

GRACE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2017



Animal Blessing October 2017

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About once a month, parish members and I go to Syracuse Home to lead worship on Sunday afternoon. We use a form of Evening Prayer from the Episcopal Prayer Book. An invariable part of the service is the General Thanksgiving, inspired, it is said, by a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth I. This prayer, printed below, has been included in the English and American versions of The Book of Common Prayer since 1662, and in the U.S. book, was a required part of both Morning and Evening Prayer until the 1979 revision.

Later this month we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and join with the rest of the USA in a day of turkey, football and giving thanks. But imagine how our lives might be changed if we were to pray the General Thanksgiving every morning and evening? What would be the result of a week, a month or a year of praying "...that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise not only with our lips but in our lives..." twice a day? Fourteen times a week? 730 times a year?

I invite you to join us for a Holy Eucharist for the Eve of the Feast of Thanksgiving on Wednesday November 22 at 7:00 P.M., and to consider an experiment in gratitude for the next week, month or year.

Cathy+

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

OUTREACH HOLIDAY PROJECT

The Outreach Ministry is asking for your help in putting together baskets filled with all the makings of a Thanksgiving Feast for eight needy families. Below is a list of items we would like to include in each family's basket. Just print your name and phone # next to the item or items you would like to donate. When you bring your item in, please check it off the list. The lists is in the Welcome Area. Please bring the item to the Welcome Area by November 12th. Frozen items (turkeys and pies) may be placed in the freezer at the bottom of the stairs in the undercroft. Thanks for your generosity!

- 20 lb. turkey
- 3 cans corn
- 3 pkgs. rolls
- Bag of stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 family- size frozen pie
- Bag of apples
- Bag of potatoes
- 2 jars turkey gravy
- 1 can olives, pickles, or other relish
- \$10 gift card(s) to local supermarket



SAMARITAN MEAL

Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, February 4th, 2018. Please consider joining us.

OUTREACH COLLECTION OF FAMILY BOARD GAMES FOR BALDWINVILLE CHRISTMAS BUREAU

Last Year the Christmas Bureau was so pleased with the board games given by Grace parishioners that they have asked us to repeat the collection for



this holiday season. Right after Thanksgiving, we will begin to collect family friendly board or card games. A list of especially popular ones will be posted in the Welcome Area soon, but any are welcome. Christmas seems far away, but will be upon us before we know it. Keep an eye out for those holiday sales!



TRIVIA NIGHT 2017 PRESENTED BY PARISH LIFE

Seven teams vied for the chance to be named the Champions of Grace's 3rd Trivia Night held on October 21st. While munching on popcorn and sipping beverages of choice, participants were challenged on their knowledge of Food.

Now that didn't necessarily mean that the question related to an actual food. Bet you thought food would be a dull or easy subject. Not the case. To keep us on our toes, Carla Smith threw in questions that just had a reference to food in some way, be it a pie throwing scene in a movie, someone's name, or even the number of layers of food Bugs Bunny piled on the head of Elmer Fudd.

Do you know what the first filling was in the original Twinkies? Or what year Pop Tarts first were available frosted? How about what Walter "Radar" O'Rielly's beverage of choice was or Garfield's favorite food? These are examples of the questions our teams had to answer, with no electronic help allowed. Just our memories and those little bits of "useless" information tucked away in our brains.

The evening consisted of 5 rounds plus a bonus question. Questions for each round were evaluated so that a winner of each round could be determined and awarded a prize. If there was a tie, then there was a "Tie Breaker" question which not only depended on getting the correct answer, but also getting to the judges table first. Scores of all the rounds were totaled to determine the final standings.

Taking home the TOP prize was team "Junk Food", consisting of Sharon & Ross Ney, Mother Cathy and Ruth Frey. Appropriately for a food themed contest, each took home a \$10 gift card from TOPS, plus a small bottle of wine to celebrate their success.

The "Smarties" Second place prize went to the SNLB team of Sue & Lloyd Darrohn and Nancy & Bruce Haney.

Finishing in last place, taking home "Dum-Dums" along with a small bottle of wine to drown their sorrows, was the Blue & Orange team of Jim & Anne Makowiec and Peter & Rosemary Coyne.

Joining the fun were the teams "Fabulous 5", "Food Critics", "Food Network" and "Thumbs Up". Thank you all for coming.

Brownie sundaes were served to end the evening. Everyone was in agreement that this had been a lot of fun, and discussing how little some of us actually knew about Food!

We wish to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to CARLA & BRIAN SMITH and CARLA & DAN WIEMERS for their hard work in putting this on.

VESTRY MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2018

The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management. As a vestry member, together with the rector and wardens, you will be expected to manage and lead.

Management includes such tasks as: budgeting, establishing and enforcing policies and procedures, establishing action plans, maintaining property.

Leadership includes such tasks as articulating and communicating the vision for the future of the parish, generating enthusiasm and “buy-in” from the congregation, and as needed, taking personal responsibility for ensuring ad hoc or permanent committees carry out their assigned work.

Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- Vestry meetings (1x per month, plus occasional additional meetings as needed);
- Committee work (usu. 1x per month);
- Vestry retreat (annual);
- Regular attendance at worship services (rotating services occasionally);
- Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
- Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.
- Exercise confidentiality and practice healthy, honest, open communication patterns in the parish.

Qualifications

- Eighteen years of age or older;
- Baptized; (wardens must be confirmed)
- Active member of the parish who is regular in worship attendance and contribution of time, talent and treasure.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM PARISH LIFE

November 12th – Senior Harvest Dinner, 11:45 A.M. Performing will be the Enzian Bavarian Dancers, including our very own Carolyn Smith and maybe a couple other special performers.



ADVENT EVENT

Parish life is holding Advent activities after each service on December 3rd, which is the first Sunday in Advent. Christmas cards will be available for you to write notes to our



parish family members who are unable to join us regularly, as well as notes to military members.

Stations will also be set up for you to make live advent wreaths. A \$5 donation for each wreath would be helpful to defray the cost of materials.

We hope that you can join us for this joyful and meaningful activity.

12TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Cookie Monsters are making their calls. Recipes are being perused. Baking supplies are on shopping lists. It must be COOKE WALK time at Grace.



RESERVE THE DATE — Saturday, December 2, 10 A.M.—1 P.M.

Volunteer sheets are posted in the Welcome Area. There are so many ways to help. Check them out. Be sure to sign up early; some areas (like clean-up!) fill quickly. Become a part of our festive, family day.

DECORATE-THE COOKIES SUNDAY will be held in the Undercroft on November 19th, starting at 9 A.M. Bring as many batches of prebaked sugar cookies to decorate. Also bring frosting and sprinkles, and we will share. If you don't wish to decorate, please bring cookies nevertheless. They are most eagerly sought and purchased. This can be a great church family event. For more information contact Jeannie LaMere or Barb Reeves.

THE MEN'S BAKING NIGHT is Tuesday, November 28th at 6 P.M. Join the fun. A light repast is offered, as well as a great time!

Join your church family in celebrating the season.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Chambers, Marylou Fredenburg, Grace Cotte, Mary Helen Foster, Grace Bloom, Phyllis Begg, Dottie Carrie, Doug Claprood, Tully Cook, Ann Colgan, Cate Griffo, Gale McCall, George Gibbs, Bruce Haney, Betty Johnson, Jim Makowiec, Evelyn Mercer, Jenna Reese, Marilyn Robinson, Tina Soldo, Andy Spitler, Larry Soldo, Alexis Sellers, Connie Taft, Mary Tall, Carla Wiemers, Elaina Renfrew.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Marcus & Phyllis Begg

BAPTISM

We welcome into the household of God Carter Jackson who was baptized on the Feast of All Saints Day, November 5th. Carter, was born June 17, 2017, is the son of Michael & Danielle Olsen. Carter's Godparents are Peter Seibelli and Alyssa Olsen.



LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Scott Ferrari who is our 2017 High School Lewis Scholarship winner. Scott is attending SUNY Oswego. Scott has also receiving a scholarship from the Fulton Savings Bank through C.W. Baker High School. Continuing this year with the Lewis Scholarship is Taylor Ferrari, Sarah Hamilton and Eric Ferrari.

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM MARGARET

Thank you for all the cards and prayers while I was recovering from appendix surgery. It is wonderful to have the support of our Grace Community.

REST ETERNAL grant to Frank Onderdonk, Harry Bragg, James Payne & Sara Germain O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

THANK YOU to Bruce Haney for all he has done over the years serving on numerous Ministries. You will be missed on these Ministries.

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GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT
*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
and serving Christ in all persons.*



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