

GRACE NOTES

JANUARY 2020



HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT GRACE:

January 4 th	First Saturday Holy Eucharist	4:00 P.M.
January 5 th	Cookie Walk Debrief Meeting	9:00 A.M.
January 5 th	Chalk Distribution for Epiphany	8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. services
January 7 th	Tuesday Forum Resumes	1:00 P.M.
January 12 th	Sunday 9:15 Forum Resumes	9:15 A.M.
January 19 th & 24 th	Guest Organist Glenn Armstrong	8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. services
January 24 th	Episcopal Night at Syracuse Crunch	7:00 P.M.
January 25 th	"Sip & Savor" Cook Off	6:00 P.M.
JANUARY 26 th	Holy Eucharist & Annual Meeting	9:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

SAVE THE DATE:

February 2 nd	Souper Bowl Sub Sale	
February 9 th	Samaritan Center Meal	3:45 P.M.
February 25 th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.
Spring TBA	Trunk & Treasure Sale	
June 6 th	54th Annual Chicken BBQ	Noon — 6:00 P.M.
July 15 th	Community Band Concert	7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.

MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

This year Easter falls on April 12th; not the latest it can occur (April 25) nor the earliest (March 22), but somewhere in the middle. The number of Sundays in Epiphany is determined by the counting back from Easter, so this year we will have almost two months, from January 12th through February 23rd to explore the “showing forth” of Jesus.

Most of what we read during Epiphany will be from St. Matthew's account, from Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River, to his teaching his disciples to be salt of the earth and light of the world, to his transfiguration. During Epiphany we pray for God's glory to be revealed to us, and through us. “Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory...”.

On Sunday, February 2nd we will observe the Feast of the Presentation, one of a very short list of feast days that is celebrated on Sunday. It commemorates the occasion when Jesus' parents brought their firstborn son to the temple for the required sacrifice, and aged Simeon and Anna recognized him as the savior and redeemer. These two elders, steeped in prayer, knew at once that the child was “A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel”.

Our annual pledge campaign theme this year is “Shining Our Light”. How will others see us if we really shine with Christ's Light? What will our fellow parishioners, our family, friends, and total strangers see and hear? Although we have completed the more active part of the “Shining our Light” campaign, our bulletin board in the Welcome Area will remain through Epiphany, and I encourage you to add stars to it as you see God's light shining in each other and in our community.



Join Episcopalians for a night out at the hockey arena as the Syracuse Crunch face off with the Binghamton Devils!

Friday, January 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Oncenter War Memorial Arena
515 Montgomery Street, Syracuse

The cost is \$21. Register through the diocesan website or call the parish office.



DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed Financials and Approved 2020 Budget.
- Approved 2020 Clergy housing resolution (same as 2019).
- Received an update on the Pledge campaign.
- Properties Update: Put Cookie Walk items and signs away, prepared for Christmas, put away Christmas Tree and purchased Ladder.
- Vestry nominating committee advised that we do have a candidate for Warden and names were discussed as to probable commitments for the 2 vestry positions.

WARDEN AND VESTRY CANDIDATES

PAUL DILLER—WARDEN

Paul Diller has been a Eucharistic Minister at Grace Church for over twenty years. He was an acolyte, confirmed, married and served as a vestry member at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Candor, NY. He has been a vestry member, junior warden, and senior warden at Grace Church Baldwinsville. He is married to Ginny and has three children-- all baptized in the Episcopal Church and one married at Grace. He also has three grandsons. Paul has worked as a Journeyman Maintenance Machinist in several Syracuse and Fulton area businesses. He has restored classic cars as a hobby and enjoys helping his neighbors.

RUTH FREY—VESTRY

Ruth Frey moved to Baldwinsville over 18 years ago, and has been attending Grace Church ever since. Raised as an Episcopalian on Long Island, she attended college in Buffalo, earning a bachelor's degree in Medical Technology. Since graduation she has worked as a Medical Technologist in hospital laboratories and is currently employed at Upstate Hospital. Over the years Ruth has been a part of many Grace Church activities, currently serving as a Lector, on the Parish Life committee, the Grace in Community committee, and helped with Learning Communities Initiative activities.

LAURA MOREAU—VESTRY

Laura Moreau has been a member of Grace Episcopal Church since 2002 when she was baptized here by Fr. John Schaffer. She is married, with five children. At Grace she serves regularly as a Eucharistic Minister and Usher, and has served on the Vestry twice before. She has also helped serve community meals with our Baldwinsville Lutheran neighbors at St. Mark's, and is a long-time regular blood donor.

THE 14TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK ONCE AGAIN A SUCCESS!!!!

Because of the efforts of many, many people, we raised over \$5,000 for Grace Church, and \$250 for the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau! And we welcomed close to 200 community members who were able to experience the wonderful hospitality of our parish.

We had a terrific response to our requests for more cookies - thank you, thank you, thank you!! While we did have cookies leftover, it was truly a blessing: there was a great selection for those shoppers who came after the early rush, and we had cookies to give to shut-ins and local non-profit organizations. Special thanks to the Cookie Walk Committee for their countless hours of work before and during the event. The committee members have it down to a science, and the event goes off without a hitch each year!



A Check for \$250 given to Lauri Bernstein of the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau.

And to all of the following folks, we couldn't do it without you, and truly appreciate your contributions to the success of the event:

Very talented cookie bakers and treat makers

Mini-loaf bread bakers

Generous financial contributors

Decorating Day bakers and decorators

Men's Night bakers, turtle crafters, and rum ball makers

Café chefs for delicious soups, chili, macaroni and cheese, and muffins

Properties team and volunteers for set-up and take-down assistance

Crafters for enhancing the holiday experience

Bill and Maggie Mercer for getting everyone in the holiday spirit with delightful holiday music

We will have a follow-up/debriefing meeting on January 5th between services. Please join us if you have any suggestions on how we can continue to make the Cookie Walk a great event. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to email any ideas to: office@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org and they will be distributed to the committee.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Beverly Bolton began volunteering for the office at St. Paul's Syracuse in 2004 shortly after her husband passed away. A retired office worker, she helped answer phones, organize and fold bulletins and prepared weekly mailings to shut-ins. She started a card ministry whereby she sent birthday cards to parishioners on behalf of the church. Today Beverly is 96 years old. For the last year or so she has become homebound, but insists on continuing her work as an office volunteer. Each week someone from the church drops off bulletins, envelopes and cards for her so she can continue her duties. "The work keeps me busy, and keeps my mind sharp," Bev says.



During my time as office coordinator at St. Paul's I was so fortunate to have Beverly and others assist me. Several volunteers learned how to use a computer for the first time. Aside from the regular weekly duties here at Grace, there long-term projects that have been identified that have yet to be initiated. If this might be something you are interested in please contact the office or speak to Mother Cathy. ~Jonathan Howell

WELCOME ASSISTANT

Grace Church is in need of a Welcome Assistant(s). This person would be responsible for helping to keep our Welcome area and Worship space well organized, restocking brochures, rearranging the hymnals and prayer books in the pew backs, making sure the pew inserts are correct, complete and tidy (e.g. no Easter inserts hanging around in August!) The Welcome Assistant would not be responsible for cleaning, but would be able to fill out a special cleaning request form helping to inform staff of areas in the worship space and Welcome Area that need a little extra TLC. If you, or a group of you, would be interested in performing this function for a period of time, please speak to Mother Cathy, or contact the office.



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

To all who contributed to our Christmas festivities! Altar Guild, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choristers, Ushers, Hospitality Hosts, Decorators, Staff and Helpers!



OUTREACH THANK YOU

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank all those who donated family board games for the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau.

Forty-four games were collected from Grace Church parishioners.

These were distributed to local families in need to help make their Christmas brighter. Thank you for your generosity!



"SIP & SAVOR"

PARISH LIFE'S ANNUAL COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

Best Beverage

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Best Food

?

Best Pairing

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Bring your favorite home-made beverage, along with a home-made food of your choice. You may choose to participate in one, two or all three of the categories. Winners will be determined by the peoples choice in each of the categories.

Perhaps you have a food you like, but not a beverage, or vice versa. You might "Pair Up" with someone. Each of you could enter the single category, and together enter the "Best Pairing" category.

All are welcome, even if you choose not to "compete." The fun starts at 6:00 P.M.

We promise you will have a good time!



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HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays - 12:00 Noon

First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4:00 p.m.



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