



GRACE CHURCH
IN NEWARK

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Prelude – Sonata III: Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hymn 143

The glory of these forty days

Introit

Graduale Romanum

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Cantor sings the Introit as the ministers enter.

Lætare Ierusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum lætitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satieminus ab uberibus consolationis vestræ. *Ps.* Lætatus sum in his quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. *Ps.* I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We will go up to the Lord's house. *Isaiah 66 & Psalm 122*

Kyrie

Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please remain standing and join in singing the Kyrie. Please repeat each petition after the Cantor.

8) Ky-ri - e - - - - e - - - lé - i - son.
8) Chri - ste - - - - e - - - lé - i - son.
8) Ký-ri - e - - - - e - - - lé - i - son.

Collect of the Day

Please sing "Amen" on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. The "Collect of the Day" is a prayer which sets the theme for the day, reflected in the Gregorian Chant, as well as the readings, and post-communion prayer.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Reading

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

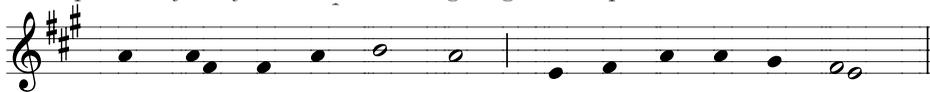
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual – Psalm 23

Setting by James McGregor (1930-2022)

Please repeat the Refrain after the Cantor at the beginning, then each place it is indicated.



The Lord is my shep- herd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. *All repeat the refrain*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *All repeat the refrain*

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. *All repeat the refrain*

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. *All repeat the refrain*

Second Reading

Ephesians 5: 1-14

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Tract

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

Holy Gospel

John 9: 1-13, 28-38

Please remain standing for the Gospel, which is censed with frankincense and myrrh as a way of giving honor to the ancient account of the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord. It is customary to make three small signs of the cross with one's thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart, asking God for the Gospel to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Priest The ✠✠✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long

as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. . . . Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Father Bates, Rector

Please be seated when the homilist says “✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Nicene Creed

Please stand for the Creed. The music can be found inside the back cover of the blue hymnal.

Prayer Biddings

Please remain standing for the prayer biddings and The Great Litany that follows.

- ✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah Mullally*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Leo* and *Bartholomew*, primates of the other branches of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish, our various ministries, and our leaders, the Members of Vestry, *Andre* and *Tracy*, Wardens, *Michael*, Ministry Fellow, *John*, Organist, *Emmanuel*, Director of Choristers, *Rachel*, Cantor, *Luke*, Candidate for the Priesthood in seminary, *Egan*, Nominee for the Priesthood, and *Brent*, Rector.
- ✠ **The Nation & World:** Pray for *Donald*, President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Mikie*, Governor, and *Ras*, Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Iran, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, Haiti, Ukraine,

and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.

- ✠ **Parish Prayer List:** Pray for our parishioners, family and friends, especially *Brandon Allmon-Jackson*, partner of Matthew Greene, and *Gabriel Bowman*, husband of Rose.
- ✠ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for the birth of *Amaris Dokubo* (2/21/26), daughter of *Sein & Aisha*, and all those with birthdays this week, especially *Onyeka Moneme* (3/15), and this past week, *Rhoda Ansab* (3/14).
- ✠ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Madibah Brown* (3/1/26), daughter of Tony Kearney, and in years past, especially *Joyce Sooyoo Tetteh* (b. 3/10/61), sister of Sam Armah, and *Floyd McFadzean* (3/21/25), nephew of Mark.

Prayers of the People

The Cantor offers the Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Here and after every petition the people respond



People Lord, have mer- cy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.



People To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or bow profoundly for the Confession and say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest proclaims God's absolution of sin saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.



Priest The peace of the Lord be al- ways with you. *People* And al- so with you.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the preparation of the Altar, stand for the hymn, then stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament; Speak to the priest to discuss baptism. Please receive the bread on the tongue or folded hands with palms up. Wine may be sipped, but dipping bread is not allowed. If you need the Blessed Sacrament brought to your pew, please signal an usher.

Offertory Antiphon

Graduale Romanum

The Cantor sings the Offertory Antiphon.

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est:
psallite nomini eius, quoniam suavis est:
omnia quaecumque voluit, fecit in caelo et in
terra.

Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of
his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished
whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on
earth. *Psalm 13*

Offertory Anthem – Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake

John Hilton (1560-1608)

The Choristers sing the anthem.

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore.

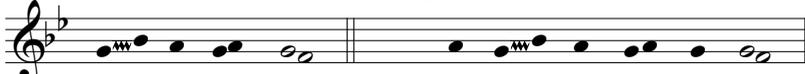
Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus – Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please remain standing for the following.



Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.



Priest Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts,

and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;

that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy,

and renewed by your Word and Sacraments,

they may come to the fullness of grace

which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,

who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na__ in__ ex -

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Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,

in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Please affirm the consecration of the Bread & Wine as the Body & Blood of Christ by exclaiming the Great Amen.



People A- MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest begins

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Please continue

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal - low ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres -
-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-gainst us. And lead us
not in-to temp-ta tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the

king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

The Fraction

The Priest breaks the bread.

Priest Christ our Pass-o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us.

People There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Missa de Angelis (15-16th centuries)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.

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Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

Please come forward immediately after the following invitation in order to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The people may privately say the Prayer of Humble Access for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for all who worship remotely or do not wish to receive the Blessed Sacrament

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Graduale Romanum

The Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.

Lutum fecit ex sputo Dominus, et linivit oculos meos: et abii, et lavi, et vidi, et credidi Deo.

The Lord made clay of spittle and anointed my eyes; I went and washed and received my sight, and I believed in God. *John 19*

Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

Postcommunion Prayer

After any remaining Sacrament has been consumed and the Altar has been cleared the Priest says

Almighty and eternal God, the light of all who come into the world: fill our hearts, we pray, with the light of your heavenly grace, that our thought may always please you, and our words and deeds may bear witness to our love for you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer over the People

The Priest prays over the people.

Bow down before the Lord. Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.



People A- men.

GROUNDS RESTORATION

As we prepare to welcome the beauty of spring, we are excited to continue our grounds restoration project, “Restoring Sacred Ground.” This special effort is focused on renewing and beautifying our church property with spring flowers, fresh plantings, soil enhancements, and other necessary materials to create a welcoming and peaceful environment for worship, prayer, and fellowship. Our church grounds are more than landscaping; they are sacred space. They are where families gather, children play, visitors form first impressions, and members pause for reflection. With your support, we can ensure that our outdoor spaces reflect the care, hope, and renewal that spring represents. We are prayerfully asking members of our congregation to consider making a donation toward the purchase of: Spring flowers and seasonal plants; mulch, soil, and fertilizer; gardening tools and supplies; additional materials needed for restoration and upkeep.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Fridays during Lent, beginning February 20, parishioners gather at 7:00 pm for Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, two ancient devotions of the Church. During Stations, we make a “pilgrimage” throughout the church, stopping at 14 stations to prayerfully reflect on the events of Christ’s Passion. Benediction follows Stations, where the people adore and are blessed by the Blessed Sacrament, in which Christ’s presence is real among us. There is a simple soup supper and a time of fellowship after the service. If you would like to bring soup and fixings for one of the Fridays for approximately 15 people, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall.

FORMATION CLASS: NO CLASS TODAY DUE TO VESTRY MEETING

Join Father Bates next week after Coffee Hour around 12:30 p.m. for adult formation classes. The class will cover our Anglican beliefs ranging from baptism, eucharist, the other sacraments, the creeds, Bible, prayer, among other practices and beliefs. This class is appropriate for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of our faith, especially people interested in being baptized or confirmed as an Episcopalian. *Those interested in Baptism or Confirmation this Spring should speak to Fr. Bates now.*

JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!

Bible study continues Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We are exploring the Gospel according to St. John during Lent and Eastertide. Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, for details and materials.

20S & 30S GROUP

Please speak with Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, about joining our 20s and 30s for fellowship and friendship throughout the year if you are within the age range of 20-39.

COME SING WITH THE GRACE CHURCH ADULT CHOIR

Do you love singing and want to be more involved in the life of the Church? We’d love to invite **you** to join the **Adult Parish Choir** at Grace Church! Whether you’ve sung in choirs before or are simply drawn to the beauty of sacred music, this is a great opportunity to help lead worship—especially for

holidays and special liturgies throughout the church year. The Choir will rehearse regularly and sing at Masses on Sundays and for major feasts. It's a meaningful way to serve, grow musically, and be part of a supportive community rooted in faith and tradition. **Interested? Speak with or send Michael Banks, Ministry Fellow, an email (mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org) with any questions about rehearsal schedules, commitments, or expectations. Singers of all skill levels are welcome.** Come and see what it's like to sing for the glory of God at Grace Church!

CHORISTER SEASON IN FULL SWING

Please help us to recruit new children to the program, whether your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or neighbors, or friends of the family. *The program is tuition free and the Choristers receive a stipend.* Please help us get the word out! The Chorister rehearsals are now on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the school year. The children will perform twice per month.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We warmly invite you to join us in serving our neighbors in need at our weekly Food Ministry. Every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we gather to provide nourishment and support to those facing hunger in our community. Your hands and heart can make a difference. Whether you're new to serving or a regular participant, your presence is a blessing to those we serve. Come and be a part of this meaningful work, as we show God's love through action. Please contact Michael Banks for more information at mtbanks@gracechurchinnewark.org.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for upcoming months. Consider signing up to bring a small dish (coffee cake, Dunkin Donuts, bagels, etc.) for us to share during this time of fellowship. Friends can team up to cook or bring a dish as well. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets on the first Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Any school age child is welcome to join for a lesson on the day's scriptures. The children will join the Mass after the Peace for Holy Communion. For more information speak to Mariyam Kayjay or Father Bates.

PRAYER LIST

Active members of our parish – Mark McFadzean and family; Comfort Abogan; Ethelyn Washington; Alman Clarke; The Elisee Family; Dolores Carter-Brown; Monique Williams; Bernice Tillis; Valerie Munro; Akintoye Lapite; Oyinkansola Lapite; Aidan Mandigora, and his parents Grant and Nezile; Fred Gaspard; Jordan Elisée; James Porter; Joan Knowles; Beatrice Breton; Brisco Kayjay; William Carter; Paola Breton.

Friends of our parish – Brandon Allmon-Jackson, partner of Matthew Greene; Scott and the Norris family; Gabriel Bowman, husband of Rose; Damion H. Arthur, son of Pat Arthur; Tiffany Blanco, niece of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Anthony Mack, Sr., cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards; Ed &

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Said Mass

A simple spoken service celebrated at a side altar

10:30 a.m. – High Mass

An elaborate sung service with music, acolytes, and incense

Weekday Services – Tuesday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

12:10 p.m. – Midday Mass

Anointing for Healing offered Thursdays

5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

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