

# GRACE NOTES

JUNE 2019

## PARISH LIFE EVENTS

### Save the Dates:

June 16 Graduation Reception & Acolyte Recognition Sunday

July 17 Community Concert & Ice Cream Social

## GRADUATION BREAKFAST

High school graduates is around the corner. Grace will be celebrating our 2019 graduates on June 16 with a celebration between the services for students, their families and the congregation.



## CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to everyone that helped out on clean up day. Much weeding, trimming and mulching were done. The church grounds are looking great.



This year during Eastertide we have been focusing primarily on the first reading each week, from the Acts of the Apostles. The season provides a great opportunity to examine the earliest foundations of this wild and wonderful thing we call the Church.

St. Luke tells the story of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples (which we will read on Pentecost) and then – watch out! It seems they can barely keep up. The book reads like a comic book, with dramatic encounters, arrests, miraculous interventions, shipwrecks – and through it all, the Spirit, enlivens, enlightens, transforms and challenges the tiny band of Jesus-followers beyond their wildest imaginings.

Like the God whom we read about in the Hebrew scriptures, and like Jesus in the gospels, the Holy Spirit seems to have a much, much bigger and more dynamic idea of what is possible and what is desirable for this Christian community. The poor disciples do their best – and for the most part, it's a very good “best” – to proclaim the good news and to continue the work Jesus gave them to do, but they are constantly being taken aback by how wide, all-encompassing, and immediate are the changes to “the way things are done”, and challenged by human concerns, human conflict, and human resistance to change.

So the disciples cope as best they can, and always with the help of that same Spirit of God. There are differences of opinion, and conflicts between people, and with the authorities. There is difficult work to do when circumstances change, and their way of being the church has to change radically in order that others might become full members. There is often a shortage of resources, risks and increased tensions with the authorities. But by the grace of God, they get through, holding to what is essential, though some are martyrs – witnesses for the gospel.

In fact, it sounds a lot like the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We live in an era of unprecedented change, challenged by the decrease in membership and resources not only in many parishes and denominations, but of practicing Christians throughout the first world. Some of the ways we have done things for decades, if not centuries, may need to change. Through prayer, reading of scripture, careful listening and generous discussion, like that promoted in the Learning Communities Initiative, we can work to discern what are essentials, yet allow ourselves to be pulled by the Holy Spirit into God's preferred future for the church in this place. Please join in this holy work!



Mo. Cathy

**ADULT FORMATION: SUNDAY NINE-FIFTEEN FORUM/TUESDAY FORUM AT 1 P.M.**

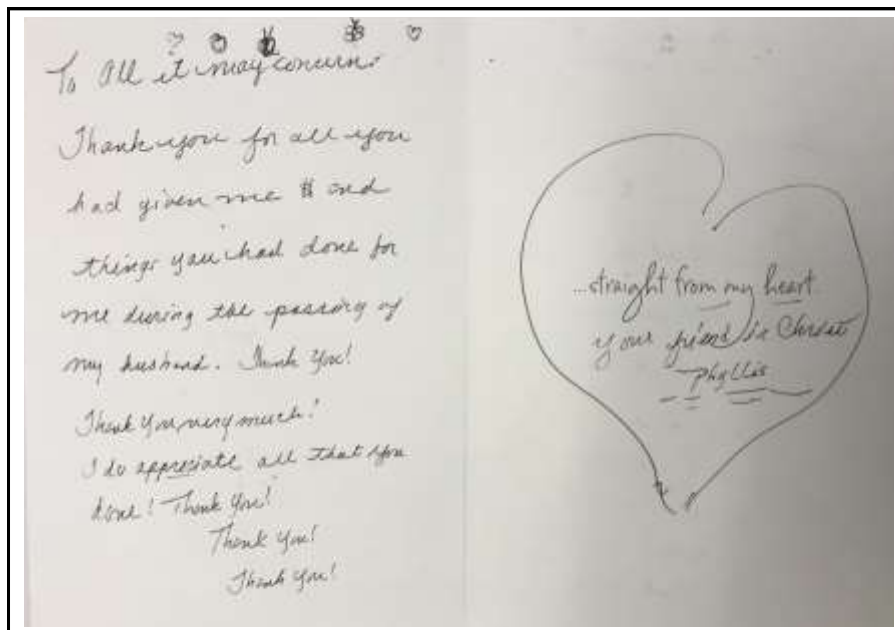
The final offering for this program year is *The Challenge of Paul: Theme 4- Paul and God*

A five-part video and discussion with New Testament scholar John Dominic Crossan. Have you filled out an Adult formation survey? What would you like to see offered in our next program year?

**ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION SURVEY**

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.

**A BIG THANK YOU FROM PHYLLIS BEGG**



## THE COMMUNITY OUTHOUSE CHALLENGE, 2019



Pastor Joe "caught in the act"-----of sermon preparation

In 2012-2013 nearly 10,000 paper products such as rolls of toilet paper, boxes of tissues, paper towels, etc, were collected by area churches in the "Community Outhouse Challenge." This project was started by Pastor Joe Folckemer of Hillview Baptist Church in Baldwinsville. Sadly, Pastor Joe has since passed away. However, his wife, Arlette, has continued this Baldwinsville community tradition. Grace Church participated in the Community Outhouse Challenge on 2013 and 2016. In 2013, we collected 1,820 rolls of toilet paper and other paper products.

This year, Grace will follow St. Augustine's Catholic Church, which has had the Outhouse for May.

Grace Church will take up the challenge for the month of June!

The challenge given by Arlette is:

- 1) Borrow our outhouse for one calendar month.
- 2) Attempt to fill the outhouse with toilet paper or other paper products  
(these items are not covered by food stamps)
- 3) The collected items go to The Baldwinsville Food Pantry and P.E.A.C.E.
- 4) Your final totals will be written on the wall inside the outhouse  
-- See if you can beat the totals of the other churches, and/or Grace's record in 2013.
- 5) The only rule is that "a roll is a roll" - each roll counts as one even if it is marketed as a "double roll" or "super size."
- 6) The only real winner is the people that will be served by the collection effort.

The Outhouse will be in the welcoming area at Grace starting June 9. Let's fill it up by June 30!



## SUMMER OUTREACH PROJECT



### ANOTHER "PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAE SUNDAY"!

Last year the Outreach Ministry's summer project was to collect jars of peanut butter for Cato-Meridian School's Packs and Snacks program. The program began four years ago when teachers noted that although some students were receiving free breakfasts and lunches during school, they did not have adequate food on weekends and during vacations. Some of the teachers decided to start the snack program, which was modeled after one in Southern Cayuga County. On Friday afternoons and before each vacation, students who are accepted by the program are given a bag of nutritious snacks. Four years ago there were 15 students in the program; currently over 65 students are enrolled in the program. The cost is approximately \$600 a month with supplements from donations.

Last summer Grace Church donated over 100 jars of peanut butter. This was much appreciated since peanut butter is a relatively high priced item, and is always in short supply.

This year we will collect 16-ounce jars of peanut butter for Cato's Packs and Snacks program during the months of **July and August**. This year, **July 14** is designated as "Peanut Butter Sundae Sunday." After the combined service, we will be serving vanilla or chocolate ice cream with chocolate sauce, peanut butter sauce, and all the trimmings. Come and enjoy and don't forget to pick up a couple of extra jars of peanut butter to bring to church anytime during the months of July and August. Thanks!

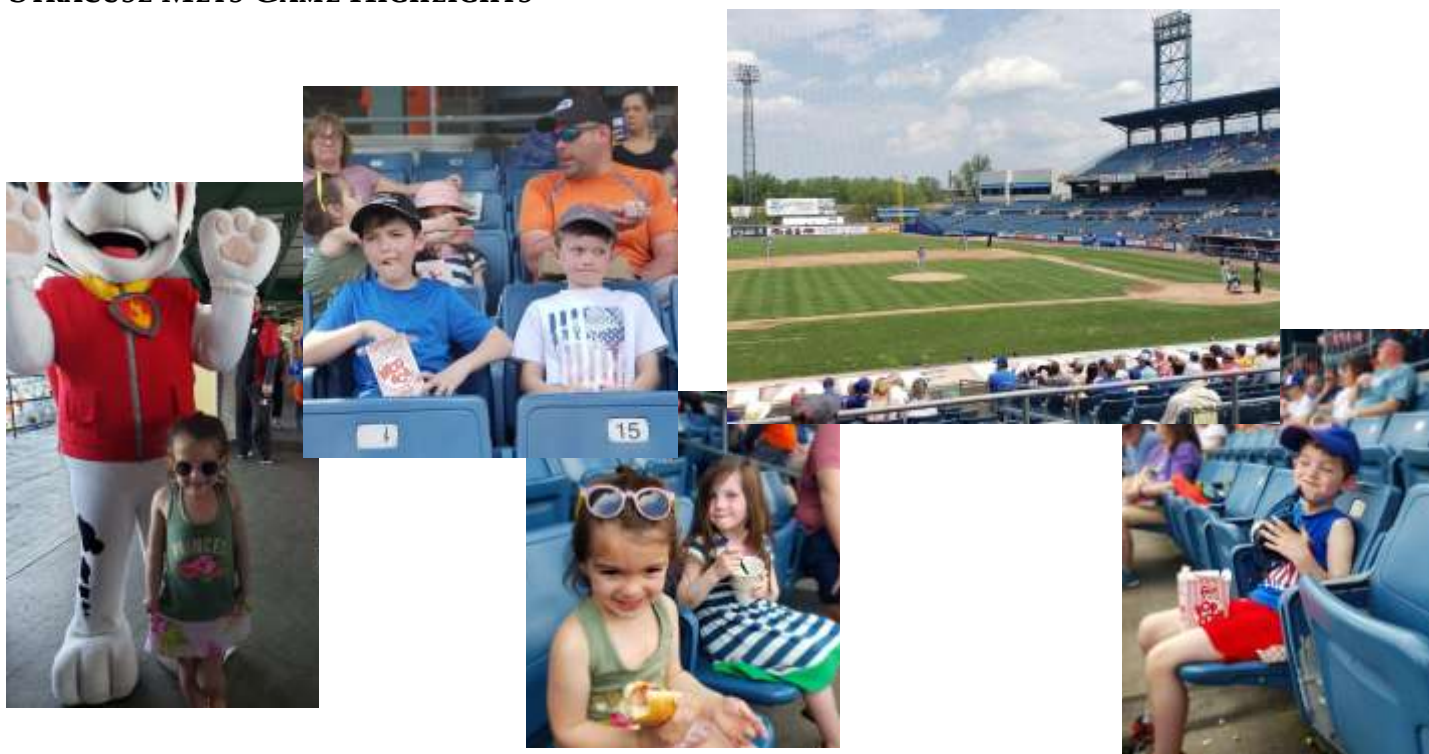
### **GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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



**REST ETERNAL** grant to Eileen Murray and Betty Norton O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### **SYRACUSE METS GAME HIGHLIGHTS**



On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Grace Church parishioners, friends and family attended the Syracuse Mets game, 23 of us in all! It was great fun for the kids, young and old. The younger kids not only got to visit with Marshall, a character from the kid's show, Paw Patrol, but each received a new bike helmet and was personally fitted, they were given Frisbees, activity books and a voucher for a free drink, hot dog, and ice cream! We all got to enjoy the first 80+ degree day of the season and at the same time, witness Tim Tebow's first home run of his season with the Syracuse Mets. Thanks to Parish Life for organizing this fun event.

**THE LCI GROUP** has finished up our neighborhood walks. We had a very enthusiastic bunch of walkers for our 1<sup>st</sup> walk, unfortunately participation declined and we were down to just Emma and myself by the last walk. The walks were a beneficial experience for conversation among those walking and observing the neighborhood that our church is in.

We have conducted some parish member interviews and Saturday the LCI group will be attending our second day of training.

Allen Wolf



## CHICKEN BBQ

Thanks to everyone that has signed up to donate and help on the day of the BBQ. Please make sure that all tickets, sold and unsold are turned into the church office or put in the collection plate. You can always come by and help out the day of the BBQ, even if you haven't signed up, we can always use the help.

Thank you in advance for all your help,  
Allen Wolf and the Chicken BBQ Committee



## CHICKEN BBQ APPAREL

For those who ordered clothing pick up will be on Friday or Saturday before the BBQ beings. Otherwise, arrangements can be made with Jeannie LaMere at 315-635-6398



## PENTECOST JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

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!

## VESTRY POINTS

- Noted the need for a Vestry Clerk
- Heard about the Learning Communities activities
- Discussed several good ideas for fundraisers which are taking shape, including implementing a charge for student parking
- Heard that new IT equipment has been installed, missing parts and rebate received, and authorized disposal of old broken color copier
- Recommended to the Memorials committee the purchase of new planters for the church entrance
- Will conduct a Mutual Ministry Review with Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent.
- Heard about potential Baldwinsville Faith Communities efforts and their meeting on June 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Grace
- Recommended that building use agreements be executed with all groups using the building.

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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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