

GRACE NOTES — April 2023

MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER



Holy Week takes us outside of ordinary time and space, where what was, and is, and is to come are all true and present at the same time. We are baptized into the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, so for us, this is not a “re-enactment” but a “re-remembering” -- re-making us members of Christ’s body, and our family story of how nothing has, will, or can ever separate us from the love of God. *Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!* —Saint John Chrysostom (circa 400 AD)

Please join us for Holy Week services, on-site or on-line, that we may, as our Palm Sunday prayer has it, *enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby [God has] given us life and immortality.*

On the Sunday after Easter, April 16 we have a scheduled baptism at the 11:00 AM service, a farewell brunch between services, on April 23, and on April 30 we conclude our pastoral relationship as parish and rector. As I wrote for *Grace Notes* before I had even arrived in Central New York, St. Paul reminds us all,

...our primary identification in Christ is as beloved, and our primary call is to be saints; that is, holy ones. Not because of our particular virtue, or our good works, or because we are especially suited for sainthood, but because, in Christ, “we become what we already are”, as the ancient church described it. Inheritors of the kingdom of God. Friends of Jesus. Saints.

As we part company at the end of April, please know that you are and will remain in my prayers. I have loved serving as priest in this community these last eight years, and I am certain that Grace will continue to be an outpost of the Jesus Movement in Baldwinsville, because YOU are called to be saints in *this* place, at *this* time. As the former U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld once wrote, *For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes.*

Blessings!



Mother Cathy



Slam Dunk! Annual Cook – Off: March Madness



This year's Annual Cook – Off challenge was a slam dunk, as many parishioners enjoyed a variety of snacks and appetizers.

Thank you to all who prepared their favorites and for those who attended the event!

Score Board: Winners!

Tina Santy – Jalapeno Poppers & Jeannie LaMere – Ham & Cheese Sliders

MARCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Grace Church is now enrolled in a community solar program to reduce energy costs.
- We are working on supply clergy coverage and service times for May and beyond.
- We continue to work on distribution of responsibilities in light of Mother Cathy's upcoming departure.

HELP WANTED: TREASURER NEEDED



Our current Treasurer will be stepping down and we need a new one. It is important to have someone taking care of the books and keeping the finances in order. Dave will help with the transition. For a job description, if interested or you have any questions, contact Allen Wolf, Dave Ferrari, or any vestry member.

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HEAT'S ON! SAVE THE DATE!



**The 56th Annual Chicken BBQ
will be held on June 3rd**



Look for more information after Easter!

SAMARITAN CENTER UPDATE



On March 26th, Grace Church assisted with the meal service shift at the Samaritan Center. Almost 200 meals were served. Thank you to our volunteers: Sue and Skeet Allen, Jeannie and Tom Lamere, Elaine Ceresko, Laura Moreau, Joy Pople, Sue Purdy and Barb



Winegard (from B'ville Presbyterian). Of special note: we worked with seven Syracuse University student volunteers from their Buddhist Meditation Group. We also delivered the many donations from Grace parishioners to the Samaritan Basic Needs Closet.

[GIVE](#)

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 Thanksgiving Meals.

SYRACUSE HOME WORSHIP



**Worship at Syracuse Home
for Evening Prayer is scheduled
at 3 pm April 16th**

Readers, singers, musicians, and people to help residents with the bulletin are all needed. Please speak to Mother Cathy if interested in helping out.



YOU'RE INVITED.....

Join us for a Farewell Reception

April 23, 2023

9 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

at

Grace Episcopal Church

Baldwinsville, New York

in honor of

The Reverend Cathy Carpenter

who will soon be leaving
Grace Episcopal Church
to answer another call

Brunch will be served

RSVP's appreciated, not required by April 13, 2023

For RSVP's & questions, please contact Jeannie LaMere

via email jeannielamere@gmail.com

or via the office by phone 315.635.3214

please indicate the number of people attending



COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

OFFICE HOURS

TUES 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM WED 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM THURS 7:30 AM — 11 AM

Please call the office in case there have been changes to Maria's schedule

HIPPITY HOPPITY EASTER TRAIL



Thank you for your generous donations for the Easter Bags! Take a look at the gift you're providing seventeen preschoolers in the Head Start Program this Easter!

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN: SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Fellow Members of Grace,

I would like to update you on some changes to services that will happen when Mother Cathy's time with us is over. After some thoughtful consideration, the Vestry has decided that starting on Sunday, May 7th, Spring cleanup, we will move to one service at 9:00 AM. We will alternate between Rite 1 without music and Rite 2 with music. For supply, we have Pastor Nelson Gaetz the first three Sundays in May, Mother Kathy Corley Majors the 1st and 2nd Sundays and Pastor Gaetz the 3rd and 4th Sundays for June through August.

While this is a big change, we tried to come up with a solution that is equitable for many. It also has some benefits:

- It allows us to worship together as one large family.
- Having only one service reduces the number of volunteers needed.
- There is a cost savings paying a supply priest for one service instead of two.

While we begin this transition, I encourage you to continue attending services, praying and worshipping as a community, remaining engaged in the positive work of your committees and stay up to date on pledges.

The Vestry will be very busy working on our next steps and will keep you updated as progress is made. We appreciate your prayer and support as we travel down this path that has been laid before us. Take care, Allen Wolf, Senior Warden

SHARING & CARING

Our family extends sincere thanks to all who have reached out to us in any way during Tom's illness and death. No matter what the gesture, it served to provide a minute when we knew that people cared. Each morning, as I waited to get Tom ready to start his day, I prayed the following prayer: *Lord, help us to live this day, quietly, easily, to lean on your great strength, trust fully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; to meet others, peacefully, joyfully; to face tomorrow, confidently courageously. Amen.* It grounded me and gave me strength to face whatever the day sent our way. As we adjust to our life without Tom's physical presence we are blessed with many wonderful memories. - Nancy Fredette

BEAUTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY....



WEEDING, PRUNING & MULCHING, OH MY!

Annual outdoor clean up day on May 7, 2023 following the 9am service.

Bring your garden gloves & any tools you feel would be helpful for weeding, pruning & spreading mulch.



Thank you!



[Sign up](#)

We need your help with services in church. Will you volunteer to assist us? We are in need of Lectors to read the first lesson and psalm. We email you the reading a few days prior to the service. If so, please contact the Parish Office.

Also needed are volunteers to run our livestream at the worship services. No particular technical skill is needed, although familiarity with a touch-screen is helpful. Training and resources will be provided. There is a sign up sheet for services through the summer in the Welcome Area so we can plan accordingly. Thank you for taking the time to assist during this transition.

FOR A NEW BEGINNING

*In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.*

*For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.*

*It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.*

*Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.*

*Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.*

*Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.*

— John O'Donohue —



HOLY WEEK AT GRACE

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM – Liturgy of the Palms
and Holy Eucharist Rite 1

11:00 AM – Liturgy of the Palms
and Holy Eucharist Rite 2 with music
(Livestreamed to Facebook)

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist Rite 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Watch before the reserved Sacrament
until 11:00 PM
(livestreamed to Facebook)

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM – Liturgy for Good Friday
(livestreamed to Facebook)

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter
(livestreamed to Facebook)

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM - Outdoor Holy Eucharist
in the Memorial Garden
(weather permitting—bring a lawn chair)

11:00 AM – Festive Holy Eucharist Rite 2
with music (livestreamed to Facebook)

Website: GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org
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Tuesday 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Sunday 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2 with music & livestream
Sunday 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 1

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