

GRACE NOTES

APRIL 2018



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN!!!

ALLELUIA!

The celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord continues with festive services right up through Pentecost (literally, the fiftieth day—the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit) which this year, occurs on May 20th.

In the ancient church, after Baptism at the Easter Vigil, the brand-new Christians would be further instructed in the faith, in particular, how one lives one's life as a Christian. Because Christian formation is a life-long project, we too, continue in our efforts to live into how our incorporation into Christ's death, resurrection and ascension makes a difference in our lives and in the world around us. We are to be a signs and sacraments of Christ in the world. Immersed in God's word, fed in the Holy Eucharist and equipped for service, we can make a difference in our community by showing the love of Christ to the world.

How do you see us as a church community living into our baptismal promises here, in this place? What new thing is God doing here among us?

As we prayed on Good Friday, and at the Easter Vigil,

*O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Cathy+



52ND BBQ

The 52nd annual Chicken BBQ will be on Saturday, June 2nd this year. Planning will start soon and then tickets will be on their way, sign-ups will go up, and then BBQ will be here before you know it. If you would like to help plan this year's event please let me know. As usual, we will be looking for as much help as we can to help this be another successful event.



Plastic bags will be needed for the drive-thru. Drop them off in the Welcome Area.

Thanks in advance, Allen Wolf, awolf2@twcny.rr.com

COULD YOU USE SOME HELP?

Your family at Grace Church is here for you. If you are temporarily in need of help such as meals delivered or rides to doctors appointments, please call the church office and let us know. There may be something we can do to help.

Grace parishioner Carrie O'Connor is homebound and in need of meals. If you can help, please contact Sue Darrohn who has agreed to deliver meals to Carrie at 315-635-9578 or ldarrohn@twcny.rr.com.

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY is May 6th after the 9 A.M. service. Bring your work clothes and any tools that will help with the clean-up activities. There will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area that include a list of what is hoped to be accomplished. There are outdoor needs, like always, and a short list of indoor cleaning jobs that you could help to complete. A delicious lunch will be provided. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Joan Antos, Dave Atkinson, Elaine Ceresko, Peter Coyne, Dave Ferrari, Eric Ferrari, Sarah Hamilton, Connor Hamilton, Heather Hudson, Maggie Mercer, Kathy Merson, Keith Renfrew, Dustin Sellers, Stacey Wolf, Marv Virkler, Keller Manzo

NINE-FIFTEEN FORUM RESUMES

Sundays at 9:15 A.M., The Challenge of Paul, Volume 2 video and discussion featuring New Testament scholar John Dominic Crossan.

SAMARITAN MEAL - APRIL 29TH

Three times a year members of Grace Church serve lunch at the Samaritan Center. Participants shop, prepare and service a meal to approximately 350 guests, and clean up afterward. Volunteers are always needed, as are monetary contributions to buy food. For more information, speak with Outreach Ministry members or contact the parish office.

SUBSCRIBE TO GRACE'S EMAIL NEWS

From our website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the church sketch. Unsubscribing is easy, just click the notice at the bottom of any email we've sent you. Contact the parish office with questions.

ADVANCE NOTICE — PENTECOST MAY 20TH

If you liked Easter, you'll love Pentecost! Fifty days after Easter. ("Pentecost" means "fiftieth") Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the church. Wear red, come celebrate the church's birthday!



MINISTRY FAIR: ARMS WIDE OPEN

Our communities are changing around us. What faithful response does God have in mind for the Church? This year's Ministry Fair, *Arms Wide Open*, will give you the tools, skills, and practices to embrace God-driven change in your congregation. There are three sessions offering 20 different workshop options. Cost \$25

Saturday, May 12th, 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The Holiday Inn Convention Center, Liverpool.

Register at: ministry-fair-2018.eventbrite.com.

FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS

The following weeks are open on the flower calendar: April 15, and 29.

Contact the office or go to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org. Donate to the flower fund for Sunday decorations in remembrance or in thanksgiving! These remembrances and thanksgivings are acknowledged in *This Week at Grace* and the Prayers of the People. Usually one arrangement will be available to take home after the 10:30 A.M. service. (Note that in Advent, decorations are evergreens, and in Lent no flowers are used) Sponsoring flowers is \$30 per Sunday and two families can sign up for each week.

OUTREACH WINTER FOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!

Volunteers at the Baldwinsville Food Pantry were thrilled to receive 15 big grocery bags of nonperishable food provided by the generous congregation of Grace Church. One of the volunteers commented that they really needed the donations of food at this time of the year.



Thanks to all who contributed. And remember, donations to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry are accepted throughout the year, not just when we have a food drive. Outreach will deliver them as soon as there are enough items for a "food run."

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.

EASTER COMMUNION

If you or a family member is in assisted living, nursing home or homebound and would like to receive Easter Communion, please contact the parish office to schedule a date and time.

REST ETERNAL grant to Viola LaMere, Evelyn Sproul, William Rinn and Al Cappuccilli O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

May 5th at 4 P.M. Join us for this informal Holy Eucharist.



HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH VESTRY MEETING

- Reviewed Financial Statements and information on Parochial Report – Approved
- New Commercial Water Softener and Commercial Vacuum needed – Quotation Being Obtained
- Discussions on Parking Lot Safety and Rules – Parking Permits for Baker High School Students, Speed Limit, Student Drop Offs and Signage.
- Confirmed Safe Church Training at Grace Church on April 8, 2018

PARISH LIFE REPORT

Sixteen parishioners were delighted to “never grow up” as they were entertained by the Baker High production of Peter Pan. For many of us, this was the first time we were in the remodeled auditorium, and we very impressed. The cast did a terrific job and we especially enjoyed watching Nana and the crocodile. Thanks to Jeannie LaMere for arranging the group tickets.



Parish Life’s Waffle breakfast was held on March 18th between the services. For a first time event we were pleased with the turnout. Approximately 46 parishioners and 14 members of the Happening Planning Team, who had spent the night at Grace, attended the breakfast. Choices ranged from round waffles, square waffles and even waffles in the shape of Mickey Mouse! Of course there were many different toppings available to personalize your waffle taste. Served with sausage and your choice of beverage, no one walked away hungry.

Thank You to all Parish Life members and the men’s work night crew for helping to put this breakfast on.



PRAY FOR HAPPENING #69 Retreat weekend for teens in grades 9-12 will take place April 13th-15th at Casawasco Camp and Retreat Center in Moravia. Austin Wolf is the Team Rector and Phyllis Begg is the Junior Mom for the weekend.

Thank you!!!

Thanks to all who worked on our Holy Week and Easter celebration! Acolytes, Altar guild, Banner hangers, Brass and silver polishers, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Flower and Palm arrangers, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, Easter breakfast and Simple supper cooks, Maundy Thursday watchers, staff and those who help by retrieving items from the attic, setting up and putting away, and taking on additional tasks as needed. I hope you know how much your efforts are appreciated by parishioners and visitors in making a holy week and festive Easter.

Help Wanted

The following ministries are looking for a few more good folks. Contact the parish office for more information:

- Altar Guild
- Finance
- Pastoral carers
- Ushers

THE EPISCOPAL Diocese of Central New York Foundation is seeking volunteer consultants. Do you know something of building maintenance? Plumbing, paving or heating boilers? Remodeling or building projects? Specifying requirements for building project bids? Starting up new community ministries? Might you serve occasionally as an area resource for the Foundation Board to help evaluate and improve proposed projects at other churches? The Foundation Board's Screening and Review committee would like to establish a list of people with particular areas of expertise to assist parishes who may not have such experts in-house. Speak with Mother Cathy if you might be interested.

BAPTISMS

At the Great Vigil of Easter on March 31st we welcomed Keller Thomas & Sawyer Lee and Carter Hayes and Lacey Leigh into the household of God as they were baptized at the evening service. Keller & Sawyer are the children of Valerie & Thomas Manzo, their Godparents are Jeffrey Manzo & Sandra Kratz; Carter and Lacy are the children of Erica & Trevor Frey, their Godparents are T.J. Frey & Jessica Korkue.



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

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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.