

GRACE NOTES

MAY 2018



Join us for Clean up-day on May 6th following a 9 A.M. Holy Eucharist service.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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After a VERY long winter, we can finally enjoy spring weather and all the things that go along with spring—and we're over halfway to the summer solstice already! After the excitement, drama and work of Lent and Eastertide, learning again the stories of our faith, we turn to living it out. Sometimes that's "churchy", like our liturgical celebrations of Pentecost on May 20th and Trinity Sunday on the 27th, and sometimes it's the ordinary things of any family or community, like the Parish Clean-up day on May 6, the rebuilding and replanting of our Garden of Grace, and preparation for the major fund-(and-fun) raiser, the 52nd Annual Chicken BBQ at the beginning of June. (Mmmmm! Chicken!).

We often talk about how we spend our time in terms of opposites. Work versus leisure. Fun versus labor. But I wonder if that's really the way we live? Can't "work" be "fun", at least some of the time? Or "leisure" also "drudgery" if one is, for example, clearing badly overgrown brush or moving a bunch of rock? And how about heavy labor that's also enjoyable because of the company of others? Or exhausting athletic efforts like a triathlon, undertaken for fun? It seems our lives are lived more as both-and than either-or.

The same can be said of secular and sacred. "Sacred" is that which is dedicated to the holy, and worthy of respect or devotion. "Secular" is that which is not so dedicated. But can't secular work be worthy of respect, and holy when it involves helping our fellow humans? Isn't there something sacred about the love of a parent for a child or grandchild? And isn't God to be found in our leisure, our friendships and yes, even in cooking hundreds of chickens, pounds of potatoes and acres of brownies?

The society we live in would have us make a strict distinction between "religion" and "everything else". But that's not what Jesus taught us. Those in authority criticized him for sitting down to dinner with riff-raff and drinkers, and being a bit casual about the finer points of religious etiquette. But for our Lord, people came first, even the people who were usually not well regarded. What would our society look like if we Christians started to really live like Jesus, regarding our fellow humans and our interactions with them as sacred?

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CHICKEN BBQ

The Annual Grace Church Chicken BBQ is Saturday, June 2nd. If you have not received or need more presale tickets, please contact the church office. There are sign up boards in the Welcoming Area. We need a lot of help to make this event a success. If you have not volunteered on the day of the BBQ before or its been awhile, please consider donating a couple hours of your time to help out. Along with being a major church fundraiser, the BBQ is a great time to work with fellow parishioners and is an outward example of the hard work that happens at Grace. There are also yard signs to go up around town. If you have a spot or access to a spot that would be a good place for a sign, please feel free to take a sign to display. Just don't forget to take it down after the BBQ.



Thank you in advance for all your help,
Allen Wolf

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 ad 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

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 are 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!



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.

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.

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!



FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Pam Cassidy, Diane Coe, Sue Darrohn, Paul Diller, Scott Ferrari, Charlene Furbush, John Heisler, Jan Heisler, Tom Fredette, Marge Ingalls, MacKenzie James, Vienna McCall, Kathy Tamblin, Marsha Tauro

FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS

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. Contact the office or go to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.

LINDA MURDOCK'S ORDINATION

After a lengthy discernment and formation process, Linda Murdock, formerly of this parish, will be ordained to the diaconate in the Diocese of East Carolina on May 19th. If you would like to contribute toward a gift for Linda from her Grace Church community to mark this joyful occasion, please send a check to the parish office or drop it in the collection plate, marking the memo line "Linda Murdock gift".



APRIL 29TH SAMARITAN MEAL A SUCCESS

Serving over 270 hungry people a meal of Sloppy Joes, corn, salad, fruit and cookies requires much effort from many people! The Outreach Ministry would like to thank all those parishioners who helped make the meal a success.



First, we would like to thank parishioners who made a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the meal. The number of people needing assistance at the Samaritan Center keeps going up, and so does the price of food. Without your generous donations, the program could not continue. Thanks also to the volunteers who shopped for the food, prepared the meal, and cleaned up afterwards. You all helped to provide warmth and welcome as well as good food to the people who came for dinner.

The volunteers who generously gave their time were: Bob & Joan O'Brien, Pat Appicella (with her grandchildren and their friends), Sue Grenyo, Pat Farrance, Jan & John Heisler, Greg & Elaine Ceresko, Ross & Sharon Ney, Diane Bowes, Brad Pettit & Kathy Tamlin.



Working at the Samaritan Meals is a truly rewarding experience. Please consider helping the Outreach Ministry when we serve our next meal in September.

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.

MISSION TRIP

My name is Jenna Reese. This year I will be going on a mission trip to Houston, Texas. The trip will July 8th to July 14th. I will be going to a work camp which means I will be doing more construction work. I will be mostly doing hurricane relief. This means the trip will be more expensive and it's going to be a longer trip down there so that means more gas and more places I am going to need to stop on the way. This all adds to the overall cost. This church has supported me with my last two trips and I hope you all will help me with this one. Just like the last two trips I will be collecting donations, cans and bottles that can be returned for 5 cents. Thank you for all your help and support.

PASTORAL CARE - WHEN TO CALL A PRIEST

Any member of the parish may call at any hour of the day or night, seven days a week, in the event of a pastoral crisis such as someone dying, someone in grave danger, or other pastoral emergency. If possible, a priest should be called when someone is near death to administer Last Rites and pray with the family. If not possible, a priest should be contacted whenever a parishioner has died. Call the office or the rector's office voice mail for the pastoral care emergency phone number. Also please call the rector or church office when someone is ill or hospitalized, experiencing distress and needs pastoral care, wants to discuss spiritual or theological matters, has reason to celebrate or when just wants to talk to a priest.

PARISH LIFE REPORT

JUNE 17TH GRADUATION BREAKFAST

Congratulations to our upcoming high school graduates. Grace Church is proud of your accomplishment and would like to celebrate with you and your immediate family at a breakfast that will be held between services on June 17th, 2018. Please respond to the church office at 315 635-3214 and let us know if you will be attending and also the number of people in your party.



WELCOME ABOARD!

Sunday, July 15, 2018 – Luncheon Cruise on Skaneateles Lake

Buffet Provided by The Sherwood Inn

Noon – 2 P.M.

Cost \$36 per person

We currently have reserved for 25 people

A sign-up sheet is in the Welcoming Area along with additional information!

Please sign up early so we can increase this number to accommodate everyone wishing to attend!



SCHOOL PARKING 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Each year Grace Church issues a very limited number of permits for parking in our lot. We receive far more applications than the number of spaces available. Applications from high school students who are active members of the parish have priority, *but the application must be received before permits are issued and we will be unable to issue more permits later in the year.* If you are a student and wish to park here for any part of the 2018-2019 academic year, please submit an application as soon as they are available. Applications will be available in the parish office beginning June 1, 2018.

THANK YOU FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY!

March was “White Ribbon” Month to benefit Vera House, an organization dedicated to helping the victims of domestic and sexual violence in our community by providing them with safe shelters when they flee dangerous situations at home. Although we did not actually wear ribbons, Grace Church members helped in this effort with a collection of items needed in Vera House shelters throughout the Syracuse area.



Sheets, towels and diapers were donated by Grace church members and delivered to the Vera House Administrative Offices for distribution in local shelters. Thank you to all who contributed items. It was very much appreciated by Vera House.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY VESTRY MEETING

- * Nancy Fredette has agreed and was approved by the Vestry to be the Vestry Clerk for the remaining year.
- * We are still in need for members to help with the finance committee.
- * Discussion is on going trying to find ways to help reduce the negative balance in our budget. looking for ways to cut expenses and adding new ways to raise funds.
- * We are requesting more information in comparing two different bids for a new water softener.
- * We are requesting members interested in being a delegate or alternate for the Diocesan Convention in November.
- * In looking for ways to help bring new members to Grace, discussion was held about the possibility of a parents night out.

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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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

TO:

Parish Clean-up Day

Sunday, May 6th
following
9 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Lunch provided

HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY SERVICES 8 & 10:30 A.M.
TUESDAYS 12 NOON
FIRST SATURDAY HOLY EUCHARIST 4 P.M.