

# CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

## THE EVANGELINE

October 12, 2021



### FROM THE OFFICE

#### *Stewardship Kickoff Event*

THIS Saturday, October 16  
5 to 7 pm at the Rectory

Please join us for our annual kick-off of the 2022 Stewardship Campaign. We will have a wine, beer, soft drinks, and snacks social at the rectory fire pit from 5-7 pm THIS SATURDAY, October 16th! Come enjoy them

with your fellow parishioners and while you're here pick up a Stewardship Letter and pledge card. You can even make your pledge for 2022 then and there. A big thank you to Melissa Casey, this year's Stewardship Chair, for organizing this fun event.



The rain date is Saturday, October 23rd. Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 14th.

#### *REGISTER NOW!*

The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector  
Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 3 to 5 pm

Please join us on Saturday, November 20th from 3-5 pm for a very special service as we finally get to come together to celebrate Rev. Justin A. Ivatts and his call to serve as the rector of Clarke Parish.

Due to COVID concerns, we are capping attendance at 150 people inside the church AND asking everyone to pre-register for this special service. We will be processing to St. Mary's at one point during the celebration, but we do not expect everyone to process if they

choose not to. As space inside St. Mary's is extremely limited, guests can stand outside and listen during this short portion of the ceremony.

If we run over the 150 person cap, we will have overflow seating available with a live-stream feed viewable in the McIntosh Chapel in the Parish Hall building.

Please sign up using the link below ASAP to secure your seat.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)

## UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

**Holy Eucharist (Rite I)**

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Melissa Casey

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

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian/Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

Pianist: Hailey Outland

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Stuart Dunn

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolytes: Lily Bosworth & Stella Herndon

Usher: Kim Schreckengost (October)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for October 17, 2021](#)

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 / Psalm 104 / Hebrews 5:1-10 / Mark 10:35-45

*The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Abby, Bill & Mitchell Sours in loving memory of Katherine Sours.*

*The chancel flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Cathy Heard Holland in loving memory of her parents, Ann & John Heard (devoted Virginia Tech fans). Go Hokies!*

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.

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>

## CHURCH NEWS

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

*Church Calendar - Quick View!*



- October 13** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- October 16** - Stewardship Kick-Off Party / 5-7 pm at the Rectory
- 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 23** - First Aid Course for members of the Joint Vestries / 9 am in the Fellowship Hall (led by Dr. Caroline Mitchell)
- October 24** - St. Mary's 114th Homecoming Service / Dr. Caroline Mitchell will be the guest speaker. This service will be pre-recorded and released on Oct 24
- October 27** - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel
- October 30** - Choral Evensong at Wickliffe / 4:30 pm
- 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 grassy area outside the parish hall.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Study Topic - Heaven and Hell!**

Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Conference Room

We've embarked on our latest study topic - an in-depth exploration of heaven and hell! If you are interested in participating, please purchase *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart D. Ehrman. Class begins @ 10:30 / Social time and coffee @ 10 am.



**Everyone is welcome! Masks mandatory!**

### 'Sacred Ground'

A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith



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

All are 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 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 serve as facilitators for this 10-week program. We 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)

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## Important News From the Diocese

### Bishop Search Committee Announces Listening Sessions and Open Survey



The search process for the 14th Bishop of Virginia is lifting off in earnest this Fall, and we want to hear from you! Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for an important online survey.

**We want as many people as possible in the Diocese to participate in this survey.**

In early October the committee will also conduct **virtual listening sessions** to give parishioners an opportunity to share their hopes for our new bishop. The schedule for the listening sessions will be as follows:

- Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

For now please mark your calendar. A sign-up for each virtual listening session will be coming soon!



## Online Giving

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

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](https://www.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](https://www.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](#) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at [www.ClarkeParish.org](http://www.ClarkeParish.org)

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