

GRACE NOTES

MAY 2019



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION



PARISH LIFE EVENTS

Save the Dates:

- May 5 Clean-up Day
- May 19 Syracuse Baseball Game
- June 9 Graduation Recognition
- July 17 Community Concert & Ice Cream Social



CLEAN-UP DAY

Parish Clean-Up Day is this Sunday, May 1st following a 9 a.m. service. Bring your work clothes and any tools that will help with the clean-up activities. 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!

T-SHIRTS

Parish Life has organized an online store and/or order form sale for new Grace Church baseball style hats, short sleeve polo shirts or long sleeve denim shirts. We are hoping for the online store to be ready to go by May 1st and remaining open until approximately May 22nd. Order forms will also be available if you prefer to use those. Both men and women's sizes will be available as will a variety of colors to choose from. Expected delivery will be just a few days before the next annual Chicken BBQ. More information is coming but mark your calendars now to join in the Grace Church team spirit with the purchase of new "team" apparel. If you have questions, you can contact Jeannie LaMere @315-635-6398.

Recently I was re-reading some of the parts of the prayer book which we don't use in services, including the Catechism. It is enlightening to see the changes since my own Confirmation class, based on the 1928 book!

Our 1979 Book of Common Prayer provides An Outline of the Faith; commonly called the Catechism (beginning on page 845) which uses a question and answer format to summarize the Christian faith from our particular Anglican perspective. Under the section entitled "The Church" we find the following,

Q. *What is the mission of the Church?*

A. *The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*

Q. *How does the Church pursue its mission?*

A. *The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.*

Q. *Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?*

A. *The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.*

And then, under the section entitled "Ministry" we find,

Q. *Who are the ministers of the Church?*

A. *The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.*

Q. *What is the ministry of the laity?*

A. *The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.*

Q. *What is the duty of all Christians?*

A. *The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.*

By contrast, in the 1928 Prayer Book the related questions included only,

Q. *What is the Church?*

A. *The Church is the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head, and all baptized people are the members.*

Q. *What is thy bounden duty as a member of the Church?*

A. *My bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom.*

The emphasis in the Catechism has shifted from definition to more dynamic and detailed description focused on the mission and ministry of all of God’s people—lay and ordained. It also moves us away from the mistaken idea that the only “real” ministry is done within the walls of the church building or by those who are ordained.

In our own age we are finding it necessary to return to the kind of evangelism and ministry like that practiced by Jesus’s disciples and in the churches of the New Testament. Everyone is a minister and an evangelist, wherever they may be. Everyone is to share in spreading the good news to those outside of our walls. Everyone is to be a reconciler, promoting justice, peace, and love. To share good news is to enter into relationship with others. Our Learning Communities Initiative is a first step doing this, and in seeing what God is calling everyone at Grace Church to do and be in our particular location. What’s God up to here and now in this place?

Mo. Cathy +

**PALM SUNDAY
WITH BISHOP DEDE
ABIGAIL’S BAPTISM**



OF INTEREST IN MAY

IN OUR DIOCESE:



YEAR 'ROUND STEWARDSHIP

Learn fun and useful ways to keep your parish engaging in ministry with time, talent, and treasure all year round! Free but you need to register.

- Pulaski (St. James' Episcopal Church), Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. Register by May 4th
- Binghamton (Christ Episcopal Church), Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. Register by May 7th
- Webinar or Diocesan Office (Liverpool), Wednesday, June 5th at 11:00 a.m. Register by June 3rd
- DeWitt (St. David's Episcopal Church), Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m., Register by June 3rd

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe will lead a short worship service followed by a blessing of bikes of every kind. Weather permitting, she'll lead a short motorcycle ride following the blessing, and all riders will return to Christ Church for a festive cookout. The event takes place at Christ Episcopal Church, 25 North Main Street, Jordan, New York on Saturday, May 11th at 10 a.m. Bikers, cyclists, spectators and families all welcome! The event is free; donations to Christ Episcopal Church are accepted.



SPRING MINISTRY DISCERNMENT DAY



As a baptized Christian, you are called to ministry. Are you looking for ways to serve God and your church more deeply? Are you curious about what it would be like to preach or lead worship as a layperson? Have you ever wondered if you are called to be a priest or deacon?

Explore your call to ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York at this free Ministry Discernment Day, Saturday May 18th 9 a.m.. – 12 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, Manlius. Register by May 15th.

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. Begins May 12/14.

Have you filled out an Adult formation survey? What would you like to see offered in our next program year?

A FREE FAMILY FUN-DAY

On May 18th from 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. The Baldwinsville Fire Department is teaming up with the Lakeside Fire Department to provide you with a Free Family Fun Day to Thank all of your for your support. There will be a Bounce House, Food! And Games with Prizes!



FRIENDSHIP DAY LUNCHEON

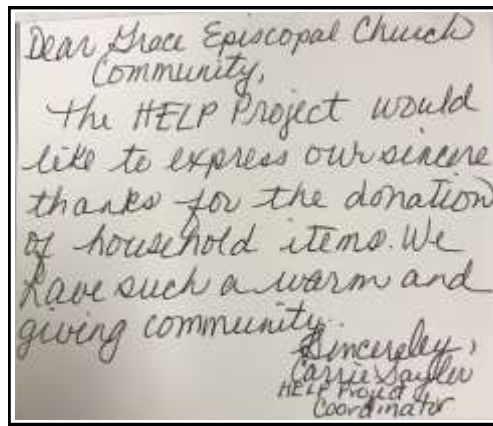


The Church Women United is having a May Friendship Day on Friday May 10th at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Baldwinsville. Bring a dish to pass. The topic of discussion is Poverty: Peace, Inc, Baldwinsville Cares.

THANK YOU!

Profound Thanks to Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir members, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Flower Arrangers, Greeters, Hospitality, Lectors, Musicians, Reception arrangers, Staff, Table & Chair movers, Ushers, and all other helpers who made our Bishop's visit and Holy Week so beautiful!

**THANK YOU FROM THE
VOLUNTEER CENTER**



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
- Bar soap or body wash
- Razors
- Tweezers



FIND ALL THE ART

Check out the May newsletter from our community partner, the CNY Art Guild at <https://www.cnyartguild.org/may-2019-newsletter.pdf>

The LCI GROUP will be taking two more walks. On May 4th at 10 a.m. we will be meeting in the parking lot. The plan is to bring a chair, sit, relax and see what happens right around us. On May 19th at 9:15 a.m. we will be walking in the neighborhood across the street.



We will also be working on our listening to others assignment. We need to talk to 8-10 people, asking about a time when you have felt most spiritually alive.

What caused you to grow spiritually? Was there something during this time that God was trying to show you? And where do you experience God's presence most often now? We will be talking to people the next month, if you are interested in being interviewed, please let me know.

Allen W.



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 tickets at \$6 a person. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Area. Payment is due no later than May 12th.

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. Flowers are always 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 \$40 per Sunday and two families can sign up for each week. Contact the office or go to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.

REQUIEM FOR MARCUS BEGG II

Join us at 1 p.m. on May 18th for the memorial service of Marcus Begg. A Luncheon will follow the service and burial.



CHICKEN BBQ

The Annual Grace Church Chicken BBQ is Saturday, June 1st. We need a lot of help to make this event a success. Selling presale tickets are guaranteed sales that help increase our profits. Consider donating a



couple hours of your time to help out the day of the BBQ. The sign up sheets are in the front of the

church. If you would like to help, but not sure where, please reach out and we can answer any questions. 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

THREADS OF LOVE



Here's an update on our Threads commitment. Last week the ladies finished all remaining "kits" and have no remaining fabric. From September, 2018, to April, 2019, 126 sleepers were made. The grand total is now 1978! The remaining sleepers will be delivered soon to

Marge White at Crouse.



Free ORGAN RECITAL

Alan Lynch plays a recital on the Great Organ at All Saints Episcopal Church - Fulton on May 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Tuesday Night Dinner program which is available for free every Tuesday at All Saints for anyone who is in need.

About Alan Lynch:

Alan currently serves as the Organist and Director of Music at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. He is also the Organist and Choirmaster of Church of the Savior Episcopal Church in Syracuse as well. Alan is currently pursuing a master's degree in organ at Syracuse University under the direction of Dr. Anne Laver.



VESTRY POINTS



- Vestry still NEEDS a clerk!
- The parochial report has been completed and will be submitted to the Diocese.
- The shed roof needs replacement and an approval has been made to purchase a safer ladder for use in the sanctuary.
- The Vestry is looking into doing a mutual ministry review and setting goals.
- Voting will take place next month on Convention Delegates.

REST ETERNAL grant to Thomas Fredenburg O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

YOU ARE INVITED

Join Vestry for a Fundraiser-Brainstorming session on Wednesday, May 1st at 7 p.m. to get fundraising ideas for Grace. Bring your ideas and consider what you might do to help.



PENTECOST JUNE 9TH

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!

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

FOYERS, APRIL 27, 2019

Grace Church Foyers group met at the Ceresko home for the final official appetizer and dessert potluck of the season. Foyers was started many years ago as way for parishioners to get to know each other better, outside the once- a- week church setting. A meal was shared and members met in different small groups each month at different people's homes.



This year the group tried a different approach with the same goal in mind—to get to know each other better. The whole group (about 15 people) meets every month at a different house for appetizers, desserts, and beverages. Everyone brings a dish to pass. We never know exactly what we will have for food, but we do know that everyone will have a good time! It's so much easier when you are only responsible for one dish, not a whole dinner. And since it's all "finger foods" we don't worry about setting a table or where everyone will sit. The group is open to all adults, couples or singles.

Last Saturday we had chili, corn muffins, fruit, veggies with dip, cheese and crackers, chips and dip, shrimp, and THREE scrumptious desserts! I don't think anyone left hungry.

We are hoping to do this again starting in the fall. Please consider joining us. You don't have to be a gourmet cook or star baker; you don't need a dining room or big table- just a love for fun and food and fellowship.



SAMARITAN MEAL — APRIL 28, 2019

It was a cold, rainy Sunday, but inside the warm and cheerful Samaritan Center 250 people, many of them children, were enjoying a hot and hearty meal. The menu of Sloppy Joes, corn, salad, bananas and cookies was especially appreciated on such a day.

The Outreach Ministry would especially like to thank Bob and Joan O'Brien for their ongoing dedication to the Samaritan Meal project. Because of their leadership and organization, Grace Church is able to put on 3 meals a year for the hungry. We would also like to thank all the generous Grace Church parishioners who continue to support us with monetary donations. We could not do it without you. Finally, we would like to thank the volunteers who helped out Sunday, giving up their time to help the needy. You do such a great job! Our volunteers were:

Bob & Joan O'Brien

Dave Ferrari

Diane Bowes

John & Jan Heisler

Brad Pettit

Kathy Tamblin

Phyllis Begg

Greg & Elaine Ceresko

Carla & Dan Weimers



Most of our volunteers come back again and again because they know what a fun and rewarding experience it is. If you have never tried it, please consider signing up for the next Samaritan Meal, which is on September 8, 2019. Mark your calendars now!



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HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays - 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays - 12 Noon

Syracuse Home worship May 19th at 3 p.m.

First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4 p.m.



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