

GRACE NOTES

APRIL 2019

PARISH LIFE EVENTS:

TAI CHI

Join Parish Life for the last chi class at 7 p.m. on Thursday April 4th. Participants are asked

to make a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item donation. (money & food will be donated to the Baldwinsville food pantry.)



BRASS POLISHING

Join Altar Guild in polishing the brass at the altar on April 6th at 9 a.m.



EASTER FLOWERS

Thanksgivings/memorials dedications are due in the office no later than Tuesday, April 16th to insure all names are listed in our Easter bulletin. Flowers may be taken following the 11 a.m. service. Forms are online, in the Welcome Area or call the office. The cost is \$15.00.

Save the Dates:

April 28 - Samaritan Meal

May 5 - Clean-up Day

May 19 - Syracuse Baseball Game

June 2 - Chicken BBQ

June 9 - Graduation Breakfast

July 17 - Community Concert & Ice Cream Social



PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you would like to donate any amount towards the for Palm Sunday in memory or thanksgiving call the office at (315) 635-3214.



Holy Week this year falls right in the middle of April, with Easter almost as late as possible on the 21st. Our observation of Holy Week will be a bit different this year, as our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe makes her first parish visit to Grace Church. Bishop DeDe celebrated a Saturday diocesan confirmation here in December of 2017, but hasn't yet celebrated and preached for the parish on a Sunday. The Diocese of Central New York has almost 90 faith communities and a large geographic area, so the bishop can only visit each parish about every three years.

When the bishop visits, it is customary and the prerogative of the bishop to preach and celebrate, and to confirm and baptize if there are candidates. Bishops and deacons are the oldest orders of ministry, with presbyters (later called priests) delegated to celebrate and baptize in place of the bishop when the number of churches in an area became so large that the bishop could not visit all of them very frequently. In parishes like Grace where there is no deacon, at the bishop's visitation the priest performs the functions of the deacon by proclaiming the Gospel and Dismissal, and assisting at the Holy Eucharist.

We will celebrate the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday beginning in the Welcome Area, and, weather permitting, process through the memorial garden and back into the church where we will hear and participate in the Passion Gospel according to Luke. Following the 8:00 a.m. Rite 1 service, we will gather in the undercroft for special treats and some informal conversation with Bishop DeDe. At the 11:00 a.m. Rite 2 service (note time change) we will not only have the palm procession and the Passion Gospel, but also baptize baby Abigail.

Please make plans to join us in this auspicious beginning to Holy Week, and to the rest of our Holy Week services listed elsewhere in this issue. As we pray every Good Friday and 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.*

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SYRACUSE METS BASEBALL

Join Parish Life as we attend our hometown baseball team on Sunday, May, 19th for a home game at 1 p.m., when they will be playing the Columbus Clippers. Invite your family, grandkids, and friends to come along. We need 15 people for the a \$6 ticket person. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Area. Payment is due no later then May 12th.

CLEAN-UP DAY

Parish Clean-Up Day is May 5th 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!



SAMARITAN MEAL

Our second Samaritan Meal for 2019 will be on Sunday, April 28th. To make this project a success we will need 25 volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal from 12:15 until 3 on April 28th. We will also need donations to help cover the cost of the food. Members of the Outreach Committee will be available after the services on April 7th, 14th and 21st to accept donations and sign up volunteers. You may also volunteer by contacting Bob O'Brien at 315-263-7156.

CLEARANCE SALE!

A few years ago Parish Life sold t-shirts with the Episcopal Logo on them and we have several left. The cost is \$8 would if you would like to replace the one have or if you did not purchase one. The sizes are large, X-L or 2-X. The color is dark blue.



COMMUNITY LENTEN MEDITATIONS AND LUNCHEONS continue at the First Methodist Church



Friday April 5th & 12th. On March 15th, we had a delightful partnership with First Presbyterian Church in preparing and serving lunch to about 40 people. Many thanks to Carla & Dan Wiemers and Sue McKee for helping to serve and to them as well as Jane Atwater, Elaine Ceresko and Sharon Ney for supplying food. Church Women United organizes the meditations and luncheons; we asked \$3 donation per person, and the proceeds support community projects.

OUTREACH PROJECT FOR APRIL

The Outreach Ministry has received a request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center for toiletries to distribute to the needy. Even though the Volunteer Center works with the Baldwinsville Food Pantry, which also distributes some toiletries, it seems that these items are in short supply. Adding to the problem, Food Stamps cannot be used to purchase some of the items.

Therefore we are asking for any unopened, unused, full-sized toiletry items. (No samples, please) These can be unused items from your closet, or medicine cabinet, or purchased specifically for our collection. They can be for men, women and/or children. Any toiletries will be accepted, but the following are especially needed:

- Manicure items such as nail clippers & emery boards
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant and
- Bar soap or body wash
- Razors
- Tweezers



A BALDWINVILLE FAMILY IS SEEKING a housemate for their adult son, who has a developmental disability. As a housemate, you will gain a friend and have a support system available to you. In return for being a housemate, you will live rent free and utility free (National Grid).

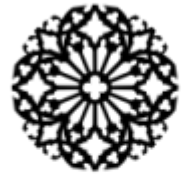
The individual looking for a housemate resides in a 2-bedroom apartment in the Baldwinsville/Radisson area. It is a ground level apartment with off street parking, laundry on site, patio outside, secure building, gym on the premises, and lots of hiking trails nearby. Pets allowed at discretion. This young man needs 24 hours support and has staff support through an agency for the majority of the day. He is in need of companionship, overnight support, friendship, and supervision when he is not otherwise staffed. He is looking for a one-year commitment at minimum. Criminal background check, references, and fingerprinting is required.

If you are interested, please contact Dave and Karen at 315-635-5726 for further information and/or to set up an interview.

REST ETERNAL grant to Marcus Begg and Jeff Wells O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

NIGHTWATCH: YOUTH OVERNIGHT AT ST. JOHN THE DIVINE IN NYC

The Youth Ministry team of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York is leading a chaperoned trip to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC for Nightwatch: Crossroads Christian, the Cathedral's overnight spiritual retreat for youth in grades 6-12. The retreat focuses on the wisdom teachings of Jesus. Participants will unplug from the distractions and stresses of daily life to connect with God and youth from all over the country in the extraordinary sacred space of the Cathedral.



The trip will depart from in the early afternoon on Friday, May 17th and return on the evening of Saturday, May 18th. There is no cost to attend and transportation is included. Participants must register by April 5th. Learn more and register at: cnyepiscopal.org/nightwatch-2019.

LEARNING COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

We had our 1st neighborhood walk on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. It was amazing to see all the goings on right next to the church. The LCI Group would like to invite all parish members to join us on any one of the neighborhood walks to see what we think God might be doing in our neighborhood. Our walks are scheduled for: April 24th @ 6:15, May 4th @ 10:00, May 19th @ 9:15 and leave from the front of the church. We look forward to you walking with us.



MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER WATCH

After the last supper, Jesus spent the night in the Garden of Gethsemane praying to his Father. As he prays his disciples fall asleep. When he returns to them he asks, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). After our Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist, the altar is stripped bare, and the Bread and Wine are removed to the Chapel. The altar of repose offers us the invitation to spend time in prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up in the Welcome Area. At your selected time, enter by the locked door at the office entrance. Use the doorbell to gain access from those keeping watch before you. A variety of meditational aids will be available, or bring your own. More than one person may Watch at the same time.

CHICKEN BBQ

The Annual Grace Church Chicken BBQ is Saturday, June 1st. You will be receiving presale tickets soon. Selling presale tickets can really increase the profits of the BBQ by guaranteeing sales. Sign up boards will soon be in the Welcoming Area. We need a lot of help to make this event a success. Please consider donating a couple hours of your time to help out. If you would like to help, but not sure where, please reach out and we can answer any questions. 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 and the Chicken BBQ Committee

VESTRY POINTS

- Parochial report tabled pending more information
- Finance computer replacement has been ordered from TechSoup
- Dave Atkinson is being consulted about replacement modem
- Vestry will plan a brainstorming meeting for possible additional fund raising
- PEACE had Doyle replace fire sensors alarms and wiring, but without scheduling work with the parish. They have been advised to schedule such work in advance.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 14

Services at 8 A.M. & 11 A.M.

Blessing of palms and Luke's Passion Gospel

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Simple meal at 6 P.M.

Holy Eucharist, foot washing & stripping of the altar at 7 P.M.

Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until Good Friday morning

Good Friday, April 19

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Liturgy for Good Friday

with Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament at 7 P.M.

Great Vigil of Easter, April 20

Kid & Adult-friendly Vigil at 8 P.M.

We will kindle the first light of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 21

Festal Services at 8 A.M. & 11 A.M.



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First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4 p.m.

Tuesdays - 12 Noon

Sundays - 8 & 10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST



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