

GRACE NOTES

FEBRUARY 2020



HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT GRACE:

February 1st	First Saturday Holy Eucharist	4:00 P.M.
February 2nd	Candlemas Procession	10:30 A.M.
February 4th	Grace in Community	7:00 P.M.
February 9th	Grace Serves at Samaritan Center	12:15 P.M.
February 11th	Parish Life Meeting	7:00 P.M.
February 11th	Parish Work Night	7:00 P.M.
February 12th	Finance Meeting	7:00 P.M.
February 13th	Outreach Meeting	4:00 P.M.
February 16th	Worship at Syracuse Home	3:00 P.M.
February 17th	Office Closed for Presidents' Day	All Day
February 19th	Vestry Meeting	7:00 P.M.
February 25th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	4:30 P.M.
February 26th	Ash Wednesday—Imposition of Ashes	12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
February 27th	Tai Chi	7:00 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring TBA	Trunk & Treasure Sale	
May 16th	Diocesan Ministry Fair	8:30 A.M.—3:30 P.M.
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

Just about every day when my husband arrives home from work, both our cats rush to greet him. If, as sometimes happens, Jon has to make multiple trips to bring in the groceries, the cats will keep vigil at the top of the stairs until he makes his way up, where a proper greeting and exclusive attention to cats can take place.

Our companion animals are generally held to be somewhat "lesser" than humans, and certainly lesser than God. But in their rejoicing over the return of a member of the family, even after a short absence, I think they may reflect God's perspective toward us. We may attend church regularly, and even have a daily time of prayer, but there are probably large portions of our days or weeks when we aren't paying much attention to God. Our prayer sometimes may be a kind of monologue on our part, without a lot of listening for God's response, or it may be a lengthy defense for an imagined judgment of our actions. Rarely do we realize just how very much God loves us, cares about us, and wants to be in relationship with us.

Even great saints sometimes miss recognizing God's desire for us. St. Augustine of Hippo, near the end of the fourth century wrote,

"Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. This year, how might you respond to our Lord's desire for your presence and attention and self?



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JANUARY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Vestry members appointed Rosemary Coyne as Grace Church Treasurer.
- Stacey Wolf was appointed as Vestry Clerk.
- Senior Warden, Brad Pettit, Junior Warden, Paul Diller and Rosemary Coyne have been appointed as designated account users for UIF (diocesan investments) for Grace Church.
- Key Bank and Seneca Savings signers (continuing) are Brad Pettit, Allen Wolf and Nancy Fredette.
- Safe deposit (continuing) are Brad Pettit and Rosemary Coyne.
- The annual Vestry Day will be March 14.
- Regular Vestry meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of every month unless there is a conflict. The following are changes to the schedule: 2/19, 7/29 and 11/18.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting called to order by Rector Cathy Carpenter at 10:21am
- Ballot Nominations were announced for junior warden (2 years) and two vestry member positions (3 years each). No other nominations were presented, so nominations closed.
- Financial report by Rosemary Coyne. Despite starting 2019 with a deficit budget, we finished 2019 in the black with a net income of \$7981.81- all bills are paid to date.
- Rosemary indicated that the positive numbers were due to volunteers, BBQ proceeds of about \$6300, cookie walk proceeds of about \$5600. Other factors were reduced organist payments, and lower costs for office administrator position due to fewer hours.
- 2020 Budget—Deficit budget of \$7683 based on pledges, expenses, and income. The gain in 2019 is expected to cover that deficit.
- Need to remind people to designate on check and/or envelope what additional contribution is for - flowers, memorial, specific holiday, etc.
- Dave Ferrari did the audit for 2018 finances and all was in order. Next professional audit will probably be for 2021 finances.
- Brad Petit noted that the 2020 summer village work impacted the budget as we will have to pay approximately \$6500 for cement that will go into a sidewalk in front of the church. The village gave a verbal commitment to plow the new section of sidewalk. Mother Cathy said that we are applying for a grant from the Foundation of the Diocese of Central New York to cover all or some of the cost.
- Mother Cathy commended all the volunteers in the parish for the work and time they gave, and recognized them.
- Allen Wolf spoke about the Learning Community Initiative. More people are needed to join the group, or the group feels it cannot move forward. We have to go out into the community; they will not come in. Being a member of this committee requires that you attend 3 Saturday sessions, and you get an opportunity to interact with the parishes.
- Jeff Wise offered the opportunity to have choir participation. If interested, talk to him. He also mentioned that Fulton is live streaming services, which might be something for us to consider.

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST
ANDREW WALTER PARKER
JANUARY 12TH, 2020



COMMUNITY PANCAKE SUPPER FOR SHROVE TUESDAY



Parish Life will be sponsoring our annual Shrove Tuesday meal as a Community Pancake Supper with everyone welcome and free for all. We've enlisted the Property Crew to again assist in the kitchen with making delicious pancakes and sausage, your choice of pancake toppings, fruit and beverages. Please come, invite your family, friends and neighbors to be a part of getting to know your community in this ministry of fellowship. We hope to see you all on Tuesday, February 25 from 4:30-6:30, Grace Episcopal Church, 110 Oswego St., Baldwinsville. For more information, please contact the church office at 315-635-3214 or office@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org.



OUTREACH COAT COLLECTION

A great big thank you for your donations of coats for those in need. Wednesday January 29th. Mother Cathy made her way down to St. Paul's Church and presented them to Rev. Philip Major for distribution.

PARISH LIFE TAI CHI



Parish Life is offering four Tai Chi classes to be held on Thursday February 27, March 5, March 19, and March 26 at 7 p.m. This is open to parish members and those friends they wish to invite. In lieu of a class fee, participants are asked to make a monetary donation or a non-perishable food item. These donations will be given to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry. This was a well liked and attended program last year. Many used it as part of their Lenten discipline. Ann Pia will return as our teacher. A sign-up sheet will be in the Welcome Area starting on February 1.



Growing Together:

Celebrating 10 Years of InterFaith Harmony

The Tenth Anniversary World InterFaith Harmony Assembly

"For me, the different religions are beautiful flowers from the same garden, or they are branches of the same majestic tree."

Mahatma Gandhi

Monday, Feb. 3, 2020

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Temple Adath Yeshurun

450 Kimber Road

Syracuse, NY 13224

Reception to Follow

Join us for this Special Event!

“SIP & SAVOR” - PARISH LIFE’S ANNUAL COOK-OFF
ONCE AGAIN A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Approximately 30 parishioners didn't let the weather deter them from coming out to Parish Life's Annual Cook-off on Saturday, January 25th. Determining the winners was a triple challenge at this year's "Sip & Savor" event as six entrants vied against one another to be awarded the best Beverage (Sip); Best Food (Savor) and Best Pairing.

Judges were treated to Sue Allen's Pork Carnitas & Sangria Punch; Roxanne Parmele's Cocoa & Cookies; Jeannie & Tom LaMere's Chocolate Molten Lava Cake & Brandy Alexander Milkshakes; Fire & Brimstone from Ted Houck; Hot & Cold Treats from Joy Pople and Phyllis Begg's JeanneWeane & Dip combination.

Choosing a favorite was not an easy task as evidenced by all prizes being won by a margin of just one vote.

Final count had Roxanne's Rum Chata Cocoa with Whipped Cream taking First Prize in the Beverage Category; Ted Houck's Firehouse Chili named best in the Savor category, and best pairing going to Sue Allen's Carnitas & Sangria.

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all who attended. This is a fun opportunity to try new dishes and enjoy the companionship of fellow parishioners.

If you have an idea for a future cook-off, or event, please tell a member of Parish Life. We are always open to new ideas.



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Office Hours: Mon & Thurs. 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m., Tue & Wed 12:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

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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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