



MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

In mid-September our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preached at a meeting of the House of Bishops, and published *A Word to the Church* on The Episcopal Church's website. In that sermon he returned again and again to the phrase,

...partisan neutrality does not mean moral neutrality.

Bishop Curry noted that, as followers of Jesus, we are to take what Jesus did and taught as precedent,

....each of us must discern and decide what love of neighbor looks like in our lives, in our actions, in our personal relationships and in our social and public witness. What did Jesus do?

But, as Bishop Curry points out, voting is important but not enough. Our divisions as a society run deep, and an election alone won't solve that.

An ecumenical non-partisan organization called *Braver Angels* has begun an initiative called *With Malice Toward None*, calling on people on both sides of the political divide to combat the polarization likely to be increased after this year's election. Bishop Mark Beckwith, retired bishop of the Diocese of Newark serves as their Partnerships Coordinator.

The pledge asked of participants in *With Malice Toward None* sounds a lot like the kind of love of neighbor Jesus taught and lived.

Regardless of how the election turns out, I will not hold hate, disdain, or ridicule for those who voted differently from me. Whether I am pleased or upset about the outcome, I will seek to understand the concerns and aspirations of those who voted differently and will look for opportunities to work with people with whom I disagree.

The initiative's website notes,

This is not about covering over strong political

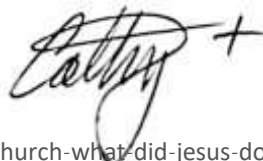


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differences or encouraging people to support whoever wins the election.

It is about a commitment to respecting the humanity of those who differ from us. It is about recognizing our foundational role as citizens to be the architects and agents of a more perfect union.

I encourage you to check out the *Braver Angels* website and consider the *With Malice Toward None* pledge. It is a difficult pledge, to be sure, but it seems to me that it is exactly the kind of thing that Jesus did.



<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-currys-word-church-what-did-jesus-do>
<https://braverangels.org/what-we-do/with-malice-toward-none/>

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- This year's Stewardship campaign will kick off on October 4th . We are still in need of a couple volunteers to help. If you have a few hours of time to help, please contact the church office @315-635-3214.
- Even though there have been offers of deferring payment for such things as church insurance, pension plans and Social Security payroll taxes, we have been able to keep up with those regular payments. Thanks to all who continue to keep current with your pledges and allowing us not to fall behind and having to make up those payments at a later time.
- Our financial responsibilities have been under the watchful eye of Rosemary Coyne as Grace's treasurer for nearly two decades. Sadly, she has tendered her resignation effective December 31, 2020. As we begin to plan how to do this without her, please share your gratitude for all she has done. And if you have a yearning desire to help fill the need, please contact the church office, Mo. Cathy, or any Vestry member.

SERVICES AT CHURCH

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

8 AM Rite 1 online service

9:15– 10:15 Forum online

11 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2 in church with music

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 in church

9:15– 10:15 Forum online

11 AM online service with music

Tuesday 12 noon Holy Eucharist in church

Tuesday Forum online at 1 PM

November 15 is an online service led by the bishop as a part of the Convention, and there is no parish services that day.



GRACE'S FOOD DRIVE FOR BALDWINSVILLE FOOD PANTRY

This is after 3 days of our summer “open church” collection for Baldwinville Food Pantry! We did 5 days total and gathered quite a bit of food and some toiletries as well. Thank you to all who participated! Just a reminder- you can bring items for the Food Pantry any time during the year. There is a basket in the Welcome Area. Members of Outreach will deliver them as soon as we get a few items.



SCHEDULING MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH

If you are planning on scheduling an event at church, make sure to contact the Parish Office to make sure you are not double booking the space, that it is limited to the proper number of 50 people inside and/or outside and to only one hour. Groups of 6 or less may meet in the Parish Center or Parlor. Larger groups meet in the undercroft.

As a reminder, it is required that you keep a contact list of everyone who attended, and make sure that all high-touch surfaces are sanitized after the meeting.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our September collection to benefit HumaneCNY culminates with a **Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 pm, Sunday, October 4 at Grace Church.** You can bring in your pets, or pictures of them, for a blessing, followed by treats for pets and their humans.



SAMARITAN MEAL

Due to the pandemic and the new requirements for volunteers, we feel the age and health concerns of parishioners make volunteering as a church impossible. The committee chose to donate the cost of the meal by collecting money. You can contribute by putting an envelope marked "Samaritan Meal" with cash or check in the offering basket, mailing it to the church, or donating online via our website.



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 in 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 renovated building at 4915 Taft Road. During this pandemic, the shelter has been providing food and care for the animals entrusted to them and have found “forever homes” for many. However, in these tough economic times, the shelter needs our help with more than ever before. 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

You can also make a monetary donation by going online to humanecny.org or send a check to: **HumaneCNY , 4915 Taft Rd., Liverpool NY 13088**

Please bring your donations to church during in-person services or during regular office hours: (Call the office to be sure the back door is open.)



A BIG THANK YOU!



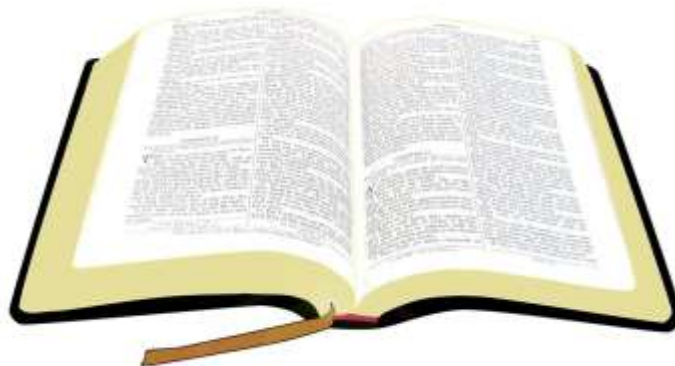
Thank you to those who continue to support the church by mailing in your offerings. For those who would like to make a gift without having to write a check and use the postal system, please consider

giving online by clicking the green button on the home page of our website that says, "Give." It is an easy and safe way to give to Grace.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to begin scheduling liturgical assistants for our Sunday in-person Holy Eucharist services, but we don't want to assume previous volunteers will be attending. For each service we need one person (or persons who live together) to read two lessons, the psalm and the prayers of the





people. We will send your readings to you in advance. Also needed are ushers for these services, especially to help those who have not attended previously, and to help open and close windows. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.

ALL SAINTS DAY



The Feast of All Saints falls this year on Sunday November 1st. From the earliest days of the Church, it has been the custom to remember those departed in faith, both the well-known Saints, and the ordinary faithful departed Christians. It is also one of the times we baptize new

Christians, who take their place among the great multitude of those who follow and have followed Jesus. This year at our 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, we plan to baptize Eleanor Fahey, born in May. Eleanor is the daughter of Travis and Marita Fahey and little sister of Abigail who was baptized here on Palm Sunday 2019.

Please write the names of those deceased persons you wish to have remembered at our All Saints service on a purple sheet in the Welcome Area or call or send via email to the parish office by WEDNESDAY October 28th.



NINE-FIFTEEN & TUESDAY FORUM—UPCOMING GOSPELS

Begins October 4 & 6– Gospel for October 11

19th Sunday after Pentecost– Proper 23: Matthew 22: 1-14

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Tuesdays at 12:00 NOON

2nd & 4th Sundays 8:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 a.m.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

2nd & 4th Sundays 11:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays 8:00 a.m.

ZOOM WORSHIP



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