



GRACE
Episcopal Church

November 2022

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

Prayers for Healing on
Wednesday at 12:00 pm
with bag lunch following

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:

Looking over the Kalendar I have prepared for the coming month, I have to say that November truly provides us some spiritually rich feasts to “chew” on. Perhaps before I delve into that though, indulge me a slight word of explanation on this feature in *The Way*. The Kalendar is the way the Church keeps track of the varying liturgical commemorations that aid us in keeping time sacred. On the left column of the Kalendar are the feasts which the Church celebrates over the course of the month on Sundays and otherwise. The Church is always praying, even when we aren’t sitting in the pews! On the right column are the intentions or particular objects of which I am offering up the sacrifice of the Mass for on that particular day. As you can see, I only celebrate twice a week (Sundays and Wednesdays) therefore the majority of the days on the Kalendar do not have a corresponding intention. Another word of explanation: you’ll notice that the intentions corresponding with Sundays are always listed as “Pro Populo” or “on behalf of the people”. This is because the ancient custom of the Church has always been for priests to offer up our Sunday worship with the intention of you, the people of the parish who the priest is responsible for. Every week the graces which the action of the Eucharist wins for us are especially entrusted to us all here at Grace for the enriching of our common life and greater fidelity to the mission God has given us. This is a part of the great mystery of the Church.

That mystery is largely what we are concerned with this month on the Kalendar. We begin by celebrating the Saints, those special friends of both God and ourselves, on All Saints Day. The saints are those Christians who now enjoy God’s nearer presence and intercede for us that we too one day might enjoy Him with them. The next day, All Soul’s Day, we commemorate those departed Christians whose salvation is assured but not completed and who await the final cleansing of their sins. Later, on the ninth of the month, we celebrate the dedication of the Pope’s own church, St. John Lateran. My intention that day is that all Christians (including Episcopalians!) will work to fulfill Our Lord’s own prayer that we all will be one, one sheepfold under one shepherd, overseen by a single universal primate sitting on the throne of S. Peter. Speaking of popes, on the twenty third of the month, we celebrate the martyrdom of S. Clement of Rome, one of the

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

great early martyr bishops of the Church and whose famous letter to the Corinthians was just barely (!) kept out of the canon of Holy Scripture. In a related vein, on the fourteenth of the month, Episcopalians celebrate the day when Samuel Seabury was consecrated the first bishop of our church by three bishops from the Scottish Episcopal Church in 1784. Finally on the last day of the month, we celebrate the Apostle Andrew, the brother of St. Peter and who is a patron of both Scotland and of missionaries. It was these two who, along with James and John, were some of Our Lord's first followers.

If I were to try and find an underlying theme or a nugget for meditation, I would say that this month, which is usually when the Church year formally concludes, is a celebration of how God has proven faithful throughout all time in the lives of His People, the Body of His Son. God fulfills His promises. Despite varying circumstances: active persecution, schism, false teaching, or worldliness, God calls saints up in every generation to both draw near to Him and to renew his Church. Sometimes these saints are most definitely in the public eye like a S. Leo or S. Clement, but other times they are hidden, silently doing God's work in cast off places. On the Final Day though all of God's People: including those now awaiting the completion of their salvation in Purgatory and those whom missionaries are just now bringing the light of the Gospel to, will give praise to God, thanking Him for His faithfulness. In a way, we might think of this time as one great family reunion, but not with those who are our kin, but rather the family of Christians united in baptism and thereby united in the love of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Laus deo! Faithfully, I am,

Your Friend and Pastor,

The Rev'd John M.W. Conner



November 2022 Calendar

November 1

All Saints Day

November 2

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

November 6

Daylight Saving ends
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm ECW Mtg

November 8

7:00 pm Property Mtg

November 9

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

November 13

11:00 am Worship

November 16

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

November 19

9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Holiday Bazaar

November 20

11:00 am Worship



November 2022 Calendar continued

November 23

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

November 24

Thanksgiving Day –
Office Closed

November 27

1 Advent
11:00 am Worship

November 30

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

December 2022 Calendar

December 3

9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Advent Retreat

December 4

2 Advent
11:00 am Worship

December 7

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

December 10

2:00 pm ECW Christmas
Luncheon

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Kalendar and Intentions

November is the Month of the Holy Souls

1. All Saints Day
2. All Soul's Day The Holy Souls
3. S. Martin de Porres, Rel.
4. S. Charles Borromeo, B.
5. BVM on Saturday
6. Pentecost XXXII (All Saints Sunday)..... Pro Populo
7. Feria
8. Feria
9. Dedication of S. John Lateran .. Universally Received Petrine Ministry
10. S. Leo the Great, Po. & D.
11. S. Martin of Tours, B.
12. S. Josaphat, B. & M.
13. Pentecost XXXIII Pro Populo
14. Feria
15. S. Albertus Magnus, B. & D.
16. S. Margaret of Scotland..... Scotland
17. S. Elizabeth of Hungary,
18. Dedication of Ss. Peter and Paul
19. BVM on Saturday
20. Christ the King Pro Populo
21. Presentation of Mary
22. S. Cecilia, V. & M.
23. S. Clement, Po. & M. S. Clement's Church, Philadelphia
24. S. Andrew Dung-Lac and Comps, Mm.
25. S. Catherine of Alexandria, V. & M.
26. BVM on Saturday
27. Advent I Pro Populo
28. Feria
29. Feria
30. S. Andrew, Ap. Missionaries

Anglican Curiosities

In some of the Kalendars in our Communion we also find being observed:

November 3rd: Richard Hooker, Pr.

November 14th: Bestowal of the American Episcopate

November 25th: James Otis Sargent Huntington, Pr.Abt.

December 2022 **Calendar continued**

December 11

3 Advent
11:00 am Worship
Hanging of the Greens –
following the service

December 13

7:00 pm Property Mtg

December 14

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

December 18

4 Advent
11:00 am Worship

December 21

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer
7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

December 24

Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Worship

December 25

Christmas Day
10:00 am Worship

December 26

Office closed

COUNTRY STORE

The Country Store will be back again as a part of the Christmas Bazaar on 11/19/2022. So, get out your aprons and baking pans for our bake sale! We need cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, breads – Everything and anything! We will be setting up the Store on Friday evening, 11/18, between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Baked goods can be dropped off earlier in the day or that evening. Please be sure that items are wrapped, labeled to indicate flavor and if it contains nuts, and sale ready. This means cookies and brownies on plates or in bags, pies and cakes in pans or plates that do not need to be returned, and breads individually wrapped. We look forward to seeing your creativity! Questions? Contact Joyce Grow. Thanks in advance!

BAZAAR BASKETS

The ECW is asking each parish family to make and donate a themed basket for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th. The basket should be worth \$30 or more, a few suggested themes are Christmas, movies, Thanksgiving, etc. If you are not able to get out and make a basket, you can send in \$30 (checks made payable to the ECW) and members of the ECW will make up baskets. All baskets are due by Thursday, November 17th and any monetary donations need to be sent in by Sunday, November 6th.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. John will be continuing the Bible study at 11:00 AM on Wednesdays. It should last about an hour. Those interested should come with their Bibles, a notepad, and a pen for notes. We will be going through the Gospel of John.

WEBSITE – QR CODE

Here is a quick and easy way to get to Grace's website. Just scan this QR code with your phone and it will take you directly to our website. Thank you to Josef Thorne for creating this for Grace.



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December 28

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

January 2023

Calendar

January 1

New Year's Day
11:00 am Worship

January 2

Office closed

January 4

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

January 8

Epiphany
11:00 am Worship
ECW Meeting

January 10

7:00 pm Property Mtg.

January 11

7:30 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Prayer

January 15

11:00 am Worship

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE DITTY BAG PROGRAM

Did you know that 90% of everything that comes into this country arrives by cargo ship? During the holiday season, The Seamen's Institute assembles Ditty Bags to give to the seafarers who arrive in our port during the holiday. They are away from their loved ones for months at a time, and their lives can be lonely and dangerous. The ECW is asking for any donation from the list below to help this program. A box marked "Ditty Bags" will be in the parish hall for your donations. If you want to make a donation but are unable to get to church, call Beverly Stoltz, 215-480-0391 to arrange for a pick-up. Monetary donations are also welcome. Put a notation "Seamen's Institute" on the check. All donations must be at church by Sunday, November 6, 2022. Thank you for your help.

FULL SIZES, PLEASE FOR TOILETRIES

Hats & scarves in dark colors
Work socks, work gloves
ChapStick
Nail clippers
Razors
Shaving cream
Playing cards
Hand lotion
Toothbrush, toothpaste
Deodorant
Shampoo
Comb
Pens & writing paper
Mini-sewing kit
Hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops

The ECW of Grace

January 2023

Calendar continued

January 18

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study
 12:00 pm Noon Prayer
 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg

January 22

11:00 am Worship

January 25

7:30 am Worship
 11:00 am Bible Study
 12:00 pm Noon Prayer

January 29

11:00 am Worship

January 30

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.

Canned peas
Spaghetti o's
Canned Chicken
1 lb bags of white rice
Tissues
Paper towels
Clothes washing detergent

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

November 19 – Holiday Bazaar
 November 24 – Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
 November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
 December 3 – Advent Retreat
 December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
 December 10 – ECW Christmas Luncheon
 December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent &
 Hanging of the Greens
 December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 24 – Christmas Eve service at 5 pm
 December 25 – Christmas Day service at 10 am
 December 26 – Office Closed
 January 2, 2023 – Office Closed
 January 30, 2023 – Red Cross Blood Drive
 February 5, 2023 – Annual Meeting

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

Ministry Teams

Communication:

Sheron Drennen

Pastoral Care:

Doris Laino

Vestry Members:

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

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 NOVEMBER

Alice	Marcia
Brian	Mark
Charis	Mary
Dawn	Mildred
Dottie	Oleg & family
Dylan	Pat
Gerry	Paula
Jennifer	Robert
Jim	Shirley H
Joan	Suzie
Joe	Walter

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

6 – Lisa Masih-Das

27 - Lorna Campbell-Seely

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

16 - Henry & Maryann Hazlett

