

# GRACE NOTES—November 2021

## MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

A number of years ago, on All Saints' Sunday, a retired priest whom I greatly admired was hospitalized due to the cancer he had been battling. Those of us at Evensong that day heard about it at the service. Of course, many prayers were offered, and continued to be offered during the following days. Two weeks later, on the feast of Christ the King, just after the conclusion of Evensong, we heard that he had, within that hour, joined the great cloud of witnesses who stand before the throne of God. It seemed especially fitting that the last chapter of the life of this holy man should play out in concert with the liturgical themes of the pre-Advent season, as his family, friends and fellow Christians prayed, *that we may run without stumbling to obtain God's promises<sup>1</sup>, that we might be made like Christ in his eternal and glorious kingdom<sup>2</sup>, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life<sup>3</sup>, and that we might be freed and brought together under [Christ's] most gracious rule<sup>4</sup>.*

We in the U.S. associate November with "the holiday season" because "Turkey Day", (followed by "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday") begins the frenetic dash that won't be over until post-holiday sales in January. But in the Church's calendar, giving thanks is the theme for the entire month. Thanksgiving for all the saints. Thanksgiving for all souls, Thanksgiving for the abundance in our lives. Thanksgiving for a different kind of leadership in Christ. Our every-Sunday service is even named after the great Prayer of Thanksgiving it contains; the Eucharistic prayer.

To live a life filled with gratitude—to live eucharistically, is to live a life filled with God, and to participate in God's abundant vision for the world. Thanks be to God!



<sup>1</sup>BCP Collect- Proper 26

<sup>2</sup>BCP Collect- Proper 27

<sup>3</sup>BCP Collect – Proper 28

<sup>4</sup>BCP Collect – Proper 29



## OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Property repair and maintenance costs are high on September financial report due to costs associated with the August flooding caused by failure of the sump pump. The insurance claim check received in October will offset this.
- There may soon need to be a roof replacement for the Parish Center and connector building.
- Ash McNamara is working on a way of visually representing the in-person and online Sunday attendance.
- Vestry has approved our NYS Hero Act plan.
- An additional plaque for the Memorial Garden has been ordered.
- Our diocesan Ministry Grant application to fund Phase 2 internet and livestreaming improvements has been submitted and is in review.
- The Parish Work Group has been accomplishing tasks The wooden shields above the altar and the womens restroom sign in the parish center have been reaffixed.
- Vestry nominees are needed. Consider this service to your church when you pledge.
- Parish administrator hours, duties and compensation were discussed.
- Grace Church follows the COVID-19 CDC and NYS recommendations for masking. Masks are to be worn in the building at all times.

## VESTRY MEMBERS NEEDED

Vestry Member Qualifications Are you called to lead? The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management. As a vestry member, together with the rector and wardens, you will be expected to manage and lead. Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- ⊗ Vestry meetings (1x per month, plus occasional additional meetings as needed);
- ⊗ Committee work (usu. 1x per month);
- ⊗ Vestry retreat (annual);
- ⊗ Regular attendance at worship services (rotating services occasionally);
- ⊗ Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult ed. programs, etc.;
- ⊗ Diocesan meetings, as necessary;

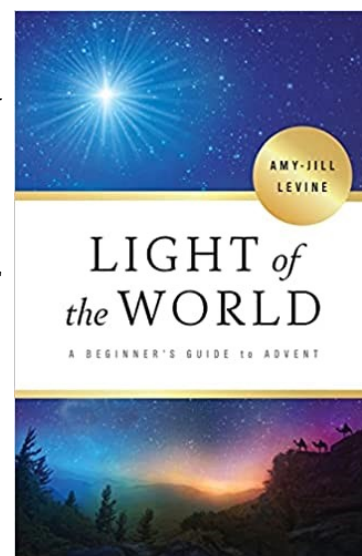
- ⊙ Annual meeting.
- ⊙ Exercise confidentiality and practice healthy, honest, open communication patterns in the parish.

### Qualifications

- Eighteen years of age or older;
- Baptized; (wardens must be confirmed)
- Active member of the parish who is regular in worship attendance and contribution of time and talent and treasure.

## ADVENT FORUM

Join us at 1:00 PM Tuesdays or 9:15 AM Sundays in-person or on Zoom for an Advent book study. *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine, exploring the Christmas story from Elizabeth and Zechariah to the visit of the Magi. Sessions will be held beginning Tuesday November 23/Sunday November 28. The book may be ordered through the parish office for \$9.50, or directly from Amazon or other booksellers. A Kindle version is also available. [Read more here.](#)



## Senior Harvest Dinner – November 21



Have you turned 60 this year? If so let the office know so we can include you in plans for the Senior Harvest Dinner. Be sure to RSVP so you can enjoy this delicious dinner. Call the office if you have not received notification of this event. This year's dinner will be "held" as a grab & go event on Sunday, November 21st. Volunteer drivers are also needed to deliver to those who are at home. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible so an accurate count can be made.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in putting together ten baskets filled with the basics for a Thanksgiving dinner for Head Start families. Below is a list of items we would like to include in each family's basket. Starting Sunday, October 17th, there will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area. Just print your name and phone # next to the item or items you would like to donate, and bring the item to church by Sunday, November 14th. You can sign up in person or call the church office. Likewise, you can deliver your items during in-person services, or call the church office and arrange a drop-off time. The frozen turkeys and pies may be taken to the freezer downstairs. Gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" and placed in the offering basket or delivered to the office. When you bring in your item(s), please check it off. Thanks for your generosity! Here are the items needed:

- 20 lb. turkey
- Bag of Stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- Bag of potatoes
- 2 jars turkey gravy
- 1 family size frozen pumpkin or other pie
- \$20 gift card to a local supermarket



## OUTREACH THANK YOU!

Seven volunteers from Grace helped serve and clean up at Samaritan Center on October 10th. Approximately 130 meals were given out. Thanks to those who volunteered and those who contributed to the cost of the meal. Our next Samaritan Meal will be February 27, 2022.



## GIVING THANKS

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist  
7:00 PM Wednesday November 24

*A monastic table grace*

*V: The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:*

*R: And thou givest them their meat in due season.*

*V: Thou openest thine hand:*

*R: And fillest all things living with plenteousness.*

*Bless, O Lord, these gifts to our use and us to thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## FAMILY BOARD GAME COLLECTION

Starting November 21, the Outreach Ministry is collecting family games for the Baldwinville Christmas Bureau. These are very popular Christmas gifts for the needy. Any games are accepted, but we especially need those that are appropriate for families with older children and adults. Join us in helping the Christmas Bureau spread joy this holiday season! Please bring your donations of games to church by December 12. Thank you!



## PET PROJECT BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Blessing of the Animals, on Sunday, October 3 was attended by 9 persons, 3 dogs, one squirrel and (via photos) 3 cats. A good time (and snacks!) was had by all. An entire car trunk-load of items was collected and delivered to HumaneCNY. Thank you for your generosity to our homeless animal friends!.



## SYRACUSE HOME WORSHIP



After a long hiatus, worship at Syracuse Home has resumed. Next dates are Evening Prayer at 3 pm on November 14 and December 12th. Readers, singers, musicians, and people to help residents with the bulletin are all needed. Please speak to Mother Cathy if interested in helping out.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help with services in church? Volunteers are needed to read the first lesson and psalm. Contact the parish office. Also urgently needed are volunteers to run our livestream at the 11:00 service and at baptisms and funerals. No particular technical skill is needed, alt-



hough familiarity with a touchscreen is helpful. Training and resources will be provided. Contact Mother Cathy or Ash McNamara.



## FROM THE PAST ...

From *Baldwinsville's Own Cook Book*

by Women's Auxiliary Grace Episcopal Church, published  
1950's

### **Pumpkin Pie (With toasted Coconut Crown)**

Mrs. William Halligan

2/3 c. dark brown sugar, firmly packed

2 eggs, slightly beaten

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 2/3 c. evaporated milk, 14 1/4 - oz. can

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1 9-inch unbaked pie shell

3/4 tsp. ginger

1 1/2 c. canned or cooked sieved pumpkin

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 c. shredded coconut, chopped

1/2 c. dark brown sugar

Whipped cream, if desired



Mix the 2/3 cup dark brown sugar, spices, salt and pumpkin. Mix eggs and milk. Stir into pumpkin mixture. Pour into pie shell. Bake in hot oven, 450 deg. F. for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate oven, 350 deg. F. and bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Mix the 1/2 cup dark brown sugar and coconut. Sprinkle on top of hot pie. Brown under broiler for 2 or 3 minutes. Cool. Serve garnished with whipped cream, if desired.

**HAVE YOU SEEN US ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK?**

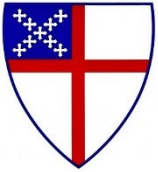


Grace Church is now livestreaming to Facebook for our 11:00 AM in-person Sunday services. Can't find our Facebook Page or YouTube Channel? Click the social media icons in the header and footer on our website [GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org](http://GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org).

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**WORSHIP**

Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite 1 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite 2 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays 12:00 NOON



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