

GRACE NOTES

FEBRUARY 2019

PARISH LIFE EVENTS:

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Parish Life is sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the undercroft. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes with toppings bar, sausage, and beverages.



Tickets are available at the door: \$6.00 per person, \$3.00 per child (10 and under), with a maximum of \$18.00 per family.

The net proceeds from the event will be used for our Samaritan Center support. The event is open to the community, so feel free to invite your friends!

NO TIME FOR DEATH – dinner theater presented by The Acme Mystery Company presented at The Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse. Come join the “who done it crowd” on February 28 to help determine who the culprit is in this dinner mystery theater. Seating begins at 6:45 with dinner entrée choices of spaghetti, lasagna, chicken alfredo, or chicken parmesan with salad, bread and small dessert for the evening performance. Cost of \$37.75/ person includes tax and tip. Sign up by February 21 in the Welcome Area.



For more information about the show, visit acmemysterytheater.com. If you are in need of a ride, contact Jeannie LaMere at 315-635-6398.

TAI CHI

Parish Life is offering 4 tai chi classes to be held on Thursday March 7, 21, 28, and April 4 at 7 p.m. This is open to parish members and those friends they wish to invite. In lieu of a class fee, participants are asked to make a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item. (money and food will be donated to the Baldwinsville food pantry.)

A sign up sheet will be in the Welcome Area starting on February 10.



Dear People of Grace,

In the last Grace Notes, I wrote to you,

Lacking the visible star that the Magi followed, how might we discern where God is calling Grace Church at this time? How might we make Good News known to all people in our neighborhood, and at the same time manage our inevitable anxiety about change?

It seems that we have already begun that discernment process!

Our Annual Meeting, scheduled for January 20, and postponed by 14" of snow and bitter cold, was held on January 27th between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. The newly-constituted vestry met for the first time on January 30th (also postponed). Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Meeting and helped us keep on track in order to complete our business within the hour-and-a-quarter we had available. At that meeting we heard about the many suggestions you have provided to the vestry, to reduce our expenses, increase our income and increase membership, and the vestry's actions on them so far. Despite our compressed schedule, we also had enough time to hear some great new suggestions which are listed elsewhere in this issue. Thank you!

At the first meeting of the new vestry it was determined that Grace Church will participate in this year's diocesan Learning Communities Initiative (LCI). Sue Purdy and Allen Wolf have agreed to serve as guiding team, and others will be needed to support their efforts. Additional members for the guiding team would be most beneficial, as teams usually consist of 4-6 individuals. The experience includes three Saturday workshops and ongoing coaching calls with diocesan leaders.

The benefits of LCI are described as follows:

Participating congregations will be discerning their unique answer to this question: "When you consider the gifts you have been given and the needs of our world, what future do you imagine God is bringing forth in our midst?" The answer needs to come from Christ and our willingness to ask hard questions and listen for answers, as well as our ability to take risks, secure in our standing in Christ.

On December 9th we had Carol Ackley, one of the diocesan leaders for this program at both services to introduce the LCI. If you missed that Sunday, or if you want to learn more check out the information and short videos of past participants on the diocesan website at <https://cnyepiscopal.org/resources/formation/learning-communities/>. Do please keep the vestry, the guiding team and our parish in your prayers, and consider how you can help.

Mo. Cathy+

FEBRUARY 3, 2019 SAMARITAN MEAL

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank all the generous parishioners of Grace who helped make our first Samaritan meal of 2019 a success. Over \$500 was collected prior to the meal, making it possible to serve 168 needy men, women and children a delicious meal of Sloppy Joes, fruit, salad, corn and cookies. Thank you all so much!



Much work is involved in planning and serving a meal of this size. Special thanks to Bob & Joan O'Brien for organizing the collections, coordinating the volunteers, and ordering all the food. Also special thanks to the following volunteers for giving up their Sunday afternoon to cook, serve and clean up. We really appreciate it.

Bob O'Brien, Kathy Tamblin, Brad Pettit, Sharon Ney, Sue & Stuart Allen, Diane Bowes, Elaine & Greg Ceresko, Phyllis Begg, Dave Ferrari, Jeannie & Tom LaMere, Rob & Roxanne Parmele, Joy Pople, Peter & Rosemary Coyne.

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our new Vestry members for 2019 are: for a one year term Laura Moreau; three year terms are Allen Wolf, Pam Griffo. Our Junior Warden for 2018 is Brad Pettit. Thank you for your commitment.



JANUARY VESTRY POINTS

- The vestry is still in need of a clerk.
- Approved signers for bank accounts, safe deposit box and reporting access for accounts and investments, and other organizational tasks.
- Properties plans to seal the Undercroft windows, and do some painting in the Parish Center
- Vestry will meet third Wednesdays, except 7/31, 11/20 and 12/18.
- Sue Purdy and Allen Wolf and any others that can be recruited will participate in the diocesan Learning Communities Initiative (LCI).
- Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe will make her first parish visit to Grace on Palm Sunday, April 14.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist services with imposition of ashes at 12 & 7 p.m. on , March 6.



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.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR JULY YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO EL SALVADOR

The Rev. Deacon Chuck Stewart and the Rev. Jeanne Hansknecht invite youth in grades 8-12 and college-age young adults to accompany them in pilgrimage to our Companion Diocese of El Salvador this July. Learn more on the Diocesan website at cnyepiscopal.org.



Peter Coyne shoveling before service January 20th when 8 faithful member attended.

ANNUAL MEETING

Ideas/Suggestions

Parking Lot – How do we reach those who use our parking lot? Dog walkers, car parking, bicyclists? School drop-off folks?

Flyers

Signs, (perhaps a la Burma Shave?)

More events to generate traffic in and around the building

Yard/garage/rummage sale?

Recitals, concerts

Sell T-shirts, jackets, etc.

Pursue Learning Communities Initiative (LCI), College for Congregational Development (CCD)

Events for Teens / preteens

Ice Cream Social

Community Meals

Dogs to church day

Pet adoption event

Single service (with an extra event, meal, etc.)

Other Concerns

Entry to the parking lot has snow and ice issues, high snowbanks

Where has the large church model gone? Attic. Can it be displayed? Sure. Is there a Head Start issue? No, not under current HS director.

REST ETERNAL grant to Jeff Manzo O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.



LEADERSHIP DAY FEATURES RESOURCES, WORSHIP, WORKSHOPS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Could you use a day to focus on the challenges and joys of being a church leader?

Leadership Day is for church leaders of every kind — clergy, vestry members, ministry teams, volunteers, and staff. Everyone is invited to attend.

Join leaders from all over the diocese Saturday, March 23, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Double-Tree Hotel in East Syracuse for workshops and worship that will strengthen your team and inspire your ministry.

Workshops:

Your registration includes breakfast, lunch, worship and these three focused workshops:

Trust Development for Groups led by Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Canon John Crosswaite, and Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Financial and Fiduciary Responsibilities of a Vestry—What All Church Leaders Need to Know led by diocesan vice-chancellor Ms. Martha Berry, Esq.

Marketing Your Congregation from Deep Gladness led by the Rev. Paul Frolick and diocesan communications director Ms. Meredith Sanderson

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

You are invited to be confirmed, to be received into this Communion or to be 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 classes will be held each Saturdays from 9:10 - 10:15 a.m. at the church. Anyone interested in confirmation should speak to Carolyn Smith or Mo. Cathy.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Palm Sunday, April 14 our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe will make her first visitation to Grace Church! The Bishop will celebrate and preach at both services. Confirmation, reception and reaffirmation will also be celebrated as appropriate, and we will have a special reception and forum in the Undercroft between services with an opportunity for you to meet Bishop DeDe, hear about what’s going on in the diocese and wider church, and ask any questions you may have.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

What types of things are you interested in for adult Christian formation? When are you interested in doing it? Please take a moment to consider the following questions and drop a note or email, or call the parish office. Surveys can also be found in the Welcome Area.

- To study a book of the Bible
- To study the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday.
- To read a book of theology and discuss it
- To read a book of fiction and discuss religious themes in it
- To read a book about Christian living
- To learn about the history of the church
- To learn about spirituality, prayer, meditation
- Other ideas? _____

When works for you?

- Sunday 9:15 A.M.
- Tuesday 1:00 P.M.
- Other weekday daytime? Which day? _____
- Evening?
- During Lent or Advent only
- Saturday or Sunday after 12 P.M.

Do you have suggestions for possible books to read or study?

Would you prefer a format that does not require reading in advance?

Would you prefer a format that is “stand-alone”, that is, not part of a series?

Website: GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org

Tel: 315 635 3214

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First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4 p.m.

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Tuesdays - 12 Noon

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Sundays - 8 & 10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST



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