

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

October 20, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER
Clarke County, VA

Oct. 18, 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

Rector's Reflection

Dear Friends:

This past Saturday we kicked off our Stewardship Campaign for 2022 with a party at the rectory. Thank you to our Stewardship Chair, Melissa Casey, for organizing that. If you did not pick up your stewardship letter in church on Sunday you will be receiving it in the mail in the next few days. Like so many organizations we have taken a financial hit during the pandemic and while we will survive and are certainly still a financially viable church, we do need your help to remain that way.

Some of you pledge, others give regularly but do not pledge and a few do not give. The only difference between pledging and regular giving is that at the beginning of the year you promise to give a certain amount. If you already have an idea of what you will give this year then pledging is extremely easy. If you do not have an idea, please consider promising a conservative amount and then adding to it if your budget allows as the year moves forward.

Pledging helps the vestries of both churches to plan ahead with programming and our ministries. The diocese does not give us any financial support. They do however support us in other ways and for that reason, we pledge to the diocesan budget so in pledging you are not only supporting Grace and/or St. Mary's but you are supporting the Diocese of Virginia who not only support

Virginia and Clarke
County.

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

Community Transmission

High

New Cases - 23

Positivity - 8.33%

Deaths - 0

Eligible Population Fully

Vaccinated - 63.8%

the parishes but have large mission efforts around the globe.

This year we have continued our outreach efforts through backpacks, WATTS, food packing, and financial gifts. We have also re-gathered for in-person worship and had to find a new way of being church, not only in person but through the live-streaming of our services.

We are now supporting the wider church by training and raising up the priests of tomorrow. Caroline Mitchell joined us as our Seminarian and is also going through the Diocese of Virginia's discernment process. Becki Casey also joined us in the summer, while she is the seminarian for Church of Our Redeemer in Bethesda, MD, she will be going through the discernment process with us.

So as you see we have much to be thankful for and that we need to invest in. Please do prayerfully consider us as you put your 2022 budget together by pledging. You can either mail the card in your packet back to the office, drop it in the plate on Sunday or pledge online through our website https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1630358.

We thank you for your past support. Commitment Sunday is November 14th and ideally we will have all pledges back by then so the vestries can begin planning. That being said it is never too late to pledge so if you cannot pledge by then please do not think you cannot pledge. Every bit counts!

Blessings,
Justin+

Coffee with the Clergy:

Please join me on Monday afternoons at Cordial Coffee in Berryville from 2-4 pm. This time is meant for parishioners and community members alike to come down and share a cup of coffee/tea and some conversation with me. I hope to see you soon!

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts
Seminarian/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell
Lay Reader: Wendy Oesterling

St. Mary's Memorial Church

NO In-Person Service THIS WEEK!

Instead, a special pre-recorded Homecoming service will be available to view on the church's Vimeo, Youtube, and Facebook channels.

[insert link]

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian/Sermon: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers: Kim Davis and Catherine Dougherty

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolytes: Diane & Robyn Preston

Usher: Kim Schreckengost (October)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for October 24, 2021](#)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 / Psalm 34 / Hebrews 7:23-28 / Mark 10:46-52

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Mary Margaret & David Herndon in honor of their daughter, Anne Margaret, who celebrated her 20th birthday this week (10/19). Happy Birthday, Annie!

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Jon Campbell

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

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer / Rogue Sunday

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Readers/Acolytes: Youth Confirmation Class

Lily Bosworth, Stella Herndon, Miles Ivatts, Gray Jones,

Warren Maiberger and Robyn Preston

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Usher: Kim Schreckengost (October)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for October 31, 2021](#)

Ruth 1:1-18 / Psalm 146 / Hebrews 9:11-14 / Mark 12:28-34

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Kim Schreckengost in loving memory of her mother, Betty A. Buford.

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/UCTT0nfgs77DzKrl2qxC38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

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

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Church Calendar - Quick View!

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 25 - GEC Vestry Meeting - 7 pm in the Conference Room

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.

November 2 - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House

November 7 - Bishop Gulick Parish Visitation Day / 9 am at St. Mary's (with baptisms) / 11:15 am (with confirmations/reaffirmations) / NO 8 am service!

November 3 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel

November 10 - 'Sacred Ground' - 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel / Final Class

November 14 - Stewardship Commitment Sunday during all worship service

November 15 - GEC Vestry Meeting / 7 pm in the Conference Room

November 20 - Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Justin A. Ivatts installation as Rector of Clarke Parish / 3 pm at Grace Church. Pre-registration is required([see below](#))

November 21 - Service Schedule Change - only a 9:15 am service at St. Mary's will be offered this day

November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service / 7 pm at St. Mary's

November 24-26 - Office CLOSED! Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27 - Evening Taize Service / 5 pm at St. Mary's

November 28 - Blessing & Dedication of new altar hangings / a beautiful new set of custom-made blue altar hangings will be dedicated for use at Grace Church during the 11:15 am service. These hangings are given to the glory of God in memory of past parishioners, Ann Robertson Heard and Carle F. Germelman, Jr.

Halloween Party

Sunday, October 31st

in the Parish Hall Green

Please join us once again for our almost annual Halloween 'Spooktacular' Halloween Party immediately following the 11:15 am 'Rogue Sunday' Morning Prayer service on October 31st. The 'Rogue Sunday' service will be led Caroline Mitchell and students from our youth Confirmation Class.



The party will be held outside on the green space outside the parish hall. Our Halloween party is a fiendishly good time and something we look forward to each year! Sadly, COVID restrictions prevented us from celebrating last fall. Children, parents, and friends are invited to attend and costumes are permitted at Sunday School, church, and the party IF appropriate (no goblins, ghouls, unfriendly witches or demonic costumes please).

Please contact Robin @ 955-1610 is interested in helping with hostess duties or providing a frightfully fun food item for the feast. NOTE: Pinterest has some awesome ideas for creative Halloween fare - get creative and make use something Spooktacular. Everyone loves a good Mummy Dog, right?

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!](#)

TAIZE in Advent!

Saturday Evenings beginning on November 27th



During the Season of Advent, Clarke Parish will offer special Saturday evening Taize services for our church family and the community. Everyone is welcome!

These services will begin at 5 pm at St. Mary's Memorial Church every Saturday in Advent - Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

What is Taize? Taize is an ecumenical type of worship that originated in 1940 in the small village of Taize, which lies in the southern part of Burgundy, France, by a monk named Roger Louis Shutz-Marsauche. The practice has spread worldwide since it is non-denominational and seeks to unite all forms of Christianity. A candlelit, contemplative service highlighted by repetitive prayers and music, and periods of silence, Taize allows attendees the opportunity to be in peaceful prayer and unity with God and their own spirituality. "According to the official Taize Community, the repetitive songs allow people to continue to pray the songs in their heads even after the service is over. This keeps prayer going all day long in the followers' minds and hearts."

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)

Everyone is welcome! Masks mandatory!



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

■ We have partnered with [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](#) 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

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