

# GRACE NOTES

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Pentecost and Trinity Sundays signal the end of our annual cycle recalling the story of our salvation through the incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. They also mark the beginning of the season after Pentecost, sometimes called “Ordinary time”. And ordinary is what it is, at least insofar as any Christian life can be said to be ordinary. In reality, our lives are extraordinary because we are God’s adopted children through our baptism, and extraordinary things are our heritage. Writer C.S. Lewis once wrote, “Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses”. And this is true, whether or not we *like* our neighbor, or even know very much about him or her.

How might our life look if we fully expressed this radically different idea that our neighbor is extraordinary—a holy person—and that “neighbor” includes those one might not want to socialize with, dine with, or even touch? Loving one’s neighbor as oneself is hard enough when that person is like us. How much harder it is when they are very, very different? Yet this is precisely what we mean when we promise to “...seek and serve Christ in all persons”<sup>1</sup>, and “...proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ” and “...respect the dignity of every human being”. On Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> our bishop will be with us to baptize and confirm, and as at every baptism, we will all renew these promises we have made. May God strengthen to live extraordinarily.

Mo. Cathy+

<sup>1</sup>The Book of Common Prayer - Holy Baptism



### **A PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS**

May Almighty God bestow upon 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*



## **THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!**

Mark your calendars for June 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be Bishop Skip's last visit before his retirement. We will have a single service at 9:00 A.M. with a confirmation and baptism, followed by a festive reception to honor those making and reaffirming their commitment to follow Jesus.

## **JENNA'S MISSION TRIP**

Jenna Reese, granddaughter of Frank & Leslie Harper, will be going on a mission trip to Kenosha, WI with Lafayette Presbyterian church at the end of July. While on this trip she will be working with handicapped children, tutoring, preparing meals, working in a soup kitchen, and other activities. The cost of this trip is almost \$400 and she is hoping the members of Grace Church can help her out. Jenna will be placing a garbage can at the church and is hoping everyone will be willing to donate their cans and bottles to help her raise the money. Monetary donations are welcomed. Thank you



## **GARDEN OF GRACE**

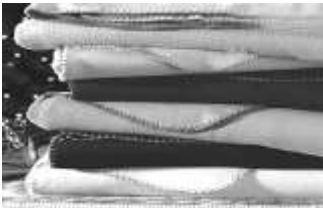
This year we will be moving to a community garden concept. Nine garden plots will be available to church members and Head Start families on a first-come first-served basis. Master Gardener Joy Pople has offered to teach a 'Gardening 101' session. The nine gardeners are also invited to tithe a portion of their crops to the local food pantry. To request a plot, please call or email the parish office to be added to the list. Plots will be assigned before the end of May. *(Note that due to the occurrence of tomato blight last summer, avoiding plants of the nightshade family is best. Affected vegetables include tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and potatoes)*



SHEET/BLANKET/TOWEL/ SILVERWARE DRIVE  
FOR INTERFAITH WORKS REFUGEE / NEW  
AMERICAN RESETTLEMENT

Sponsored by Grace Outreach Ministry

Interfaith Works Center for New Americans resettles over 500 refugees each year. With your generosity and support, we are able to continue to “*Affirm the Dignity*” of each and every family member.



The Outreach Ministry is collecting these items for new Americans during the month of May. Items may be brought to the welcoming area through May 31<sup>st</sup>. (Think garage sales!)

*Any new or gently used items (all sizes) NO stains, NO holes, NO tears in the bedding and towels. Silverware does not have to match.*

**We appreciate your generosity.**

**In addition, the Center for New Americans can use just about any piece of furniture or other household items. Please contact them directly to have a larger item picked up.**

Contact: Daryl Suzanne Files Volunteer and Donor Coordinator  
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## **SAMARITAN MEAL APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**

On April 24<sup>th</sup> volunteers from Grace made our second visit of the year to the Samaritan Center in Syracuse to prepare and serve a meal to their guests. We again served our popular menu of Sloppy Joes, corn and green salad topped off with fresh bananas and cookies. We had been told to expect to serve 220 people, we brought enough food for 240, but the hard working volunteers actually served 307! Fortunately, when our supplies ran out the Center was able to make up the difference from reserves they had on hand.

The following Grace Church members gave up part of their Sunday to serve the needy people at the Samaritan Center; Dan and Carla Weimers, Sue McKee, Sharon Ney, Pat Farrance, Carolyn Smith, Chris & Maggie Wiegand, Ellone, Stephanie and Vienna McCall, Phyllis Brown, Bob and Joan O'Brien, Phyllis Begg, Margaret Spillet, and Brad Pettit.

Many thanks to all who contributed their time and financial support to this project.

We will be serving our final Samaritan Meal of the year on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us.



## **JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION BREAKFAST**

We will be honoring our 2016 graduates on June 19<sup>th</sup> following the 8 AM service. If you have a child or grandchild graduating this year, please call the office.



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

- The Chicken BBQ will be on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from Noon — 6PM.
- There is going to be an outside eating area this year that will be home to a concert and face painting.
- There are a variety of jobs to be filled, donations are needed, and many, many, many, brownie and cookie bars to bake.
- If you didn't receive tickets and would like some to sell, please contact the church office.
- There will also be posters on the table in the welcome area. Please take some to hang up.
- We also have some lawn signs. If you live a major road in Baldwinsville and would put up a sign, let me know.

**Sign up boards are in the welcoming area!**  
**Please consider donating some time the day of the BBQ.**  
**We desperately need runners!**

Thank you in advance for all of your help,  
Allen Wolf  
awolf2@twcny.rr.com

### **PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED!**

Please save your plastic grocery bags from the grocery store. We will use the bags at the drive - thru. We will collect them the day of the BBQ.



### **THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to the Receptions Committee, Altar Guild, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and everyone who has gone the extra mile for all the beautiful funeral services.

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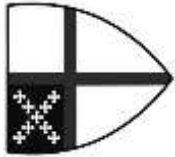
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First Saturdays 4 P.M.