# Grace Notes

## FEBRUARY 2018



Barb Reeves presenting the \$580 check to Lauri Bernstein.

Lauri is the Christmas Bureau Coordinator.

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### **CLERGY**

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#### **LENT 2018**

Who says the church has no sense of humor? This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day)—and Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup> (April Fools Day). If nothing else, at least this year's dates are memorable!

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at noon and at 7:00 р.м. Please join us as we "make a right beginning" to this holy season.

Beginning February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Last Sunday after Epiphany, and continuing through Lent, the brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) and the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary are offering six weeks of prayer and reflection centered around "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John".

Prayer journals are available for you to use at home in your reflection and prayer, and may be picked up in the Welcome Area. You may also sign up to receive a daily email with a video of a brother commenting on the verse for the day, and suggesting how you might pray with it. The URL to sign up is www.meetingjesusinjohn.org. Or, you may reflect on your own on the verse of the day, printed in your prayer journal.

Beginning February 18th, the Nine-Fifteen Forum will gather to reflect together on that week's theme.

On Wednesdays at 5:30, beginning February 21 we will have a brief celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Welcome Area. In place of a sermon we will review the week's theme and spend some time in silent meditation. A simple supper of soup and bread will be available after the service at approximately 6:15.

Other suggestions for observing a holy Lent:

Noon Holy Eucharist every Tuesday (except 2/27).

Episcopal Relief and Development Lenten daily devotion booklets 'Lenten Meditations 2018' are available in the Welcome Area at the church entrance. Also available is the classic Forward Day by Day booklet.

The Book of Common Prayer recommends fasting for the season of Lent, which Christians should observe "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Word" (p. 265). The early Christians fasted on certain days of the week, especially Wednesday and Friday, and by the middle ages, abstention from meat on Fridays and the weekdays of Lent was the rule. Sundays, even those occurring in Lent, are always celebrations of the Resurrection and therefore unsuitable for fasting.

As a modern alternative to fasting from meat, one might make a point fasting from "first world convenience" by eating very simply at home and donating the money saved from restaurant or prepared-food meals to an organization like Episcopal Relief and Development.

#### **OUTREACH WINTER FOOD DRIVE 2018**

The Outreach Committee is once again doing a winter food drive to be delivered to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry. It seems that donations drop off right after the holidays and the pantry has asked us to fill the gap. All non-perishable food items are welcome. However, the Baldwinsville Food Pantry has expressed a special need for the following items:

Jellies and jams (NOT homemade)

Peanut butter

Hamburger or tuna noodle helper

Spaghetti sauce

Pasta

Jell-O or pudding

Cake or bread mixes

Hearty soups and Stew

Canned veggies

Canned tuna

Boxes of instant hot chocolate packets

Cereal

Macaroni & cheese packages



Please bring your items to church by February 25th. Thanks!

#### SAMARITAN MEAL



Our next Samaritan Meal will be on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will need about 18 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal to about 300 guests. We will also be collecting donations to cover the cost of the meal. Persons wishing to volunteer can also do so by emailing Bob O'Brien at jrobrien6@gmail.com. Please consider joining us.

#### New Vestry Members

Our new Vestry members for three year terms are Phyllis Brown, Jeannie LaMere and Linda Savacool. Our Junior Warden for 2018 is Peter Coyne. Thank you all for your commitment.

#### FROM THE PAST

From *Baldwinsville's Own Cook Book* by Women's Auxiliary Grace Episcopal Church, published 1993

Snowflake Cake Ms. Connie McClaude

3 eggs 2 c. sugar

2 c. flour 2 egg whites

1/2 c. butter 1/2 c. milk

1/2 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. cream of tartar 1 tsp. vanilla 1 c. coconut, shredded



Cream together butter and 2 1/2 cups sugar, gradually add whole eggs one at a time. Add flour, baking soda, vanilla and milk. Beat about 2 minutes. Pour into a jelly cake tin or 2 (8-inch) cake pans; pans should be greased and floured. Bake at 350° until done, about 30 minutes. Test with pick. Cool 10 minutes, remove from pans.

**Frosting:** Beat together egg whites, 1/2 cup sugar and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Frost cooled cakes and sprinkle with coconut.

#### BALDWINSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT HIRING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND ATTENDANTS

Free, comprehensive training is provided to qualify for employment. Applicants must be available to work 6 to 10 A.M. and 1 to 5 P.M. to be considered.

<u>Bus Driver</u> applicants must be at least 21 years of age and possess a clean, valid driver's license. CDL preferred, but not required. \$18.00 per hour to start.

<u>Bus Attendant</u> applicants must be at least 19 years of age. Bus Attendants supervise and assist in the safety of school aged children on bus trips to and from school. Previous experience working with school aged children preferred, but not required. \$10.40 per hour to start.

- · Apply on-line at www.bville.org
- · Click Human Resources
- · On-line Employment Application
- · In the subject line indicate the position you are applying for.

Please contact 315-638-6049 if you should have any questions.

#### Confirmation

You are invited to be confirmed, to be received into this Communion or to 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 program will be held during the months of March, April and May. Classes will be held each Saturday and/or Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 A.M. at the church. If you wish to begin this process, please contact the office, Mother Cathy or catechist Carolyn Smith. The first meeting will be held with your mentor/sponsor.

#### PARISH LIFE'S ANNUAL COOK-OFF

Parishioners were treated to a taste of foods from around the word at Parish Life's Annual Cook-off on Saturday, January 20th, as this year's event theme was International Foods.

Twelve entrants vied for the "Best of Show" title. Choosing a favorite was not an easy task as the varieties were as varied as the names of the dishes. Participants were treated to Elaine Ceresko's Kapusta Soup; Dan Wiemers' Chinese Chicken Wings; Charlene Furbush's Hungarian Goulash. Ann Makowiec brought Golumpkies; Polish Sausage & Irish Soda Bread. Other offerings were Joy Pople's Chop Chae; Doug Claprood's Butter Chicken; Margaret Houck's Spicy Chili, while Sue Darrohn brought Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage with Apples. The Griffo family presented Taquito (aka Mexican Straws) and Tres Laches Mexican Milk Cake; while Barb Reeves sent in Pastitso (or Greek Lasagna) and Diane Bowes made "Claire's" French Ragu in honor of her mother.

It was a fun way to try foods from different cultures without leaving Baldwinsville. There was plenty of food for ample samples and no one went home hungry. The hardest task was determining which dish you thought was the best, as evidenced by first and third place being separated by only 2 votes.

In the end, it came down to Doug Claprood taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Dan Weimer's 2<sup>nd</sup> and, with a repeat from last year's Savory Bread Cook-Off, Ann Makowiec's Irish Soda Bread claiming 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all who attended. This is a fun opportunity to try new dishes and enjoy the companionship of fellow parishioners.

If you have an idea for a future cook-off, or event, please tell a member of Parish Life. We are always open to new ideas.

#### OUTREACH MINISTRY COLLECTION FOR VERA HOUSE

Vera House is a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence service agency providing shelter, advocacy, and counseling services for women, children & men, education and prevention programs and community coordination. One of their missions is to take in abused or threatened women and children in an emergency situation and provide a safe haven for them. In the month of March, the Outreach Ministry hopes to collect donations of the following to help Vera House locally:

New white sheets, queen size and twin only (not full)

New white bath towels and wash cloths (any size)

Baby diapers, any brand & all sizes

Although the collection will begin in March to coincide with the Vera House White Ribbon Campaign, February is the time for white sales! Please stock up on sheets and towels now. Thanks so much for your continuing generosity.

24TH ANNUAL WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

#### THE GRACE FINANCE MINISTRY IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

You do not need a degree in accounting to join us... just good business sense and some familiarity with financial statements. If you take care of your own finances, you qualify! Currently we meet at 7 P.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rosemary Coyne at 315-638-4008, or leave your name and contact information with Margaret in the church office.

Thank you.

### January Birthdays

Barb Allen, Garth Foster, Lloyd Darrohn, Ann Gentry, Denise Miller, Carol Lewis, Ellone McCall, Darra Randall, Roxanne Parmele, Rob Parmele, Carla Smith, and Scott Warner

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Rosemary Coyne

**FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST** February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 P.M. Join us for this informal kid and adult-friendly service.

#### MARDI GRAS JAMBALAYA DINNER

#### To Benefit the VFW Post 153 Veterans Food Pantry



WHAT: Jambalaya (no seafood and mildly seasoned -

but you can add extra spices!), cornbread, Mardi Gras cake, and beverage.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 р.м.

WHERE: Grace Episcopal Church, 110 Oswego Street (Route 48), Baldwinsville.

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$9.00 per person and are available at the door.

Or you can bring a non-perishable food item and pay \$8.00.

Children 5 and under are free.

**PROCEEDS:** All proceeds will be donated to the VFW Post 153 Veterans Food Pantry.

**CONTACT:** For further information, please contact the church office at

(315) 635-3214, office@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org.

Or visit the church's website at www.graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org.



#### BAKER HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PLAYERS PRESENT

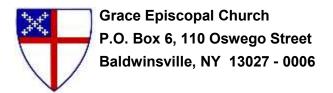
"Peter Pan" on March 10, 2018 at 7 р.м. in the Baker Auditorium. Ticket prices range from \$8-\$12 and \$8 for seniors. We are hoping to secure a block of seats for those interested in attending this particular performance. If you are interested, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area. The deadline for this Parish Life sign-up will be February 18<sup>th</sup>.



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## 12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist Services with Imposition of Ashes.





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TO:

#### HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY SERVICES 8 & 10:30 A.M.

TUESDAYS 12 NOON

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 5:30 P.M.

FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST 4 P.M.

ASH WENDESDAY IMPOSITION OF ASHES NOON & 7 P.M. WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

