

# CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

September 15, 2021



## FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER  
Clarke County, VA

Sept 15, 2021

**RED ALERT** (High)

While we remain in either **RED** (high) or **ORANGE** (substantial), we will continue to require masks at all Clarke Parish services.

If we drop to **YELLOW** (moderate) or **BLUE** (low) for 14 consecutive days, we will lift the mask mandate.

**It MUST be 14 consecutive days though in accordance with CDC guidelines.**

If you wish to monitor this information, you may use the following link using the CDC website, and select

## Reflections

This is the last official week of summer. The weather has certainly cooperated with very warm days and slightly cooler nights. This time of year gives an opportunity to pause and reflect as we transition to a new season. The change of season to fall allows us to give thanks for the summer months and begin to prepare for the winter. For many, fall is a beautiful time of year, the vivid colors around us are stunning. This year it is especially important to take a moment and reflect. To allow something new with the change of the season to be ushered in and be hopeful for things to come.

I would again like to thank the Rev. Julie Harris (Ret.) for being so willing to serve this past Sunday in church. As a Seminarian, it was an honor to serve with her and to receive feedback as I learn and grow.

Don't forget this week is "Mass on the Grass" at the park. The service begins at 10:30 am at the Lions Shelter in Chet Hobert Park. A picnic lunch will follow the service with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the church. We hope to see you there!

Blessings,  
Caroline

[Coffee with the Clergy RETURNS:](#)

Virginia and Clarke  
County.

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

Community Transmission

High

New Cases - 29

Positivity - 9.79%

Deaths - < 10

Eligible Population Fully

Vaccinated - 52.1%

Please join me Monday afternoons beginning NEXT WEEK on **September 20th** at Cordial Coffee in Berryville from 2-4 pm. This time is meant for parishioners and community members alike so help spread the word and come on down for a cup of coffee/tea and some conversation!

Blessings,  
Justin+

#### Lost & Found:

If you happened to misplace your watch last Sunday while attending services at Clarke Parish, please contact Robin in the office. A Fitbit was turned in to us and we'd like to make sure it gets back to its rightful owner.

Blessings,  
Robin

## UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

### 'Mass on the Grass' Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

8 am - **NO early service this day!**

9 am - **NO early service this day!**

10:30 am at Chet Hobert Park / Lion's Shelter

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Tara Flaten

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Stella Herndon & Warren Maiberger

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for September 19, 2021](#)

Proverbs 31:10-31 / Psalm 1 / James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a / Mark 9:30-37

The altar flowers for today's service are given to the glory of God by Abby, Bill & Mitchell Sours in loving memory of Judy & John Sours and Tom Agner.

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

8 am - **NO early service this day!**

## 9:15 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

### Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Hailey Outland

## 5 pm at Grace Episcopal Church

### Choral Evensong Celebration

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Penny Poe

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolytes: Diane & Robyn Preston

Usher: Ben Newlon (September)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for September 26, 2021](#)

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 / Psalm 124 / James 5:13-20 / Mark 9:38-50

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by the Donner family (Stefan, Suzanne, Aza, Ilia, Kostya, and Nastia) in celebration of their 21 years together as a family.

## Virtual Worship

For those of you still wishing to join us virtually instead of attending in-person worship, the 11:15 am service at Grace Church will continue to be live-streamed each week. However, Live Stream will not be available on September 19 or 26th! These two special services (Mass on the Grass & Evensong Celebration) will be recorded and posted to our Youtube and Facebook Channel when available.

Please use the links below to view the service offerings.  
These links are permanent and will not change week after week.

Our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qx38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Episcopal-Church-111667788869782>

## Lay Reader & Acolyte Schedule

September & October 2021

RECENTLY UPDATED



Please click the link below to access the most recent schedule of lay readers and acolyte assignments at both Grace and St. Mary's.

[Click HERE - September & October 2021 \(w/ updates\)](#)

If scheduled, please remember to contact the office in case of conflict or unavailability and always attempt to find a substitute to swap dates with if needed.

*NOTE: We are always in need of more volunteers to add to our lay reader roster at all church services.*

Lay reading is a wonderful opportunity to take part in the service, let your voice be heard reading scripture and prayers, and see the church from a different perspective standing at the lectern. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact the office for more information and/or to be scheduled.

## CHURCH NEWS

Always stay up-to-date with church events  
and activities...

[Church Calendar - Quick View!](#)



**September 15** - **NO** Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**September 15** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**September 19** - 'Mass on the Grass' & Parish Picnic / 10:30 am at The Lions Shelter, Clarke County Park & Rec. This will be the only service offered by Clarke Parish this day. ([see below](#))

**September 20** - Coffee with Clergy / 2-4 pm @ Cordial Coffee (every Monday)

**September 20** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

**September 21** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

**September 22** - Wednesday Morning Bible Study RESUMES/ 10:30 am in the Conference Room. New Study Topic = *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* ([see below](#))

**September 22** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**September 26** - SCHEDULE CHANGE - Service of Holy Eucharist/ 9:15 am at St. Mary's! This will be the only morning service offered at Clarke Parish this day (No 8 or 11 am worship)

**September 26** - Clarke Parish Trustees Meeting / 10:15 am in the Conference Room.

**September 26** - Choral Evensong & Reception/ 5 pm at GEC([see below](#))

**September 29** - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

**September 8** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**October 3** - YOUTH Sunday School Classes RESUME / 10 am in the Parish Hall (We will start the program year with a Parent/Student Informational Meeting in the McIntosh Chapel - [see below](#))

**October 5** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

**October 6** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**October 13** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**October 17** - St. Mary's ECW Meeting / 10 am in the Parish House

**October 18** - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

**October 20** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**October 24** - St. Mary's 114th Homecoming Service & Celebration/ 11 am - this will be the only service offered at Clarke Parish this day! All are encouraged to attend this special celebration. Dr. Caroline Mitchell will be the guest speaker.

**October 27** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

**October 30** - Choral Evensong at Wickliffe/ 4:30 pm

**October 31** - Halloween Party & Potluck in the Fellowship Hall / immediately following the 11 am service



## 'Mass on the Grass' Worship, Parish Picnic & Kickball Game

**When:** THIS SUNDAY, September 19, 2021

**Service:** 10:30 am / Lunch: noon(ish)

**Where:** The Lions Shelter @ Chet Hobert Park

Help us celebrate Clarke Parish, the end of summer, and the beginning of our programming year by attending an outdoor worship service and church picnic **THIS Sunday, September 19th at the Chet Hobert Park**. We will forgo our regular service schedule this day and instead gather together for one combined service 'Mass on the Grass' outdoor Eucharist service beginning at 10:30 am.

**Immediately following the service, we will light the grills and prepare hamburgers and hotdogs for the picnic. Guests are asked to bring a side dish, chips, or drinks to share, and maybe a lawn chair or picnic blanket too.**

**Save the date and please plan to join us for an afternoon of faith, fellowship, fun & food.**

### **NOTES**

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, grilling duties, clean-up, etc...  
Please contact Robin in the office if able (and willing) to assist.

The Lions Shelter is located in the back of the Chet Hobert Park by the T-Ball/soccer fields/back playground. Plenty of parking is available. Look for signs!

## 'Sacred Ground'

**A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith**

**Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel!**

You are cordially invited to join us for a series of conversations walking through important chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in a thread of family stories, economic class and political and regional identity. We will focus on our long-term commitment, as the Episcopal Church, to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society as part of the church initiative *Becoming Beloved Community*.

Gwen Malone and Wendy Oesterling are serving as facilitators for this 10-week program. We will meet weekly on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the McIntosh Chapel at Grace Church.** (9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 & 11/10)

**Everyone is welcome!**

Contact [wendyandjimg@gmail.com](mailto:wendyandjimg@gmail.com) to receive information.

## Vestry News

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule



The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church is scheduled to meet in the Conference Room on **Monday, September 20th @ 7 pm.**

The Vestry of St. Mary's Memorial Church is scheduled to meet in the Parish House on **Tuesday, September 21st @ 1 pm.**

Vestry Members - please remember to contact the rector or the church office if unable to attend the scheduled monthly meetings.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**New Study Topic beginning in September!**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Conference Room**



By popular demand, we will embark on an exploration of hell starting on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 10:30 am.** Social time will precede class each week beginning at 10 am. If you are interested in participating, please purchase *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart D. Ehrman.

## Christian Education

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**  
**10:15 am in the Parish House @ St. Mary's**



Please join us each week as we focus on a new session of Adult Sunday School - 'Episcopal Church 101'.

This fun and informative class is open to all seeking a clearer understanding of our Episcopal traditions but is mandatory for those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church on November 7th when Bishop Gulick visits Clarke Parish.

Have you ever wondered what makes us English? Who are the Anglican Communion anyway? Who is our head, God, The Queen, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Presiding Bishop, all of the above? How is our local parish governed? How do the readings on Sunday get selected? What do Anglicans believe about the sacraments, especially Holy Baptism and the Eucharist? Come and find out the answers to these and many other questions in our Episcopal Church 101 class starting **THIS SUNDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>** and every Sunday in October at 10:15 am at the St. Mary's Parish House. Mandatory for those being confirmed or received, encouraged for all others.

### Syllabus - Episcopal Church 101

- **September 12** - Music in the Anglican Tradition
- **October 3** - An introduction to The Revised Common Lectionary
- **October 10** - An introduction to the Episcopal Church and the Anglican

Communion

- **October 17** - An introduction to the Book of Common Prayer
- **October 24** - Class will meet at 9:45 in the Parish Hall @ GEC (Homecoming at St. Mary's – one service at 11:00) / Q&A – bring your questions and have them answered
- **October 31** - Rogue Sunday Service offered at 11:15 am by the youth of Clarke Parish. Rogue Sunday will be immediately followed by our annual Spooktacular Halloween Party in the Parish Hall.

## Choral Evensong & Reception in honor of Karen Keating

Sunday, September 26th  
5 pm @ Grace Church



Mark Your Calendars . . . for a celebration to honor Dr. Karen Keating and her 22 years of music ministry in Clarke Parish. Karen was to retire on Easter Day 2020 and the parish had planned a celebratory event to say "Thanks!" for her long and faithful service. Karen did retire, but the pandemic restrictions meant that we could not have a suitable celebration for her. Fast forward to 2021 -- we will celebrate Karen and her ministry with us on **Sunday, September 26**, with a festive Choral Evensong at 5:00 pm followed by a special reception. We have invited Karen's students, choir singers, colleagues, and friends to participate in the Evensong. Put this very special event on your calendars, please!

Please RSVP to the office as soon as possible - your responses help us greatly in planning our dinner needs for Karen's party.

[Click HERE to RSVP for dinner](#)

**LAST CALL:** If so inclined, there is still an opportunity to contribute to 'The Purse' we are collecting for Karen. In honor of her retirement and years of dedicated service to Clarke Parish, we will present this special monetary gift to her during the Evensong Reception. Contributions should be sent to the church office ASAP (PO Box 678, Berryville, VA 22611)

## Christian Education

Youth Sunday School  
and Confirmation Classes



10 am in the 'Gracement' beginning on October 3, 2021!

Hooray...It's almost time to finally rejoin for in-person Sunday School fun in the Gracement! After enduring over a year of virtual, take-home, or no classes, we can now safely regather on Sunday mornings for classroom lessons, fun projects, and extracurricular activities. Who's ready?

We will begin our program year on Sunday, October 3 @ 10 am. All students AND parents are asked to join us in the McIntosh Chapel at this time for an informational



## Online Giving

It's as easy as 1,2,3...

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) - a trusted platform to provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to continue supporting our ministry through online giving from anywhere at any time.

Please consider this option to make a pledge or one-time payment to the church. You can also set up recurring payments, and likewise, you can utilize [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) to give to the General Fund, Grace Giving, St. Mary's Giving, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Backpack Program, or 'Other' by selecting from the drop-down menu options.

[Click HERE to Give Online Now](#)

The [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at [www.ClarkeParish.org](http://www.ClarkeParish.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Music Together!

*The Community Music School of the Piedmont*

This fun 10-week class will be held in the 'Gracement' at Grace Episcopal Church.

Please help spread the word or register your little person now.

Classes begin on Monday, September 13 @ 10 am!

Music Classes for Children  
from Birth – Kindergarten



Next 10 week session starts  
Monday, September 13th at 10am

Grace Church  
110 North Church Street  
Berryville 22611



Presented by:  
The Community Music School of the Piedmont

To register or for more information:

(540) 592-3040

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