

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Healing Service
3rd Sunday During Eucharist

Food Pantry Collection
1st Sunday

Stewardship
1st Monday, 7:30 pm

Health Ministries -
2nd Sunday, 12:15 pm

Investment Committee
2nd Monday of March, June, September & December

Finance Committee-
Friday before Vestry, 7:00pm

Vestry
3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm

Men's Guild
3rd Sunday, 12:15 pm

Women of Grace
3rd Sunday, 12:15 pm

Grace Church Choir
Wednesdays,
7:30pm - 9:00 pm

Communications
Last Tuesday ,6:30pm

Grace's Kitchen
Last five days of the month
11:30pm-1:00pm

PCO Board
Date and Time to be Determined

Worship Commission
1st Sunday, 12:30 pm

Youth Group
4th Sunday , 12:15 pm

Youth Choir Sings
4th Sunday , 10:30 am

THIS WEEK AT GRACE December 11-18,2016

Please also check the website, display tables, and bulletin board for more information about other activities in which you might want to participate.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11— THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1, <i>All Saints' Chapel</i>
10:00 am	Lighthouse Chapel International, <i>All Saints Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Choral Holy Eucharist with Youth Choir, Rite II, <i>Church</i>
12:15 pm	Health Ministries, <i>Grace Lounge</i>
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Grace Youth Choir, <i>Church</i>
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Friendship World Outreach, <i>All Saints Chapel & Lounge</i>

Monday, December 12

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<i>Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm</i>
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<i>AA., Knickle Hall</i>
	<i>ESL Classes</i>

Tuesday, December 13

Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 pm - 9:00	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
7:30 pm	<i>ESL Classes</i>
	<i>Grace Choir, Grace Choir Room</i>

Thursday, December 15

Parish Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 pm; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday, December 16

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 17

Parish Office Closed

"O Antiphons begin....."

O Sapientia O Wisdom

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18— FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O ADONAI O LORD

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite 1, <i>All Saints' Chapel</i>
10:00 am	Lighthouse Chapel International, <i>All Saints Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Choral Holy Eucharist with Youth Choir, Rite II, <i>Church</i>
12:15 pm	Women of Grace, <i>Grace Lounge</i>
12:15 pm	Men's Guild <i>Grace Lounge</i>
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Grace Youth Choir, <i>Church</i>
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Friendship World Outreach, <i>All Saints Chapel & Lounge</i>

Next Sunday's Readings First Sunday of Advent

1st Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16 **Response:** Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

2nd Lesson : Romans 1:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25

Please join us for refreshment and conversation in Grace Meeting Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE TAKE HOME THIS BULLETIN SINCE IT HAS SOME IMPORTANT DATES AND FLYERS.

DUE TO PSE&G WORK ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. ESL AS USUAL

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM OUR WARDENS THIS WEEK. PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTIONS

**PLEDGE CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE IN THE MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PLEDGE TO GOD FOR GRACE EPISCOPAL IN 2017**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 7:45 AM EUCHARIST WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 AM STARTING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

- THE ACOLYTE GUILD IS LOOKING FOR NEW SERVERS AT THE ALTAR. PLEASE CONTACT HARRY WATSON AT JUNIOR1983@EXCITE.COM OR CALL AT 732-456-0531**

DESCRIPTION	Actual	Budget	B / (W) * Budget
Pledges	66,968	80,796	(13,828)
Other Member Giving	22,138	23,000	(862)
Investment/Trust Income	20,708	24,253	(3,545)
Other Income	27,376	19,842	7,534
Total Income	137,189	147,891	(10,702)
Total Expenses	214,097	232,206	18,109
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(76,908)	(84,315)	7,407
Endowment Transfers	65,000	-	65,000
Net Income (Loss)	(11,908)	(84,315)	72,407

*** Legend:**
B - Better than budget
(W) - Worse than budget

Note: The above statistics will be updated monthly after the approval of the vestry.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL

to the church's mission and individual Christian growth. You can contribute through:

REGULAR GIVING AND PLEDGING

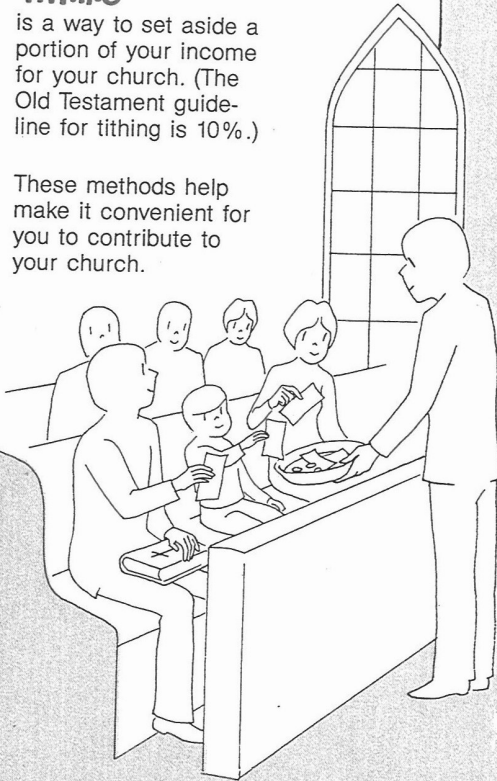
These include:

- weekly offerings
- regular charitable contributions.

TITHING

is a way to set aside a portion of your income for your church. (The Old Testament guideline for tithing is 10%.)

These methods help make it convenient for you to contribute to your church.



"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required. . ."

Luke 12:48

LIKE ANY FAMILY, YOUR CHURCH HAS RESPONSIBILITIES

For example, your financial contributions help pay for:

OFFICE EXPENSES



SALARIES

for pastor and staff



NEW PROGRAMS



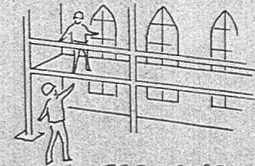
FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE

for ministries in this country and overseas



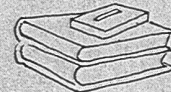
CHURCH STRUCTURES

- their building, maintenance and repair



TEACHING MATERIALS

in Christian education



BASIC UTILITIES

- heating, lighting, water, etc.



DISASTER RELIEF

and much more.



Your giving is the key to the success of church plans and programs.

What are the "O Antiphons"?

The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil. The exact origin of the O Antiphons is not known. By the eighth century, they are in use in the liturgical celebrations in Rome. The usage of the O Antiphons was so prevalent in monasteries that the phrases, Keep your O and The Great O Antiphons were common parlance. One may thereby conclude that in some fashion the O Antiphons have been part of our liturgical tradition since the very early Church.

The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah:

O Sapientia: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation. Isaiah had prophesied,

O Adonai: O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free. Isaiah had prophesied, But He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the lands afflicted.

O Radix Jesse: O Flower of Jesses stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid. Isaiah had prophesied, But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

O Clavis David: O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of Heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

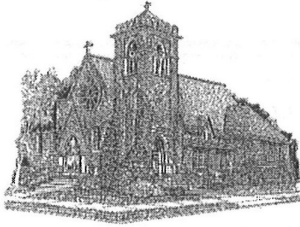
O Oriens: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.

O Rex Gentium: O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; *O Keystone* of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust. Isaiah had prophesied, For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. and He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. .

O Emmanuel: O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God. Isaiah had prophesied, The Lord himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Remember Emmanuel means God is with us.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	10:00 PM CEREMONY OF CAROLS WITH FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 AM CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST RITE II
JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS 8:00 AM EUCHARIST, RITE 1 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II
JANUARY 8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8:00 AM EUCHARIST, RITE 1 10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II



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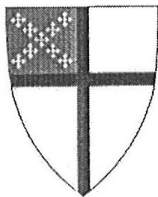
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CLERGY AND STAFF



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Andrew Kilkenny, *Director of Music & Organist*

John Taitt, *Treasurer*

Noel Taitt, *Assistant Treasurer*

Vince Chiumento, *Parish Office Administrator*

Karen Moore, *Board President, Plainfield Community Outreach, Inc.*

Patience Smith, *Project Director, 21st Century After School Program*

David Holmes (Chef D), *Grace's Kitchen Coordinator*

WARDENS Trevor King (2016) Lawrence Ishmael (2017)

VESTRY

Jason Algeo (2017), Clerk

Dennis Bazzey (2018)

Selma Cato (2016)

Anita Griffith (2016)

Brenda Loncke (2018)

Timothy Mann (2017)

Winsley Rudder (2018)

Carol Taitt (2017)

Harry Watson (2016)

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DEPUTIES 2016

Victoria Blenman

Timothy Mann

Harry Watson

ALTERNATE DEPUTIES 2016

Anita Griffith

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