

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

November 3, 2021



FROM THE OFFICE

COVID TRACKER
Clarke County, VA

Nov. 3, 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

From the Rector:

Over the last three days, we have marked a three-day cycle in the Church's year. We started with All Hallows Eve on Sunday and then moved to All Saints' Day on Monday and All Souls' Day yesterday. Each has a special significance. All Hallows Eve is the eve of this duo of saints days that the secular world has renamed Halloween. By the way, did you know that HocusPocus comes from the Latin Hoc est Corpus Meum, which means "This is my Body" - yes it is a scriptural quote. On All Saints' Day, we remember all the saints that have gone before and mark our own place in the communion of saints, and on All Souls' Day, we remember all the faithful departed.

This Sunday Bishop Ted Gulick will be with us for baptism and confirmation. It is particularly significant as we celebrate this trifacta of days on what has come to be known as "All Saints Sunday". This is one of the principal feasts of the Church's year when she baptizes her newest members. We have two children being baptized at 9:15 at St. Mary's and six adults being confirmed or received at 11:15 at Grace. Please come out and support these children and these adults. It is also particularly important to turn out when the bishop is here as he marks our unity as catholic Christians and represents the chief pastor of our diocese.

Virginia and Clarke
County.
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

Community Transmission

High

New Cases - 20

Positivity - 7.22%

Deaths - 0

Eligible Population Fully

Vaccinated - 64.5%

Sunday is going to be a great day in the life of our parish! It also shows how we are growing. Many of these adults and one of these children are new to us. God is good all the time!

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!

Blessings,
Justin+



Spring Forward **FALL BACK!**

Day Light Savings Time **ENDS** on Sunday,
November 7, 2021 at 2 am!

Please remember to set your clocks **BACK** 1 HOUR before going to bed on Saturday night - this will help alleviate that dreaded time change confusion on Sunday morning. You'll get that well-deserved extra hour of rest **AND** still bet to church on time.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

All Saints' Day / 24 Pentecost

Bishop Visitation Day

November 7, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

-NO SERVICE-

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

Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Baptism

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Rector: The Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Helena Goldberg

11:15 at Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Confirmation/Reception

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Rector: The Rev. Justin A. Ivatts

Seminarian: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Tara Flaten

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Ushers: Kathy Campbell & LaShonda Preston (November)

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for Nov. 7, 2021](#)

The altar flowers at St. Mary's Memorial Church are given to the glory of God and in honor of our baptismal candidates, Mary Rose and Nyon.

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Lee & Dave McGuigan in loving memory of Virginia McGuigan.

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 events and activities

Church Calendar - Quick View!



November 7 - Bishop Gulick Parish Visitation Day / 9:15 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 in the McIntosh Chapel

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.



Lay Reader & Acolyte Schedule

November & December 2021

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

[Click HERE - November & December 2021](#)

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 while 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.

REGISTER NOW!

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

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 in the McIntosh Chapel at GEC 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."

'Sacred Ground'

A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith

Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm in the McIntosh Chapel!

LAST TWO CLASSES - 11/3 and 11/10!

All are invited to join us for our continuing series of conversations where we are 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](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](https://www.tithe.ly) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at www.ClarkeParish.org

