

# GRACE NOTES—April 2022

## MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

### *Watching our Language*

Recently the Episcopal Church's General Convention Committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music met to discuss a resolution that would "direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to recommend revisions to the Church's appointed Lectionary readings for Holy Week to remedy passages that use language that has been interpreted as anti-Semitic" This is an issue not limited to the Holy Week readings from the Gospel according to John, but which can occur elsewhere in our liturgies as well. One of the more notable works is called the *Improperia* or *Reproaches*, and is traditionally used on Good Friday. It begins,

*O my people, what have I done to you  
How have I offended you? Answer me!  
I led you out of Egypt,  
from slavery to freedom,  
but you led your Savior to the cross.*



In recent years, many concerned church leaders and musicians have avoided using the *Reproaches* due to their easy misinterpretation as being address to the Jewish people, rather than to all of Gods people, especially Christians. To remedy this, the Anglican Church of Canada included a new version of the *Reproaches* in their *Book of Alternative Services* published in 1985. This version makes clear to whom the reproaches are addressed. We will use it this year at our 7:00 PM Good Friday liturgy. Here a sample:

*I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,  
and you turned on them with persecution  
and mass murder.  
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.***

*I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.***

### **Holy Week and Easter:**

Palm Sunday— 8 & 11 am

Maundy Thursday— 7 pm

Good Friday— station of the cross & liturgy  
for Good Friday— 7 pm

Great Vigil— 8 pm

Easter— 8 & 10 am

A handwritten signature in cursive, followed by a plus sign.

## COVID GUIDELINES

Effective March 12, Monday– Thursday 7am-3:30 pm, masks are to be worn entering the building and moving about the building. Once you get to your location, masks are optional for those vaccinated, required for those who are not. Outside of school hours masks are optional for those vaccinated and required for those who are not. Please maintain physical distance for the ones who must/choose to wear a mask. If you are sick please stay home. There will still be hand sanitizer and masks available in the Welcome Area, and windows and doors will be ajar during the services.



## MARCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Treasurer, Dave Ferrari, reported that our professional audit needs to be in place. Procedures to be implemented.
- Allen Wolf presented a committee/ministries grid, culled from past annual reports. The Vestry will attempt to consolidate these into six workable umbrella groups for ease of execution and information. There were 20 out of 62 possible responses to the survey.
- Easter services at Grace will be at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. There will be music at both. The 8 am service will be held outdoors weather permitting.
- The funding for mulch will come from the Memorial Garden Fund, as most of it is used there.
- The Village has presented its sidewalk proposal to us. We do have a diocesan grant for part of it.
- Emma Wolf will do our lawn care for \$50.00 per mow. The church will provide needed gas. Thank you, Emma.
- All church members are invited to attend Vestry meetings. If you have something you wish to have addressed, please notify the church office to be put in the agenda.

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN????

We're looking at pictures from the past! Can you figure out WHO, WHAT, WHERE, and WHEN? Let's have some fun. You can post your answers in the Welcome Area next to the photos.



## SAMARITAN CENTER



Dear Friends,

On behalf of all those benefited, I would like to thank you for your generous support of the meal program here at the Samaritan Center!

Your donation of \$250.00 helps us provide a nutritious, well-prepared and dignified meal daily, without conditions, to men, women and children.

Your involvement makes it possible to offer a place of safety, hope and opportunity to individuals and families struggling with hunger and poverty. It could not happen without you.

I cannot fully express the difference you make in the lives of those we serve through your support and generosity. I can only offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude for your faith in us and the work we do to help those in need.

With deepest appreciation,

Mary Beth Frey

Executive Director

## THANK YOU!

Parish Life would like to show our appreciation of all the hard work our parishioners do day in and day out. On April 24, we will be offering a to-go ham dinner. If you would like a meal to-go RSVP by calling the church office at (315)635-3214 or email Stacy Wolf at [swolf25@twcny.rr.com](mailto:swolf25@twcny.rr.com). Dinners can be picked up after the 8am and 11am services.



*Thank You!*



## CLEAN UP DAY!



Parish Clean-Up Day is May 15<sup>th</sup> after a single service at 9 a.m.. Bring your work clothes and any tools that will help with the clean-up activities. There will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area that include a list of what is hoped to be accomplished. There are outdoor needs, like always, and a short list of indoor cleaning jobs that you could help to complete. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



## RENEWAL OF VOWS AND BLESSING OF HOLY OILS

Held annually during or just prior to Holy Week, this service led by our Bishop is a celebration of our shared ministry. Lay and clergy alike are invited to share in Holy Eucharist and a renewal of our baptismal and (for clergy) ordination vows. Bishop Duncan-Probe will also consecrate the Chrism (oil used for anointing the newly baptized) and bless oil for anointing.

For Wednesday, April 6, 2022 Grace Church will be hosting a service at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to come may join us.

The service will be live-streamed at [facebook.com/cnyepiscopal/live](https://www.facebook.com/cnyepiscopal/live) and a recording of the Bishop's sermon will be available on the diocesan website.



## ANNUAL BRICK DEDICATION

The annual brick dedication is scheduled for September 11, 2022. If you are planning to have a brick dedicated, you must order it by July 10, 2022. The cost is \$50. You can find the form on the church website. Click on "Parish Forms" on the menu, and then click on 'Memorial Brick order form'. You can also pick up a form at the church office.



## COOK OFF!

This year's Everything Maple Cook Off was a huge success. There were so many delicious sweet treats and entrees. There were so many good food there that there were ties for first and second place.



## 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**



## OUTREACH EASTER BASKETS!

Looking for something to lift your spirits on these cold winter days? Help Outreach brighten the lives of children by donating items for their Easter baskets.

Next time you are shopping, pick up a few extra items-

- Small toys or games, books, writing tools, paper pads, activity kits, stickers, small bouncy balls, sidewalk chalk, soap bubbles, jump ropes, watercolors, bath toys, --- **anything small and fun for young children!**

- Edible treats are also fine—small cookies, Easter candy, fruit gummies, crackers. (Please make sure these are individually wrapped or in individual packets)



Please deliver your donations to church during business hours by **Monday, April 4** since Head Start starts their spring break on April 11. Our goal is to fill baskets for 20 preschoolers, and we are counting on your generosity. Thank you!!

## SAMARITAN MEAL



Outreach Ministry is looking for 10 volunteers to help serve take-out meals at the Samaritan Center on Sunday, April 24, 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.



## CALLING ALL CHOIR!!

We are looking to have choir for this year's Easter service. Rehearsal dates will be announced soon and will occur after the 11AM service. If you are interested please contact Jeff Wise at [music@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org](mailto:music@graceepiscopalbaldwinsville.org) .



## LENTEN FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Baldwinsville's traditional Lenten Luncheon Series is suspended again this year. However, its sponsors, Church Women United and the Baldwinsville Ministerial Association, present an alternative- "Food for Thought." Participation is open to all, Share your time, talent and treasure. Give of yourself!

Need an idea? Use your Phone: Check on a neighbor, call a shut-in, run an errand for someone, help someone at the laundromat, donate hygiene items to PEACE, Volunteer- Meals on Wheels need many helpers, send a "Thinking of You" note, Welcome someone new, share a smile, sing a song over the phone, donate to the Food Pantry, add your specialties to these suggestions, share this "Food for Thought!".



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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  
Wednesdays in Lent 5:30 pm  
Easter Sunday Rite 1 with music 8:00 am  
Easter Sunday Rite 2 with music 10:00 am



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