



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"

Newsletter

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Mrs. Anne Klein to Retire on April 9, 2018

The official press release is rather factual and to the point. It goes like this, "It is with considerable sadness that I announce that Mrs. Anne Klein has announced her intent to retire from her position of 38 years as Parish Administrator of Grace Church. Her retirement will be effective on April 30, 2018, but her last day in the office will be April 9. Mrs. Anne has been a crucial member of the teams of Drs. Savoy and Senette, Fr. Dimmick, and Drs. Holmgren and Roldan. She leaves a legacy of loyalty, wisdom, and commitment that will be sorely missed by present and future Rectors and the congregation at large. We will celebrate Mrs. Anne's long tenure in March of 2018 with a service of retirement and a reception to follow. More information about this will be forthcoming. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Anne for her love and devotion to our Lord and our Church."

What the press release doesn't say could be the theme of a Sunday paper cartoon's caption, "Rector is fricking out. Walks halls of Jackson Hall dazed and confused. In catatonic state, repeats to himself, 'we are doomed, we are doomed!'" Not quite, but very close to the truth. I will miss Mrs. Anne greatly. I have had many secretaries and Administrative Assistants during my term as an executive in the non-profit and for-profit sectors, but, I can honestly say that I have never had a secretary or administrative assistant like Mrs. Anne. She has the rare blend of professionalism and high work ethic that is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. She can be relied upon to perform at the highest levels with minimal to no supervision, and she doesn't call it a day until her work is done, regardless of how late she has to work. Honest, kind, over-protective, and reliable, Mrs. Anne can anticipate my needs before I even know I need them. Mrs. Anne is a counselor to those who come in seeking advice, gate-keeper for all Diocesan matters, cemetery tour guide, party planner, kitchen maid, preschool hallway monitor, vestry liaison to the parish and Rector, liturgist, human resources specialist, payroll processor, and many more unofficial titles. The breath of her responsibilities is wide, but Mrs. Anne does her job well and doesn't let much rattle or upset her.

I have been keeping a list of responsibilities Mrs. Anne does and I am already on page 3, single space. These tasks are as simple and mundane as making copies of Lectionary readings for our Bible studies, and as complex as putting together a Parochial Report or creating an Annual Meeting booklet. Mrs. Anne has an incredible ability to deal with multiple tasks at once, flawlessly, and efficiently, perhaps because she has been doing those tasks for so long. She manages our relationship with most vendors and sub-contractors; takes care of all human resources functions, creating and updating all personnel files; handles the registration and travel for all clergy conferences, including paying fees, booking flights and hotels, and reserving car rentals; handles all newsletters and Sunday bulletins; manages the mailing out of thousands of pieces of mail every year; and the list goes on.

Perhaps the most important skill Mrs. Anne has is that she is the keeper of the

corporate memories of this church dating back dozens of years. She knows where everyone is buried; can tell you who is kin to whom, going as far back as three, four, and even five generations; knows intimately the history of the church building and furnishings; can tell you who was rector when your great-aunt married her third husband and who his kin folks were; has an invisible map of the parish in her brain and can out-do Google when giving you directions; and can give you a quick and always accurate description of a person's needs before the person walks into your office. All these abilities are extremely useful for a Rector who is not from this area and who lacks basic knowledge of the connections among various families and parishioners.

On a personal level, I will be forever grateful for the hospitality and kindness Mrs. Anne has shown my family and I for the last nine years. From helping us set up basic utilities at the Rectory to becoming an emergency contact for my kids at their schools, Mrs. Anne has been there for us unconditionally and generously. My kids have great respect for her, and my wife and I see her as a great supporter of our ministry and our family. She has made our ministry among you enjoyable and stress-free. Regardless of where I am, I know people will get paid on time, newsletters will go out, vendors will be taken care of, and the right people will be contacted during a crisis. This gives me peace of mind and frees me up to use my resources and energy to serve our parishioners and manage important relationships.

I will write another article in early 2018 letting all of you know where we are in the interviewing and selection process for this position. In the meantime, please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for Mrs. Anne's retirement and as we make important decisions about the future needs of our church. May God continue to bless you, Fr. Roldan+

Dear Ladies of Grace Episcopal Church, it is time for us to collect our annual donations/dues. All women who attend Grace Church are members of ECW. We would greatly appreciate everyone contributing so that we can continue to participate in the following areas of this Diocese: the Foxley Fund (for leadership training) Spring and Fall Missions offerings; Annual Pledge - Corporate Office, and our Seminarian Fund. Please send your donation in any amount made out to ECW, noted at bottom annual donation and send to Sharon Gauthier, P.O. Box 668, St. Francisville, LA 70775. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Sheryl Wynters, President

Congratulations to Dr. Will Benton and Claudia Escobar and also to Zach Butterworth and Ariel Roland who were married this weekend. Dr and Mrs Benton were married at St. Alban's Chapel in Baton Rouge and Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth were married here at Grace Church. Best wishes to these couples as they begin their lives together.

Prayer Request: Please keep in your prayers Charles Durr, III and Lauren Pourciau whose weddings will take place in the next two weeks.

Membership changes: George and Ann Newton have moved their membership to St. James Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Also Billie Fort moved her membership to Trinity Church in Baton Rouge. We will miss these friends and wish them well in their new church home.

Advent candles and wreaths: On Sunday, November 19 after the 10am service Advent candles and metal wreaths will be for sale in Jackson Hall.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols: on Sunday, December 3rd we will have the usual 7:30am Holy Eucharist, but we will have a beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols in lieu of the 10am service. The following will be the structure: 6 lessons, a number of great carols the choir is working on, and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. We hope you can join us.

Intercessory prayers are asked for Grace Church members who are ill:

Matt Armstrong, Daisye Howell, Lucile Lawrason, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Kay Tengler, Wendell Wade, David Walker, Pam Willson, Jake Wray Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Tiger Olsen, Mason Lambert, Carlin Kendrick-Nov. 13; Sarah Rhody, Tim Tandy, Deryle Blackard-Nov. 14; Susan Glanville-Nov. 15; Sam Irwin, Jamie DeJean-Nov. 17; Ralph Beaumont-Nov. 18, Emily Barrow, Glenn Thomas; Yvonne B. Leak-Nov. 19; Stewart Hughes, Maggie Higgins, Carol Ridenour Dufillo-Nov. 20; Eleanor Thomas-Nov. 21; John Barrow Klein, Ginger Reid-Nov. 23; Mary Frances Smart, Catherine David-Nov. 24.

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Michelle Weller-Nov. 14; Jeff & Linda Pruitt-Nov. 15; Tristan & Brittany Farthing-Nov. 18; Robert & Cheryl Singer, Chris & Donna Metz-Nov. 23; Carter & Yvonne Leak, Paul & Debbie Martin-Nov. 24.

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Michaela Kell Bennett, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Bob Crowley, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jean-sonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cecil Kelly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Mar-train, Kathy Drew Mat-ter, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, David Merritt, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Dor-othy Anne Millikin, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Stephen Seale, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Troups, Denham Turner, Rufus Yerger.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christo-pher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Colia, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragu-sa, Christopher Willis, Matthew Young, Aaron Zuccsro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads.

2018 Episcopal calendars are available in the church office for \$3.00. They show the sea-sonal color, readings for each Sunday and Holy Days.

The Marine Corps Birthday: On Friday, November 10, the Marines will be here for a wreath-laying ceremony to honor General Robert H. Barrow, who was the 27th Comman-dant of the Marine Corps. Join us at 10:00 on November 10 for the ceremony and a cake reception in the Parish Hall.

Thanksgiving: On Thanksgiving if you are alone, or don't feel like cooking a big dinner, join us in Bp. Jackson Hall for lunch following the Thanksgiving service at 11:00 in the church. Come to Jackson Hall for hors d'oeuvres at 11:30am and lunch will be at 12 noon. Bring a side dish to share to accompany the turkey and ham. Invite someone to join you.

St. John's will have a celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, November 19th at 7:30am.

Service Agreement Signed: The service agreement between Grace Church and St. John the Divine Orthodox Church has been fully executed and the congregation celebrated their first Morning Prayer this last Sunday, November 5. Someone asked us the other day if St. John's is stopping our third Sunday of the Month Episcopal Service. The answer is "NO". We will continue our Episcopal Service every third Sunday at 7:30am. This service does not conflict with St. John the Divine service, which takes place at 9:30am. Please continue to join us monthly.

Vestry Nominations: We are starting to gather names of parishioners who will join our ves-try from 2018-2020. This is what we are looking for: (1) Church Members, (2) Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, (3) Pledgers or Contributors of record to the minis-tries of Grace Church, (4) Willing to allow us to run a background screen, required by new Safeguarding God's Children Diocesan Policy, (5) Willing to serve the Church in a leader-ship capacity, which entails monthly meetings, an annual retreat, attending special meetings as appropriate, coordinating one full month of coffee hours (you will find a team of volun-teers to help), and serving in subcommittees as appropriate. If you would like to nominate someone, please speak to them first, obtain their approval, and then send Fr. Roldan an e-mail. The nomination process will end December 31, as we need several weeks to complete the vetting process. There will not be nominations from the floor. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

2018 Pledge Card

In Thanksgiving for God's goodness, and support of the ministry of our Church, I / we will give \$ _____ per week / month / year in 2018. **(circle one)**

Signed _____ Print name: _____

I / we would like offering envelopes ____ Yes ____ No

Address _____

This is an expression of faith and intent, and not a legal obligation. Contact the Church Treasurer to make any adjustment. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible by mailing to Box 28, St. Francisville, by dropping it off at the church office or put it in the offering plate on any Sunday.

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday November 12, 2017

Acolytes: Karina Mulkey, Charles Fox-Smith,
Clara Jane Hughes, James Kirschling
Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Sharon Gauthier
10am: Drew Nordgren, Mark Mulkey
Ushers: Will Plettinger, Shannon Pollet
Lectors: David Opperman, Justin Peno
Vestry Rep: Adam Whatley
Altar Guild Team 3
Altar flowers: Dr. John and Sue Steib
Sanctuary Candle: Ronnie and Pat Martin
Coffee Hour: Anne Klein
Babysitters: Landry Higgins, Julia DeJean

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Acolytes: Elizabeth Hughes, James Kirschling,
Wyatt Olsen, Lilly Higgins
Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Bryan McClendon
10am: Sheryl Wynters, Landon Anderson
Ushers: Rob Reinhardt, Joe Savell
Lectors: Sarah Rhody, Glenn Thomas
Vestry Rep: Leslie Daniel
Altar Guild Team 4
Altar flowers: Carol Woodward
Sanctuary candle: Mary Woodyear
Coffee Hour: Dr. John and Sue Steib
Babysitters: Madie Kane, Lorna Klein

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7:30am - Holy Eucharist
Bible Study
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Wednesday, November 15

5:15pm - Eucharist
5 - 7pm - Youth Group
6:00pm - Newcomers Class

Thursday, November 16

9:15am - Morning Prayer
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, November 17

7:00am - Eucharist
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, November 19

7:30am - Eucharist (Grace & St. John's)
9:15am - Bible Study
10:00am - Eucharist
11:30am - Confirmation Class
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, November 22

5:15pm - Eucharist
5-7pm - Youth Group
6:00pm - Newcomers Class

Thursday, November 23

11:00am - Thanksgiving service
11:30am - hors d'oeuvres in Jackson Hall
12 Noon - Thanksgiving Lunch
**Church Office closed Thursday &
Friday**