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SERVICES

8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Tuesday at 12 noon
First Saturdays at 4 P.M.

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Soup Suppers Wednesdays in Lent
5:30 -7:00 P.M.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Good Friday, 12 P.M. Stations of the Cross
7 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Holy Saturday, 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist

GRACE NOTES

MARCH 2016

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Holy Week may seem very different from the rest of the liturgical year.

We are more familiar with the different feel of other liturgical seasons: Advent—watching and waiting while simultaneously looking backward to the birth of Jesus and forward to his return at the end of time, Christmas and Epiphany—exploring our experience of God-with-us in the person of Jesus, and Lent—preparation and penitence, and Eastertide and the season after Pentecost when we focus on how we are to be as Christians in the world.

But Holy Week is different.

Holy Week has a kind of "you-are-there" character, but it is not purely an historical reenactment of Jesus' last days. Holy Week is our opportunity to simultaneously experience the events of Jesus' final days with his friends, and to see them from the post-resurrection viewpoint where we actually live.

Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion also called Palm Sunday, where we hear of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowd, then we are immediately plunged into his arrest and trial. As atmosphere grows darker, we hear and recall Jesus' last supper with his friends, at which he washes their feet; the job of the lowliest slave, and speaks words of blessing over bread and wine that confuse and confound those present even while they establish for all time his ongoing presence with us in simple gifts of food given and received. One more brief time of retreat with his friends to a secluded place to pray, and Jesus is betrayed by one he loved and arrested. Deserted by his friends, he is subject to sham trial, the result of political machinations of corrupt officials and outraged religious authorities, and condemned to a shameful and painful death.

Good Friday, the day of execution, mocking and humiliation ends, as it must,

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Parish Life Ministry

Parish Life held their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9th.

Approximately 48 meals were served and the $335 proceeds will be donated to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry. Thank you to all who attended.

We extend a hearty thank you to the men's work night crew for manning the griddle and doing the cleanup. Thanks also to Austin & Emma Wolf and Sarah & Connor Hamilton for their help waiting tables.

Mark your calendars now for our Spring Supper to be held on Saturday, April 16th.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 13

Turn clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday the 12th.

BBQ Meeting

The BBQ Ministry will meet on Sunday, March 13th at 9:15 A.M. All are invited to come help make preparations for the 50th Annual Grace BBQ.

Easter Lilies

Thanksgivings/memorials are due in the office no later than Thursday, March 17th to insure the names are listed in the Easter bulletin. Lilies may be taken following the 10:30 A.M. service. The cost is $9.00.

Do not forget to bring flowers for flowering cross on Easter morning or bells to ring during the Gloria.

in death. The kindness of another provides at least a grave, with no time for proper burial. The silence and emptiness of Holy Saturday follows as family and friends go through the motions of Sabbath observance, dreams of a different world crushed, still horrified by what has transpired and perhaps dreading the same fate.

And then.

In the darkness before dawn, the impossible becomes possible. The unbelievable occurs. No one sees it happen. Yet somehow the One who was executed, dead, buried.

Is not.

God has raised him from the dead. And nothing will ever be the same again.

Entering into the events of Holy Week takes us outside of ordinary time and space, where what was, and is, and is to come are all true and present at the same time. The Greek word *anamnesis* often used for this concept is translated variously as "memory", "vital recall" or "remembrance" and is the opposite of another word we get from the Greek, *amnesia*.

Our "anti-amnesia", *anamnesis* is our key to who and *whose* we are. Baptized into the life *and* death *and* resurrection of Jesus, for us this is not a "re-enactment" but a "re-membering"; re-making us members of Christ's body. Even as we participate in the rites of Holy Week, our stories are made a part of that Story; our family story of how nothing has, will, or can ever separate us from the love of God.

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! —Saint John Chrysostom (circa 400 AD)

Cathy+

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Services at 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Blessing of palms and Mark's Passion Gospel

Maundy Thursday

Simple meal at 6:00 P.M.

Holy Eucharist, foot washing & stripping of the altar at 7:00 P.M.

Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until Good Friday morning

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at noon

Liturgy for Good Friday with Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Kid- & Adult-friendly Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 P.M.

We will kindle the first light of Easter

Easter Sunday

Festal Services at 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Soup Suppers Wednesdays in Lent

Soup & Bread, a brief table Holy Eucharist and discussion from 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

A Prayer for the Confirmation Class

May Almighty God bestow upon Victor LaMar, Sharon Ney, Maggie Wiegand, Pat Farrance and Stephanie McCall the blessing of His mercy and give them an understanding of the wisdom that leads to salvation through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Samaritan Meal

Volunteers from Grace and some of their friends made their first visit of the year to the Samaritan Center on February 21st. Sloppy Joes, corn and green salad were topped off with fresh fruit and a variety of baked goods provided by a number of other organizations leaving the bananas and cookies donated by Grace to be used for another meal. Thanks to the generosity of many of our parishioners 187 guests were served including 8 children.

The following members of the Grace community gave up part of their Sunday to help prepare and serve the meal at the Samaritan Center; Ruth Frey, Carolyn Smith, Sharon and Ross Ney, Carla and Dan Wiemers, Phyllis Begg, Joan and Bob O'Brien, Jan and John Heisler, Greg Ceresko, Sue McKee, Pat Apicella Ceravole and her grandchildren Vaughn and London Pizzella, Sue Purdy, Barb Simpson, and Jane Atwater. Also helping were Don and Melissa Simpson of Baldwinsville and their children Brittany and Zane.

Many thanks to all who contributed their time and treasure to this effort.

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, April 24th. Please consider joining us.

Bob O'Brien

Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry will continue collecting food items for the Baldwinsville Food Pantry. Donations to the Food Pantry from the community have dropped off. We have been asked to help out with this shortage.

Any non-perishable food is welcome, especially these items:

- ·soups
- ·cereal
- ·hot chocolate packets
- ·rice/pasta
- ·pasta sauce
- ·peanut butter and jelly
- ·canned tuna
- ·canned vegetables
- ·apple or other juices
- ·canned entrées (like Spaghetti - Os, or beef stew)

*Keep in mind, there are baskets for the Baldwinsville Food Pantry in the Welcome Area year round. Feel free to donate food items whenever you wish.

Confirmation

You are invited to be confirmed, to be received into this Communion or to be reaffirm your baptismal vows. You will explore with your mentor/sponsor the aspects of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the Episcopal Church. Our three -month "Keeping the Promise" confirmation classes will be held each Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 A.M. at the church. Confirmation will

Let's "Sing a New Song" or an Old Favorite!

A suggestion has been made to create a Christian songbook unique to Grace Church which would include hymns or songs that are not included in our Hymnal or in (WLP) Wonder, Love and Praise.

As a beginning to this process, we are interested in knowing what titles you would like to have included. If you have favorite Christian songs that you would like to have available for use in our services, please list them below and return the list to the church. It can be placed in the box for hymn requests in the Welcome Area or placed in the collection plate any Sunday. Every effort will be made to include as many requests as possible within CCLI licensing restrictions. If you have further questions please speak with Nancy Fredette.

Songs I would like to see included:

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The Community Outhouse Challenge

Pastor Joe "caught in the act"--of sermon preparation

In 2012-2013 nearly 10,000 paper products such as rolls of toilet paper, boxes of tissues, paper towels, etc., were collected by area churches in the "Community Outhouse Challenge." This project was started by Pastor Joe Folckemer of Hillview Baptist Church in Baldwinsville. Sadly, Pastor Joe has since passed away. However, his wife, Arlette, has brought back the Community Outhouse Challenge for 2016.

Grace participated in the first Outhouse Project and collected a total of 1,820 items, coming in second out of the eight participating churches.
This year, churches and other organizations have been asked to continue the challenge. Baldwinsville Library has the Outhouse for February and St. Augustine's Catholic Church is signed up for May.

Grace Church will take up the challenge for the month of March!

<u>The challenge given by Arlette is</u>:

1) Borrow our outhouse for one calendar month.

2) Attempt to fill the outhouse with toilet paper or other paper products (these items are not covered by food stamps)

3) The collected items go to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry and P.E.A.C.E.

4) Your final totals will be written on the wall inside the outhouse -- See if you can beat the totals of the other churches.

5) The only rule is that *"a roll is a roll"* - each roll counts as one even if it is marketed as a "double roll" or "super size."

6) The only real winner is the people that will be served by the collection effort.

The Outhouse will be in the welcoming area at Grace starting on March 6th. Let's fill it up by Palm Sunday!

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To stay current with what's going on, subscribe to Grace's email news. From our website click "News", scroll to the bottom of the column, and click on the church sketch. Provide your information, and be sure to reply to the email verification--registering is a two-step process. Unsubscribing is easy, just click the notice at the bottom of any email we've sent you. Contact the parish office

Pastoral Care

Please be sure to contact the parish office in case of illness or hospitalization. On weekends or in case of pastoral emergency, call the pastoral care number which can be found on Mother Cathy's voice mail message. For those unable to attend church, Mother Cathy or Eucharistic Visitors are available to bring Holy Communion to home, hospital or care residence.

Grace's Mission Statement:

To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking and serving Christ in all persons.