

# Grace Episcopal Church Rutherford, New Jersey

## Parish Profile

### Introduction

Grace Episcopal Church, Rutherford New Jersey is a vibrant faith community in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. We are committed to following and worshipping Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior weekly, and then as we are sent back into the world, we go joyfully to serve him by welcoming all people and especially those who are suffering, hurting or in need of his redemptive love. Each week, we gather for worship, spiritual growth and fellowship welcoming all people, recognizing that we are all created in the image of God. Grace Church is a caring community, but just as we watch out for one another so too do we take to heart our Lord's commandment to love one another by reaching beyond our immediate community to care for those in need. Grace Church has a proud history in Bergen County New Jersey dating back to the 1850s, details are available on the "about us" section of our website

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### Where we are located

Rutherford is located just 8 miles west of midtown Manhattan and yet maintains a hometown feel. Known as "The Borough of Trees" a stroll around the delightfully tree lined streets and picturesque downtown proves why Rutherford really is a hidden gem on the outskirts of the City. The town is located at the southern end of Bergen County bordered by the Passaic River on the west, State Highway 3 on the south and State Highway 17 on the east. Grace Church itself is bordered by West Passaic Avenue on the south, Wood Street on the east and Felician University on the west and north. The population of Rutherford is approximately 18,000. Rutherford has four elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school. There are thirteen houses of worship in the community and numerous borough and fraternal organizations and clubs. As of the 2010 census: The racial makeup of the borough was 77.57% (14,010) White, 2.92% (527) Black or African American, 0.07% (13) Native American, 13.08% (2,362) Asian, 0.01% (1) Pacific Islander, 3.68% (664) from other races, and 2.68% (484) from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 14.08% (2,543) of the population.

### Our Mission & Ministry

Grace Church is a Christian Community committed to respecting the dignity of every human being. We welcome every person as one of Christ's own knowing that God has sent each one here for a special reason or purpose. As Christ set an example for his followers, so too are we called to be examples to the communities where we live work and play. Recognizing that Grace Church is the Body of Christ and each person has an important role to play and gifts to share we expect to honor our commitments as others depend on us and that others will honor their commitments as we depend upon them.

### Diocese of Newark: Mission & Vision

We are called to be passionate disciples of Jesus. We are called to be a Covenant People who embrace the richness and beauty of worship. We are called to step out in audacious faith, spiritually formed by a rule of life that resonates with God's promises. We are called to enter into the ever flowing stream of God's justice. We are called to practice radical hospitality. In faithful response to God's leading us beyond what we ever thought was possible, we recognize the need for institutional reformation that will incarnate Christ's holy mission for our times



*"Amazing Grace,  
How Sweet the  
Sound."*

## Financial Information:

Approximately 40 Pledging Families in 2019

2018 Statement of Financial Income & Expense available upon request. Highlights:  
2018 Ordinary / Other Income combined \$194K. 2018 Ordinary / Other Expense combined \$188K

2019 Profit & Loss Budget Overview available upon request.

Total Income \$144K. Total Expense \$164K

\*2019 Budget forecasts for 6 Months substitute Rector expenses and 6 Months Priest-In-Charge Salary

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## Gifts & Ministry of the Congregation:

### Worship & Liturgy

At Grace Church the congregation highly values our style of worship & liturgy. We are blessed with a versatile and engaged director of music and committed choir.

### Outreach & Growth

In recent years the congregation has been encouraged by growth in our church family, organic growth and the welcoming of the congregation from St. Paul's North Arlington. We are keen to continue to welcome new membership, for example thru the welcoming of families that come to Church for baptism of children. We are proud of the role we play in the community and want to continue and develop our outreach to the people of Rutherford and be a vibrant member of the community via our various community outreach activities and charitable events.

### Christian Education

We are keen to develop our church family thru a focus on Christian education to all ages. Our congregation has a youth group and a number of younger children that we want to offer a vibrant Christian education to. From an adult perspective we would like to focus on how we can develop our faith thru offering the congregation education outside of the traditional services, i.e. bible studies.

## Gifts & Ministry of the Clergy:

### Caring & Accepting of all

At Grace Church the congregation highly values our acceptance of all. We are searching for a Priest that will provide a personal level of care, someone willing to interact with all ages, visit the sick, welcome all ages and be aware of the needs and health of the church community. Willing to get to know the congregation on a personal level and be a visible presence in our town and community.

### Spiritual Leader

We are praying for a spiritual leader that will counsel & guide us according to God's word. Someone passionate about worship & liturgy keeping with the traditions of the Episcopal Church

### Dynamic Communicator

We are very cognizant of the importance of effective communication, administrative know-how and business sense. Someone who will be energetic in reaching out to new parishioners and enabling the congregation to build the church

Weekly Holy Eucharist Service  
Sunday at 10:00am

Coffee Hour  
Immediately after Service

Healing & Eucharist  
Wednesday at 10:00am  
Lunch following

Church Office Hours  
By Appointment Only

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***"All are welcome at Grace Church."***