 31st will be the last class until September.

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

June 2023 Calendar continued

July 5

7:30 am Worship

July 9

Pentecost 6
11:00 am Worship

July 12

7:30 am Worship

July 16

Pentecost 7
11:00 am Worship

July 19

7:30 am Worship

July 23

Pentecost 8
11:00 am Worship

July 26

7:30 am Worship

July 30

Pentecost 9
11:00 am Worship

July 31

2:00 to 7:00 pm, Red
Cross Blood Drive

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3-7 – Fr. John away
 May 13 – Potter/Anderson wedding
 May 14 – Mother's Day
 May 15-20 – Fr. John away
 May 20 – Country Buffet
 May 28 – Pentecost
 May 29 – Memorial Day – Office Closed
 May 30 – Parish Administrator Off - Office Closed
 June 4 – Trinity Sunday
 June 6-13 – Fr. John's vacation
 June 18 – Father's Day
 July 4 – Independence Day – Office Closed
 July 10-14 – Parish Administrator's vacation
 July 31- Red Cross Blood Drive

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 MAY

Albert	Kathi
Alicia D	Kathy K
Ashley T	Nadine O
Barbara B	Nathan
Brian M	Norma Jean J
Caleb D	Patrick D
Cindy D	Robert B
Dominick D	Shane
Donna R	Shirley H
Gerry	Steve W
Jim M	Tenaglia family
Joe K	William

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

1 – Joan Vurlicer	28 – Alan Jackson
8 – Joy McDonald	31 – Raymond Habas
8 - Matthew VanDine	

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

2 – Mandy & Christopher Fusco
15 – Sheron & Derek Drennen
23 – Joan & Bernt Vurlicer
30 – Caroline Schauer & Ray Habas
30 - Al & Nancy VanDine

