

December 8, 2019



GRACE NOTES

TODAY AT GRACE

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Breakfast with St. Nicholas

9:20 am Choir Call

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday School

11:15 am Breakfast with St. Nicholas

1:30 am Clergy Forum with Mother Susan

11:30 am Pageant Rehearsal (principals & narrators)

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

PANCAKES WITH SAINT NICHOLAS TODAY

Please join us for pancakes with Saint Nicholas today from 9:00-9:45 am and from 11:15 am-noon.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please, all unwrapped gifts need dropped off by **today**.
Contact Melissa Waterstredt with any questions.



Portable listening devices
are available from the ushers



Handicapped Accessible

TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

8:00 am

Ushers: Janet Molstad, Scott Waterstredt

Vergers: Chris Cullen

Lay Readers: Helen King, Georgeann DiGiovanni

Altar Guild:

Hospitality: Pancakes Crew! Thank you!

10:00 am

Ushers: Miller Wood, Sue Bien, Don D'Stefan, Steve Fulda,
Andy Yost, Cali Yost

Acolytes: Peggy Potter, Hope Pratt, Keira Munter,
Frank Nunn, Mary Nunn, Cathleen Nunn

Vergers: Jennifer McCulloch, Kit Cone

Lay Readers: Wade Kirby, Melissa Honohan

Narthex Chalice: Kathryn McManus

Altar Guild: Judy Honohan, Kathleen Hower

Hospitality: Pancakes with St. Nick

5:00 pm

Liturgical Assistant: Chris Wilde

Before and After Services

Office Angel: Peggy Oakes

Saturday Flowers: Jacqueline Jacoban

Saturday Altar Guild: Judy Honohan, Kathleen Hower

Flower Ministry: Janet Molstad, Marilyn Musielski

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Monday

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

9:30 am Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayer

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday

8:15 am Morning Prayer

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Monday, December 9

9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Mindfulness for Adults

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 pm Craft Guild

Wednesday, December 11

10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm Advent Bible Study

6:00 pm Choirs

7:30 pm Survivors of Suicide

Thursday, December 12

5:45 pm Daughters of Zion

6:45 pm School Choir (Alt. Rehearsal)

7:15 pm Adult Choir

7:55 pm Gargoyles

Friday, December 13

3:30 pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal

3:30 pm School Choir I (2nd-5th grades)

4:15 pm School Choir II (6th-12th grades)

Saturday, December 14

11:30 am Saturday Morning Meditation

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

11:30 am Clergy Forum

11:30 am Pageant Rehearsal (principals & narrators)

Worship

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Asa will lead a Bible Study group on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm in the library on **December 11 and 18**. We will discuss Advent stories in the Gospels. Bring a bag lunch—we'll eat while we learn.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

December 18, at 7:30 pm

Feeling a bit blue this Advent? Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce/separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with a dis-ease, or any number of other human situations can make the parties and joviality of this time of year painful for many people. This year we will be setting aside a special service for those who just need a space to pull away from the hustle and bustle of the secular season. Mother Susan and Father Asa invite you to join them for a simple prayer service of scripture and song.

ADVENT EVENSONG

Saturday, December 21, at 5:00 pm. Listen to Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Advent hymns and then enjoy a Wassail reception afterwards.

MIDNIGHT MASS HANDBELL RINGERS WANTED

Dr. Anne is looking for adults and older youth handbell ringers for the late service on Christmas Eve. Practices are **Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21**, from 10:30-11:30 am, and **Monday, Dec. 23**, from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Music starts for the late service at 10:00 pm and the bells ring at 10:25 pm.

In the Parish

GREENER GRACE

We are now collecting reusable bags--book totes, recycled grocery bags and "promotional" totes. (NOT SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS.) There is a basket in Grace lobby. Give a tote, take a tote--let's encourage reuse and eliminate plastic bags.

Join the new group, Greener Grace, or send us your ideas. Youth are most welcome.

—*Anne Matlack*

GRACE WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

Please join the women of Grace for their annual spiritual retreat at Stony Point Retreat Center in Nyack, NY from **Feb. 21-23**. We will once again gather in the lovely Victorian Sloan house to discuss topics and tools to restore, renew and refresh our energy. The retreat begins at 5:00 pm Friday until 4:00 pm Saturday, with the option to stay an extra night. [This is not a silent retreat.]

There are several spaces available. Cost for one night: single room \$300, shared room \$250 each. Meals and leader fee are included. Interested? Contact Kathleen Hower at khpm@hotmail.com.

WOMEN OF GRACE BOOK GROUP

Monday, December 16, at 7:00 pm in the library. Join the discussion of *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier. All are welcome. Contact Joan Nolan with questions at perchancel@verizon.net

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 pm
Our next book selection is *Doing Justice* by Preet Bharara. We will meet at Dennis Callahan's house. Contact Bruce Rudin for info or directions: brucedora@verizon.net.

In the Community

HARMONIUM PRESENTS "Words Matter"

Today, December 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Morristown United Methodist Church, 50 South Park Place, Morristown. Many Grace Choir members will be singing.

DONATIONS FOR PRISON MINISTRIES

We are collecting items for the inmates of at the Morris County Correctional Facility. Collection runs until **December 13**.

- Men's white briefs and crew neck t-shirts (sz L and up) (no V-necks or pockets)
- White crew socks – men only
- Women's sports bras – white only
- Shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, body lotion—neutral fragrance

Contact Mike Kostial with any questions

IN OUR PRAYERS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world,
Sheran Harper, Worldwide President and Bev Jullien,
Chief Executive

Diocese of Newark Cycle of Prayer

Grace Church in Newark, and for the members of Namaste

Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer

Bell Choir

Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer

- MON.** Ken Cole & Rosemary Collingwood-Cole; Grace
• Kit Cone
- TUES.** Jaclyn Connell; Emily
• Lydia & Jason Cortés; Lola & Matias
- WED.** Elizabeth & Bob Corvino; Max
• Tish & Ted Corvino; Ted & Amy
- THURS.** The Rev. Asa D. Coulson
• Mary Lea Crawley & Rob Pratt; Henry & Hope Pratt
- FRI.** Joanne Cross; Paul & Kimberly Links
• Chris & Mike Cullen; Tommy & Eddie
- SAT.** Shirley & Don D'Stefan
• Wendy & Bruce Davies

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Anglican Communion and the parish of Grace Church is in the
Diocese of Newark; hence we pray for the members of these bodies.*

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Wed., Dec. 11	12:15 pm	Advent Bible Study. <i>Bring a bag lunch</i>
Wed., Dec. 18	12:15 pm	Advent Bible Study
	6-7 pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, <i>Full Cast</i>
	7:30 pm	Blue Christmas, <i>Church</i>
Sat., Dec. 21	5:00 pm	Advent Evensong—Vivaldi's <i>Gloria</i> and Advent hymns. <i>Reception following.</i>
Sun., Dec. 22	11:15 am	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, <i>Church</i>
	12:30 pm	Greening of the Church <i>sign up in Grace Lobby</i>
	6:00-8:00 pm	The Great Grace Cookie Bake (all youth)
Tues., Dec. 24	4:30 pm	Nativity Pageant and Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>Music begins at 4:00 pm</i>
	10:30 pm	Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite I <i>Gallery Carols begin at 10:00 pm</i>
Wed., Dec. 25	10:30 am	Christmas Day Service, Carols
Fri., Jan. 3	6:15 pm	First Friday Potluck
	7:00 pm	<i>Hark! A Christmas Concert—freewill donation</i>
Sun., Jan 12	2:00 pm	BONJ Wassail Concert [<i>Note Time Change</i>]
Wed., Jan. 15	5:30 pm	Pizza for young families
	6:30 pm	Family Eucharist



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The Rev. Asa David Coulson, *Associate*

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Music Director: Anne Matlack, D.M.A.

Children's Ministries: Pastor Hilary Floyd

Parish Administrator: Michael Kostial

Communications: Susie Harris

Bookkeeper: Osh Khublall