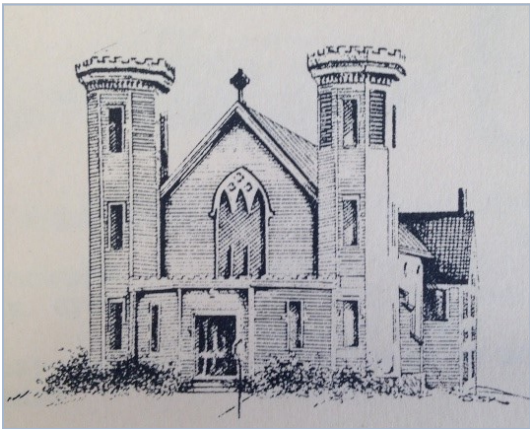


# GRACE NOTES—February 2022

## MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER



Out of curiosity, one day I looked in the church records to find out how Grace Church was impacted by the pandemic — not COVID-19, but the 1918 influenza pandemic. Onondaga County recorded about 8000-9000 cases and about 1000 deaths in just a six-week period around October. By contrast, it has taken 22 months of our current pandemic to reach the same sad number of deaths in our county. Grace has been incredibly fortunate. Our records indicate no deaths due to 'flu in that period of 1918, and only one in our current pandemic so far. While we are blessed to live in an era of mRNA vaccines, antigen and PCR testing, and the ability to do most things, including church services, online, we certainly have suffered as much as our grand- or (great) great-grand-parents did in 1918, though in different ways. For them it a frightening and dangerous time, but of relatively short duration. For survivors, lasting effects were few. For most of us, at 22 months and counting, it is a long, slow slog. Infections may be mild, but peculiar and lasting effects can occur. Most of us are tired. Tired of masks. Tired of limitations. Tired of isolation. Tired of trying to evaluate risk to ourselves and our loved ones, when the information we receive keeps changing. We are also tired of hearing about it, and especially tired of the politicized, sometimes nasty talk on all sides of the issue. As we begin to cautiously re-emerge from some of our precautions, let's make kindness our priority. Kindness and care for those who, for various reasons, can't yet engage as fully in our common life. Children. Those with compromised immunity. Those who care for others at risk. Not because we must, but because Jesus asks us to. *Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me*



## PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS



Please note that as of this printing, regular Sunday services are still in-person, and live-streaming to Facebook at the 11 AM service. To ensure safety and proper air exchange in the church, some windows and doors will remain ajar when the church is occupied. All persons, except vaccinated readers/preachers/soloists must wear a mask at all times while in the building, and physical distancing, hand washing/sanitizing is strongly recommended. Please note that the church will be cool and there will be a slight draft. Please plan to dress accordingly.

## JANUARY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome Sue Purdy, and welcome back Allen Wolf and Pam Griffo. Also welcome to 2022 appointees: Treasurer Dave Ferrari, and Clerk Stacy Wolf. Vestry Notes this month: Barb Reeves.
- The 2022 budget was approved. Monies from the dormant Stephen Ministry Fund were reallocated. Signers on all accounts were reviewed and set.
- COVID measures are still in place. We hope Parish Life will be able to have Pancake Supper on March 1st. We pray the pandemic will ease somewhat by that time.
- Vestry Day is planned for March 5. Vestry Calendar will be 4th Wednesday of the month, except November will be Tuesday the 22nd (due to Thanksgiving Eve service).
- We continue to support Samaritan Meals and B'ville Food Pantry. We also hope to gather funds to gift Cathy McClain, whose husband Brian passed away recently. Please be generous. A receptacle will be in the Welcome Area or mail donations to the parish office.

## SAMARITAN MEAL COMING UP!



Outreach Ministry is looking for 10 volunteers to help serve take-out meals at the Samaritan Center on Sunday, February 27, 12:30 - 3:00 pm. Volunteers need to be 16 or older (or 14-15 if accompanied by an adult on a 1 to 1 basis). All COVID safety protocols will be observed.

You can volunteer by sending an email with your name, email address and mobile phone

number to the church office. You can also sign up in person using the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area, or contact Sue Purdy. The Samaritan Center needs to have a list of the volunteers by February 20 so please sign up by Sunday, February 20.

Also please consider a monetary donation. You can do this by writing a check to Grace Church with "Samaritan Meal" on the memo line and dropping it in the basket during in-person church services. (Or mail the check to Grace Church.)

You can also donate online by going to the Grace Church website, clicking on the green "GIVE" button and selecting "Samaritan Meal" on the pull-down menu.

Thank you so much for continuing to support this important ministry during these difficult times.





## BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATION

The Right Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe visited Grace Church on January 9th and confirmed Emma Wolf. Jenna unfortunately could not attend, but will be confirmed at a later date. Both confirmands did get to talk to the Bishop before the service.



## CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to the newly elected Vestry members, Pam Griffo, Sue Purdy and Allen Wolf. Sue Purdy was elected for a three year term. Pam Griffo and Allen Wolf have renewed their terms, Allen renewed as the Junior Warden and Pam renewed as a three year term. Brad Pettit stepped down as Senior Warden and Barb Reeves stepped up from Junior Warden to Senior

Warden.

Also thank you to the ongoing vestry members, Nancy Fredette, Ruth Frey, Ashley McNamara and Laura Moreau; also a thank you to our clerk Stacy Wolf and Treasurer Dave Ferrari.

*Thank You!*

## DIOCESAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP RESOURCE GROUP

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New in 2022, our Church Leadership Resource Group will meet every other month to share ideas and tools for leading your congregation. This group is open to all parish leaders: staff, clergy, wardens, vestry members, and other volunteers. The next session on Thursday, March 10th, 6:00-7:30 p.m., will focus on the topic “**Sources of Transformation.**” We’ll explore areas of ministry where the Church

has found God is reliably transforming lives, and we’ll talk about using areas of strength to help support and grow areas that are less developed in our congregations. Please REGISTER for the Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoceispjkrGdQ\\_k9GQwCIYeLC1cv6kfBw2](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoceispjkrGdQ_k9GQwCIYeLC1cv6kfBw2)

## DIOCESAN SMALL CHURCH RESOURCE GROUP

The Small Church Resource Group is for leaders from our smallest churches (average Sunday attendance of less than 25). Every other month, we meet on Zoom to share what works and how we’re responding to current challenges and opportunities. On **Thursday, February 10th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, join the Rev. Paul Frolick for a presentation on the topic “**The Rule of St. Benedict.**” Please register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckc-muqTosHtNgT-Mjdpb1eq9tY7ZvvJ56>

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## DIOCESAN WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING

worship leader  
training

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Learn how to lead Morning Prayer and other non-Eucharistic services, whether in-person or online. This Worship Leader training, led by the Rev. Kathlyn Schofield for the Diocese of CNY, is open to anyone who wishes to become a [licensed Worship Leader](#) or renew their license. This training will take place online on Saturday, February 5th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please speak to Mother Cathy if interested.

## THANK YOU!



Thank you to those who continue to support the church by bringing or 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. You may also contribute in this way for flowers, or to special efforts like Samaritan Center Meals.

**GIVE**

## THREADS OF LOVE

During COVID Threads of Love made fleece blankets instead of sleepers for awhile because a lot of places in Syracuse did not want sleepers for many reasons. The blankets were donated to the Christmas Bureau of the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center, and



were received and taken in with gratitude. The sleepers that they have started to make again have been welcomed by the Director of Oswego County Catholic Charities. They will continue to donate to this charity and are always open for any other which would welcome the sleep sacks.





We meet most Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00, but take a break during the Holidays and summer months. Our group: Diane Bowes, Sue Darrohn, MaryHelen Foster, Nancy Frette, Leslie Harper, Sharon Ney, Sue Purdy, Barb Reeves and Carla Wiemers. Not everyone is able to meet each week but we are committed to Threads of Love for its service to others and also we enjoy the camaraderie it affords to each of us.



## SUBSCRIBE TO GRACE'S EMAIL NEWS

Want the latest news? We send weekly *Grace Community This Week*, this monthly newsletter *Grace Notes* and periodic other notices. To subscribe from our website, scroll to the bottom of the page, and complete the subscription form. Be sure to reply to the email you receive to complete the process. Unsubscribing is easy, just click the notice at the bottom of any email we've sent you. Contact the parish office with questions..

## SYRACUSE HOME WORSHIP



Next Syracuse Home worship is Evening Prayer at 3 pm on February 13. 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, although familiarity with a touch-screen is



helpful. Training and resources will be provided. Contact Mother Cathy or Ash McNamara

## LENT (YES, ALREADY!)



Ash Wednesday, is March 2nd this year. In-person services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes are scheduled for 12 noon and 7:00 PM. If you are not comfortable with in-person church, you may make an appointment to receive ashes in your car 11:00 - 11:45 AM, or 6:00-6:45 PM. During Lent it is the custom of many churches to have some kind of additional Lenten worship and/or study. In recent years we have had a Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 5:30 PM, and a 6:00 PM Lenten Vespers on Zoom. Would you be interested this year in an in-person or online weekday worship service? Reading the bible or another book? What days and times would work for you? Mother Cathy is looking for ideas and suggestions.

## DIOCESAN TECH GRANT



We are grateful that we have received a Tech Grant that allowed us to get two new Mevo cameras, and to wire the sanctuary and undercroft for wifi. The cameras were first used to livestream the service of January 9, when the Bishop came for the confirmation of Emma Wolf. With going from using one camera to three, we are allowed to get different angles of the church, each camera is placed at different areas of the church, there's a wide view of the whole front of the church, one that is aimed at the pulpit and the other is aiming at the altar for communion. With these new cameras we have had to learn a new app that allows all three cameras to be used.

We would like to give a big thank you to Nancy Fredette for writing this grant application so we could get it. Another thank you to Cate Griffo who learned the new app and camera set up in fifteen minutes so we could use it when the Bishop came.

## HAVE YOU SEEN US ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK?

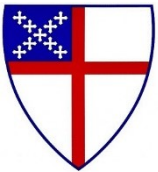


Grace Church is now livestreaming to Facebook for our 11:00 AM Sunday services. We have several very regular attendees, and others find it convenient during travel or bad weather. Can't find our Facebook Page or YouTube Channel? Click the social media icons in the header and footer on our website [GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org](http://GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org).

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