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Holy Eucharist – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at  
9 am  
Morning Prayer – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9 am




# ***PACE OF GRACE***



## ***2022***



# MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Third Sunday of Easter 9 am – Holy Eucharist Maggie Breen – guest preacher	2 12 pm 	3 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	4 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L	5 2:30 pm Piano Lessons – S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	6	7
8 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9 am - Morning Prayer 	9 6 pm Boy Scouts - PH	10 6:00 pm Vestry Mtg 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	11 6:00 pm Drop the Rock – L	12 2:30 pm Piano Lessons – S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	13	14
15 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9 am – Holy Eucharist	16 6 pm Boy Scouts - PH	17 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	18 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	19 2:30 pm Piano Lessons – S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	20	21
22 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9 am – Morning Prayer	23 6 pm Boy Scouts - PH	24 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH	25 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	26 2:30 pm Piano Lessons – S 7:00 pm Al-Anon - PH	27	28
29 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9 am – Holy Eucharist	30 	31 7:00 pm Narc Anon – PH			29	30

Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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"The Pace of Grace" is a monthly publication of  
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Dear Grace Community,

This morning while watching the news, I came across an awesome segment on a young man named Joshua. Joshua lives in Philadelphia, PA. Joshua for several years has formed a ministry to the homeless. Joshua took his passion and skill as a hair dresser in order to care for others. Joshua's beautician school had him volunteer at homeless shelters around Philadelphia to cut folks hair to give them a sense of pride. Joshua has taken that experience with him every day. He now has taken an RV and transformed it into a barber shop. He serves homeless men and woman around the area.

It's amazing how the Lord can take our talents and turning them into treasures. It takes various parts of the same body to move things in a positive direction like our friend Joshua mentioned before. I wanted to take the time to also thank the whole Grace Community for placing your time and talents into this past Holy Week and Easter as we came together for worship in person and via zoom. It was a glorious day indeed. I am thankful for the prayers in my recovery from Covid at home. I am looking forward to returning on Thursday and this coming Sunday for worship.

This next month of May we are connecting into the time of year when we can be outdoors enjoying God's beauty all around us. I hope we can take this month to remember the gifts the Lord has given us and the thanksgiving of seeing God in the midst of everything.

Peace and Joy,  
Rev. Val Miller



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in May

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter May 1, 2022	Acts 9:1-20	30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022	Acts 16;16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 31, 2022	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 113	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57





Alleluia Jesus Christ is Risen!!!

Guess when I am writing this article? Yes- after Easter. It is always such a joy to me when participating in the Easter service. I love the music, the liturgy and the people sharing this in community with one another. We need more joyful occasions in our lives as we have been very isolated and alone in the past two years. We are learning how to live with covid as part of our life like the flu, common cold, and stomach bug (although I am not a big fan of any of them).

This article will be published in the merry month of May. I wonder where we got to calling it the merry month of May. Maybe we started to think of blooming flowers and warm weather which brings on fun outdoor activities or maybe poems were written about May merriment. The Internet was not much help on this one for me, I don't really care as long as we do have some merry times to get ready for the summertime, which is my favorite season (sorry to the winter loving people).

There are many causes that are designated in the month of May: National Blood Pressure Education Month (which concerns me as I am currently helping to teach my granddaughter how to drive); National Get Caught Reading Month  
National Hamburger Month-yummy  
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
These are just a few of the celebrations,

We also honor and remember our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day. Our country started doing this after the American Civil War, We now include all our wars. I am thankful for all the sacrifices that have been made so that I can have the freedom to make choices. Unfortunately not all people have this freedom even in 2022. White supremacy still rules in most parts of our country. We have a long way to go to understand, educate, and practice ways to let freedom be for all people. Jesus loves us all. We know that He came to serve, not to be served. We must do the same under the flag of liberty and justice for all. There are no more chosen few. We all have God-given gifts and talents to share equally with one another.

I am also concerned about wars that continue on in many countries in our world. I pray for peace. Violence is not the answer to any question that I can think of in my mind. We need to all be praying for peace and safety for everyone. Please let me know what your top concern is for prayer on your list. Prayers are also needed for the election of our new bishop on May 21<sup>st</sup>. There are bios and sermons for each of our candidates on the ECCT website. Please let me know if the Holy Spirit seems to be placing a name on your heart. I am also interested if anyone has any outreach projects they think that our church might get involved with at this time. Don't forget we are celebrating 150 Grace Church filled years in Newington on June 26, 2022. Mark your calendars, computers, smart phones and iPads with this date. You could even write it on your refrigerator!

Stay safe-stay well-stay connected-vax to the max  
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05/14 Nathaniel Page  
 05/15 Richard Buika  
 05/24 Mitch Page  
 05/29 Lynn Page



05/07 Nicholas and Candace Casciano



**Seniors on the Go!** HI-NOON - All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend the meetings of Hi-Noon. The group's activities varied and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events. With the decrease in Covid cases the group will resume meeting.

**May 2, Monday** – Lunch at Parkville Market in Hartford, the largest Food Hall in Connecticut. Select your food from the 23 vendors serving many different cuisines. Seating is available both inside and outside. We will meet at noon to carpool from the Grace parking lot.

June – Annual Picnic – Parish Hall & Patio



May 1 – Holy Eucharist –  
 Guest Preacher – Maggie Breen  
 May 8 – Morning Prayer  
 May 15 – Holy Eucharist  
 May 22 – Morning Prayer  
 May 29 – Holy Eucharist



**Safe Church Training** Safe Church Training includes an online course followed by a 3-hour live session on Zoom that will build on and put into practice content from the online course. The online course must be completed two days before the Zoom live session. Dates through May: May 10-14-15

Registration is through the ECCT website:  
<https://www.episcopalct.org/event/safe-church-training-19>



The deadline for the June issue is Tuesday, May 24. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.



The Grace Church Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 18. All meetings will be in person at noon, unless specified differently, and each participant is welcome to bring a bag lunch if they so choose.

There are several avid readers in the group and a list of potential reads is always at the ready! To that end, the next few selections have been made for those who are always looking for a good book to cozy up with. The following is the list of book selections through September.

May 18 - Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty

June 15 - The Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict

No meeting in July and August

September 21 - The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

October, November and December TBD

The group enjoys reading and in particular enjoys the discussions that follow. And the discussions are fun, lively and not always about the book! We have a lot of fun, fellowship and laughs and good will toward each other. If you like to read, please consider joining us. Or if you have a good book that you have recently read, please pass the title along as we are always looking for a good read.

*Happy Reading!*  
*Melissa Haseley*



**Newington Food Bank:** We continue to support the food bank by donating shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels and grocery store gift cards. You are truly the hands of Jesus serving the poor. Bless you all and thank you for your ongoing generosity.

*JoAnn Cromwell*



*We hope all our mothers have a lovely day!*



**QUICK UPDATE: March 31, 2022**

	<u>MARCH</u> <u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TOTAL 2022</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 4,513	\$ 14,615	\$ 15,233	\$ 63,468
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>	<b>\$ 13,129</b>	<b>\$ 24,816</b>	<b>\$ 26,059</b>	<b>\$ 101,028</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	<b>(\$ 10,547)</b>	<b>(\$ 33,759)</b>	<b>(\$ 32,810)</b>	<b>(\$ 130,248)</b>
<b><u>NET CHANGE:</u></b>	<b>\$ 2,582</b>	<b>(\$ 8,944)</b>	<b>(\$ 6,751)</b>	<b>(\$ 29,220)</b>
Checkbook Balance:	\$ 24,363		<i>End 2021 Checkbook:</i> \$ 32,797	





Lay Ministry Schedule  
9:00 AM

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Easter	4 <sup>th</sup> Easter	5 <sup>th</sup> Easter	6 <sup>th</sup> Easter	7 <sup>th</sup> Easter
	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
<b>Clergy</b>	Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller		Rev. Valerie Miller
<b>Deacon/LWL</b>	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz	Rev. CJ Puskarz
		Liz Welk		JoAnn Cromwell	
<b>LECTOR</b>	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Marie Ritchie	Beverley Manning
<b>PRAYERS</b>	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker	Beverley Manning	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Elizabeth Welk	Pat Rogorzenski	Pat Rogorzenski	Nancy DiPrato	Nancy DiPrato
	Jane Stewart	Candy Casciano	Candy Casciano	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson
<b>COUNTERS</b>			JoAnn Cromwell		Walt Parker
			Lorraine Belyea		JoAnn Cromwell

