

**January 29, 2012 ~ The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**WELCOME!**

We're delighted to have you with us today! If you're visiting or are new to the parish, please sign our guestbook at the back of the church, and make yourself known to **Fr. Maxwell**, the Rector. Also, please join us today for refreshments in the parish hall following the 10:30 Mass.

**For Pastoral Assistance**

**Fr. Maxwell** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact him if there's something you'd like to discuss. And please contact him immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies please note Fr. Maxwell's cell phone number: 860-841-2888.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE**



**ANNUAL MEETING: TODAY! SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012**

TODAY, after the 10:30 a.m. mass, is the annual meeting of Grace Episcopal Church. This is our yearly business meeting and it is important that as many parishioners as possible attend, so PLEASE STAY! A light lunch will be served. Among the items on our agenda will be the election of officers and members of the vestry. In preparation for this, a list of voting members and a list of open offices has been posted on the church doors.

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS!!**

**Sunday Education Hour Today**

Come join Mr. John Pryor for an **Education Hour** today and every Sunday between masses at **9:45 a.m.**, when we'll learn about our faith through stories and games, art and music,. We use a curriculum called "Live B.I.G.", which provides a DVD, music, and lots of activities for each Sunday. "Live B.I.G." assumes that a variety of ages will be learning together . . . so all ages are welcome, even adults! Visit <[www.ilivebig.com](http://www.ilivebig.com)> to learn more.

**Coffee Hour Hospitality**

We have need for more people to volunteer to provide refreshments for the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. services in the coming weeks. Please consider making this one of your ministries here at Grace. There is a new sign-up sheet in Nason Hall.

**Contemplative Prayer Group**

Please join us this and every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for meditation, centering prayer, personal experiences on the path into the silent land of contemplation, and lively discussions about the writings of ancient and modern contemplatives and mystics. For more information please call Larry Malick from the Cathedral at (860) 560-9085 (h) or (860) 677-2177 (w).

**An invitation to join the Altar Guild**

Anyone who might be interested in the ministry of preparing and maintaining linens and liturgical vessels and the decoration of the church, is welcome to join the Altar Guild. Please contact the rector if you're interested. A reminder to all current Altar Guild members: Bud Warner is handling all supply orders. Please contact Bud with order needs: [franciscanapple@att.net](mailto:franciscanapple@att.net) or (860) 346-3300. Thank you in advance!



**WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN AND THE LIGHTS ON?**

**Envelope Contributions needed each week**

**\$2,461.00**

**Actual Envelope Contributions on 1/22/2012**

**\$1,392.00**



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Please join, and help us spread the good news on line!

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today: Sunday, January 29 *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

9:45 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass, followed by the Laying-on of Hands for healing

12:15 p.m. **ANNUAL MEETING** (a light lunch will be provided)

Tuesday, January 31 *Feria*

5:30 p.m. Low Mass in the Chapel

7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 1 *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, 523*

7:15 a.m. Low Mass in the Chapel, followed by breakfast at Effie's

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2 **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

also called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin

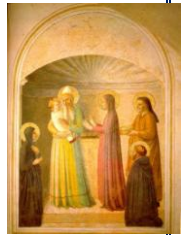
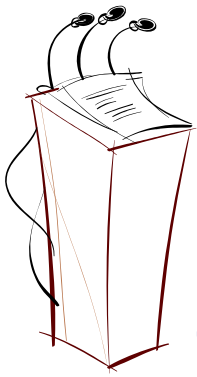
5:30 p.m. Low Mass in the Chapel

Sunday, February 5 **THE SOLEMNITY OF CANDLEMAS** (transferred from February 2)

8:00 a.m. Low Mass, followed by the Laying-on of Hands for healing (see note below)

9:45 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass, followed by the Laying-on of Hands for healing



Following the 8:00 a.m. Low Mass on the first Sunday of each month, Fr. Maxwell provides the laying-on of hands and prayers for healing. Following every 10:30 a.m. mass, lay members of our parish with healing ministries are available in the chapel to provide this service. If you would like to receive this rite, please quietly enter the chapel during the postlude; our lay ministers will remain in the chapel as long as necessary.



### PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed at the end of each month. Please communicate all prayer requests with her by the church phone, email or in person. The contact information can be found below.*

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Rowan; Katharine; Ian, James, and Laura; Max, Jerry, Wayne, Gary & Dennis.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* We pray for the **CT Diocese & the Anglican Communion**; Immanuel St. James, Derby; Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Spanish-language radio ministry; and San Pedro, Bogotá, Colombia.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Matt, Karl, Russell, John, Joseph, Alec, Jeff, David, Ryan, Tom, Michael, Charles, Edgar, Warren, and Bruce.
- *Sick or in need:* Sharen; Harry; Pamela; David; Diedre; Melissa and Arabella; Nellie; Tom; Susan; Willie; Linda; Ethan; Ed; The Rezner/Pryor Family; Mike; Matthew; Br. Richard Jonathan; Betty; Tammy Aston & Family; Greg; Sally; Josephine; Holly; Lenny; Bobby; Jim; Fran; Corenna; Sue and Richard; Jim; Charles; Evelyn; Ruth; Ann; Yvonne; Ellen; Chance; Klara; Pat; Alan, and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Sidney Roland Livermore, Cherry Marshall, Avery Brooke, Seymour Ponemon, and all soldiers & civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Judy Ervin, The Rt. Rev. Bruce Chamberlain, Seraph Root, and The Rev. John H. Findlay.

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