

GRACE NOTES

OCTOBER 2019

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS:

October 27 — Romulus White Deer Trip

November 3 — 9 A.M. Holy Eucharist

& Indoor Clean-up Day with lunch

November 11 — Senior Harvest Dinner

November 17 — Grace Sunday

November 24 — Cookie Decorating

December 7 — Annual Cookie Walk



14TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Fall is in the air, and Christmas decorations are filling the stores...

So that means it's almost Cookie Walk time!

Our callers will be contacting you to bake your delicious and festive holiday specialties.

This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the parish, and we need many cookies and volunteers to make it successful.

If you do not bake, please consider a donation or the wonderful gift of time and/or talent to help with preparations.

Join us for this fun event that many people in our community look forward to each year!

Volunteer sign-up sheets for the big day will be in the Welcome Area in early November.

For more information, contact Roxanne Parmele (roxparmele@twcny.rr.com).

SENECA WHITE DEER

Ever wanted to see the Seneca White Deer? Now is your chance. Join Grace Church for a guided bus tour of Seneca Depot and its herd of white deer on Sunday October 27. The tour starts from the Welcome Center at 5479 State Route 96A, Romulus, NY at 4 p.m.. Group Rate of \$25 a person. Payment due by October 20. Sign up sheet in the welcoming area. See Kathy Tamblin or Brad Pettit for more details and payment.



Looking for God in the neighborhood

At the end of September the participants in the diocesan Learning Communities Initiative met together to reflect on our activities since the initial training session in March. It is amazing to me how much has been learned and accomplished since that time. We practiced listening to understand,

rather than to respond. Observing our neighborhood as it is, rather than assuming that what we already know is correct. Experimenting with connecting to our neighborhood—the context where we are to be the Church. And sharing with others what we were learning along the way. The process has been remarkable in a number of ways. We have discovered that 110 Oswego Street is quite a lively property much of the time! Neighbors, students, dog-walkers, skateboarders, joggers, parents and others constantly pass through our driveway, parking lot and back yard. The area surrounding the church is also busier than one might expect, including the school paths, the mall at Smokey Hollow Road and the adjacent neighborhood. Our parish LCI group decided that setting up the Prayer Mailbox would be a good learning experiment, and was pleased by the enthusiastic cooperation and interest shown by other parishioners including those who offered to pray privately for requestors, and those who offered to put forth requestor's concerns from the congregation during the Prayers of the People.

Also surprising was the convergence of some other efforts, including Parish Life's ice cream social and Community Band concert, the Grace in Community group's efforts with new and refurbished signage, and the gracious response to using Dwelling in the Word reflection at the Sunday sermon time. Other parishes participating in the LCI reported similar experiences. Not everything works as expected, especially on the first try, and that is okay. There will always be bumps along the way, and the important thing is to keep listening, keep experimenting, and above all keep looking for God at work in our church and community.

Cathy +

P. S. Please keep our neighbors and those who pass by our doors in your prayers!

SAMARITAN MEAL SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

On Sunday September 8 volunteers from Grace prepared and served our final Samaritan Meal of the year at the Samaritan Center in Syracuse. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners 229 guests, including 13 children, enjoyed a meal of Sloppy Joes, corn, green salad, potato salad (provided by the Center), bananas, and cookies. There was even some food left over for the Center to serve with a meal during the upcoming week.



The following members of our parish and members of their families gave up part of their Sunday to help others who were less fortunate: Brad Pettit, Kathy Tamblin, Elaine & Greg Ceresko, Kathy & Eric Merson, Sue & Skeet Allen and their grandson Ross, Bob & Joan O'Brien, Sharon Ney, Nancy Fredette, Phyllis Begg, Diane Bowes, Pat Apicella, Jan & John Heisler, Dave Ferrari, Rosemary & Peter Coyne, and Jeannie & Tom LaMere. Christine & Grace Loadwick from St. Mary's Catholic Church also joined us after the event was announced at one of their services.

Our next Samaritan Meal is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2020. Please consider joining us.

FOYER EVENT

Foyers is an opportunity for Grace parishioners to get to know one another in a relaxed social setting. The group meets monthly at each other's home for an evening of good food and fellowship. The 2019-2020 season will have its first gathering on Saturday, October 19, at Ross & Sharon Ney's.

An open invitation is extended to everyone in the parish. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Welcoming Area. Please consider coming and enjoying an evening of fun & fellowship along with delicious appetizers and desserts. Please see Elaine Ceresko or Sharon Ney for details.



ALTAR GUILD

There will be an altar guild meeting on October 26 at 9 a.m. If you are interested in joining altar guild contact Susan Allen.

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 11 special meeting

- ◆ Vestry voted to revise parish administrator position budget to not exceed \$15,650. This is calculated based on 876 hours annually with possible additional 100 hours as necessary.

September 25 regular meeting

- ◆ Our Finance Committee continues to investigate ways of increasing better rates for our finances.
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee will be meeting to review and plan the 2019 Campaign.
- ◆ The 2019 Snowplowing agreement has been approved.
- ◆ The job description for posting the Administrative Assistant position was shared with Vestry members. The position has been posted at several sites besides the Diocesan website.

CHANGED YOUR EMAIL? MISSED HEARING NEWS?

To stay current with what's going on, subscribe to Grace's email news. From our website click "News", scroll to the bottom of the column, 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.

NINE FIFTEEN/TUESDAY FORUM

The Challenge of Jesus video series with Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan. View and discuss Dr. Crossan's exploration of the matrix of Jesus' unique time and place. Learn about the multi-faceted connections between Greece, Rome, and the Jews that shape our understanding of Jesus today. Begins September 29/October 1. Sundays at 9:15 a.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room on the lower level.



PRAYER MAILBOX

Prayer requests that have been put in our new prayer mailbox will be read during the Prayers of the People. Please keep the needs of our neighbors in your prayers.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Our fall collection culminates with a Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m., Sunday, October 6 in the Memorial Garden. You can bring in your pets, or pictures of them, for a blessing, followed by treats for pets and their humans.



OUTREACH "PET PROJECT"

HumaneCNY is an animal shelter located in Liverpool, which seeks to better our community through kindness to animals.

Their mission: To provide our community with an animal shelter that shows compassion and respect for life by following a no-kill philosophy and by striving to provide the cats and dogs entrusted to their care with permanent, loving homes. They have been the advocate and caretaker of homeless cats and dogs since 1966.

HumaneCNY is now back into their newly renovated building at 4915 Taft Road. While the shelter was being renovated, they adopted out nearly 500 animals from their small temporary shelter. Now that the renovation is complete, they hope to adopt out many more animals than ever before. But they need our help with their "Stock the Shelter" campaign. This year during the month of September, Outreach is again asking parishioners to bring in any of the following:

- Trash bags
- Cat litter
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Bleach and cleaning supplies
- Baby wipes
- Cat food, wet or dry
- Dog food, wet or dry
- Leashes and collars
- Pet toys
- Used but clean blankets and towels





COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

Learn advanced decorating techniques on flooded (royal iced) sugar cut-out cookies. The class will be taught by Sweet Stuff owner and BOCES instructor, Traci Regan. For anyone who took the Cookie Flooding Class last fall OR who is comfortable with flooding cookies with royal icing. Cookies must be baked, iced, and brought to class (per the instructions on the

Supply List). Class will be held in the Undercroft on Wednesday, October 16th , from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. Cost is \$30 per person (\$10 less than the same class at BOCES)! The Sign-Up Sheet and Supply Lists are available in the Welcome Area. Contact Roxanne Parmele at 315-415-7930 for more information.

THANKS FOR THE PEANUT BUTTER!

Our summer outreach project, "Peanut Butter Sunday Sundaes," was a big success. 102 jars of peanut butter were delivered to Cato-Meridian School to be used in their Packs and Snacks program to feed needy students on weekends and vacations. Cato teacher and Packs and Snacks organizer Jen Musso was very grateful for Grace Church's support. Thanks to all who contributed!



INDOOR CLEANUP DAY

After a **single service at 9 a.m. on November 3, 2019**, we will be having an indoor cleanup morning followed by a luncheon.

A list of tasks that we would like to accomplish will be listed in the welcome area. You do not need to sign up for a specific task, but please indicate if you will be able to help so that parish life can plan for food.

Thank you.

More information coming later in October.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER SUPPLY CLERGY, PREACHERS AND MUSICIANS

Mr. Phillip Sterling, Ms Katie Newcombe, Mr. Gary Neddo, The Rev. Kathy Major, Mr. Glenn Armstrong, Ms Lisa Kisselstein, Dr. Paul Crego. And thanks also to all who welcomed and assisted our guests.



RECTOR, VESTRY, AND MEMBERS OF GRACE,

Thank you so much for the very generous gift and for the lovely reception you put together for me on September 8. The cake was delicious.

Margaret

COFFEE HOUR HOST!

Make and serve coffee, a cold drink and treats after the 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist services. Can't do it alone? Ask a friend to help or call the parish office. Signup in the Welcome Area at the church entrance.

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 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 \$40 per Sunday and two families can sign up for each week. Flowers are particularly needed for October 13, November 10, 17, December 6, 13, 20. Send an email to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org or call the office to sign up.



HAPPENING #72 FOR GRADES 9-12 AT CASOWASCO

The Youth Ministry team of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York invites young people in grades 9-12 to join us for Happening #72, hosted at Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center in Moravia, NY from Friday, October 18 (6:45 p.m.) to Sunday, October 20 (5:30 p.m.). This fall retreat will offer games, music, great food, and a safe and loving environment to explore faith and talk with people you trust about things that really matter. There is no cost to attend; please sign up by October 11. Youth and adult volunteers are also welcome!

Learn more and register at: cnyepiscopal.org/happening-72.

OCTOBER IS BREAD BAKING MONTH!



Hear ye, hear ye! The Cookie Walk Committee has hereby declared October as **Bread Baking Month**. If you have a favorite sweet bread recipe (e.g., lemon poppyseed, pumpkin, cranberry-orange, etc.) that you'd be willing to make, bake and freeze for our annual Cookie Walk, it would really help to boost our inventory and variety of holiday treats for sale.

- 1) Bake them in **mini-loaf foil pans** (approx. 6" x 3.5" x 2").
- 2) Leave them in the foil pans, and wrap and seal them to freeze well.
- 4) Label them with your name and the type of bread (and if they contain nuts).
- 4) Freeze them. If you do not have room in your own freezer, you can arrange to drop them off at church (Contact Roxanne Parmele at 315-415-7930 or Jeannie LaMere at 315-635-6398).

Foil pans will be available in the Welcome Area.

We will be bagging and embellishing the breads with ribbons and decorations on 12/5.

Please note: we will still need many, many cookies to make this a successful event, so this is in addition to any cookies that you are baking.

Thank you!

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

November 8-9, Holiday Inn Liverpool

This year our diocesan convention will be a pause for rest and reflection, and an opportunity to create a shared vision, mission and rule of life for the whole diocese – including us, here at Grace. Dr. Lisa Kimball of Virginia Theological Seminary is the speaker, and the preacher is Bishop Prince Singh from our neighboring Diocese of Rochester. The practices of the **Way of Love** which we and the rest of the world have heard about from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will form the backbone of the convention, and our practice in seeing, noticing and reaching out, encouraged by our Learning Communities practices, will help us all take part in the visioning process that has already begun. Please consider attending the convention, or engaging with the materials and ideas our delegates, alternates and youth bring back with them.



WELCOME (BACK) JEFF!

Now that we have returned to an 8 and 10:30 Sunday service schedule, Jeff Wise has rejoined us as organist for the later service with a new title. No longer “Interim Organist”, we now have an agreement with Jeff as just plain “Organist” for Sunday 10:30 services, and as many other services as can be arranged. Jeff serves at All Saints in Fulton for their 9:00 am service, and so can’t be with us on occasions when there is a schedule conflict. We welcome him back!

FINE ART SHOW AND SALE

Our Community Partner, the C.N.Y. Art Guild will hold their 20th Art Show and Sale October 5th and 6th, 11 AM to 4 PM at Aspen House, Radisson, 8550 North Entry Road, Baldwinsville.



OF OUR CHURCHES

Article by Peter Koepfel, member of Trinity Memorial Church in Binghamton and the diocesan Stewardship Resources team. Reprinted from the Diocese of Central New York website.

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Do you remember where you were, and what your reaction was, when you first learned that the great cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris was burning? I was out and about when the news first lit up my smartphone; my reaction was utter, stunned disbelief — this just had to be a hoax. It was not.

I have never been to Paris myself, but truly, Notre Dame in Paris is not just a French cathedral, but a gift to people all over the world; it is etched into many of our memories through Victor Hugo's magnificent novel *Notre Dame of Paris*, popularized in English as *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. In Victor Hugo's novel, the cathedral itself is at the center of the story, not Quasimodo. If you want to get a sense of Victor Hugo's tale, skip the modern animated movie, and go for the 1939 movie featuring the great Charles Laughton as the titular character. Or better yet, go to your local bookstore, and pick up a printed copy. This grand story, with its themes of fate, family, and (in-) justice in the 15th century Christian era, sets the foundation for many later authors, including Charles Dickens.

Why should we react so deeply to this magnificent building having been severely damaged by fire? For one, it's not just any old church — it has stood for centuries, watching over the lives of thousands of people like you and me; it has seen wars, revolutions, defeats and victories; it has seen pain, suffering, redemption and joy. The great cathedral embodies human history as much as it watched over it. For a second, churches are dear to us as the House of the Lord, to which we are glad to go!

Just as Notre Dame de Paris was and is being kept alive by those who visit, pray and worship in it, so our own churches are kept alive by us, who visit, pray, worship, work and volunteer in them, and reach out to our communities from them.

As fall approaches, our church leadership will ask us to consider in prayer and action our own commitment to a life in Christ and as members of our church. I'm asking you to respond with grace and generosity. We do not know whether our churches will stand in a few hundred years, or who will worship our God in them; but we do know that it is up to us, living our lives as followers of Christ, and standing on the shoulders of those who came before us, to in turn enable those coming after us to stand on our shoulders as they carry on proclaiming the Good News. Let us do so!

HELP WANTED — PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, PART TIME

Grace Church seeks a part-time parish administrator for approximately 18 hrs/week Sept-Jun and 12 hrs/week Jul-Aug. Office hours are negotiable, but envisioned as a 4-day work week. The Parish Administrator works with the Rector to manage the administrative responsibilities of the parish, including communications, volunteers, facilities, records and assist with routine finances. The parish administrator will often be the first point of contact for visitors and members, and must display an attitude of welcoming hospitality and pastoral sensitivity.

Skills required include:

- Strong and professional communication skills.
- Effective collaboration and pastoral style.
- Strong integrity, honesty and confidentiality.
- Ability to take initiative and make decisions under pressure of deadlines.
- Ability to work with those with diverse personalities and differing opinions.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite (Word, Excel, Publisher)
- Knowledge of, or ability to learn ACS Realm (church management software), Rite Stuff, Google G Suite applications, WordPress, Safe Church training administration, and other software applications as necessary.
- Ability to operate and maintain office equipment (computers, copier) and oversee maintenance and maintenance contracts.
- Knowledge of Episcopal Church polity and liturgy or previous Episcopal Church office experience a plus.

This position may occasionally require additional time due to workload (e. g., holidays, funerals).

Job package includes paid vacation time, sick time and holidays. A pre-employment background check is required. Safe Church training will be required.. Please send a cover letter and resume, including references to: Rector@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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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