

GRACE NOTES — May 2023

MOTHER CATHY'S CORNER

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

Thank you for the lovely farewell brunch on April 23rd, and final services (with choir!) on April 30th. Thank you to all those who made these events happen. It was so nice to see so many people and to have a chance to say goodbye. Thank you also for the most generous purse, and the stunning framed photo (see below, taken by Allen Wolf) of the church from outside at dusk, with the New Fire of Easter burning in the Welcome Area. Your signatures around the photo make it a great remembrance of my eight years at Grace Church. I pray God's blessing for Grace Church and its leadership, and know you will be in my heart and prayers going forward. Remember—Eyes and ears on Jesus!

Cathy +



P.S. Some have asked what is next for me, and I'm finally able to tell you that I've been called to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Valparaiso Indiana (about an hour from Chicago) as Special Priest-in-Charge. St. Andrew's is in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. Jon and I will move there in mid-June.

APRIL VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- We are looking for 2 delegates and 1 alternate for Diocesan Convention Saturday October 21st.
- Mother Cathy is donating several personal items to Grace, including an extension ladder!
- We continue to work on distribution of responsibilities in light of Mother Cathy's departure from Grace Church.

Regarding March Madness Results: Incorrect results were reported last month--Dan & Carla Wiemers received 2nd prize and Jeannie LaMere received 3rd prize. Sorry for the error?!



SUPPORT OUR TÜRKIYE (TURKEY) AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE FUND

In the wake of the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria, Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance) to provide emergency relief in the region. Working through the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) and other local organizations, ACT Alliance is providing desperately needed shelter, supplies and support to families and local hospitals.

Because of our long-term partnership with ACT Alliance, we've been able to respond quickly in the wake of this disaster and to reach those who urgently need assistance. In addition to responding to the needs of the moment, we're talking with partners working in both countries to assess how we can help meet the medium- and long-term needs.

All donations to the Türkiye (Turkey)-Syria Earthquake Response Fund will help us continue to respond with what's needed in communities impacted by this disaster.

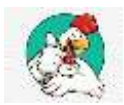
Give what you can at support.episcopalrelief.org/syria-turkey-earthquake/



SCAN TO DONATE TO
OUR TÜRKIYE-SYRIA
EARTHQUAKE FUND

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.



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



Pictured:
Faithful Farewell Service
Canon, Bishop-Elect Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
& The Reverend Cathy Carpenter



TURNING UP THE HEAT



It's that time of year when we need to "comb" on "down" and strut our stuff at the Annual Chicken BBQ. We're preparing for a low & slow heat, yet geared up to meet the call for chicken dinners from the community. We'll cook some juicy chicken, tasty beans and salt potatoes served with a home baked dessert.

We need all hands on deck to help fire up the best BBQ yet! Volunteers are needed for baking, cooking, grilling, taking orders, packing, cashiering and setup Friday and cleanup on Saturday.

- The BBQ is an important fundraiser for the parish.
- It's a way for the parish to connect with our local community.
- It is a great time to reconnect with your Grace Church family.
- We have done much work to streamline the BBQ, but it still takes a lot of help.

Do you need any more reasons to help at the BBQ? There is a sign up in the welcoming area. Please consider signing up to help or donate.

Desserts! We also need 600 Individually wrapped 2 X 2 inch brownies or cookie bars! Please be generous with brownie and cookie size. One 9 X 12 inch pan will make 12 brownies or cookies.

Thanks in advance for all your help to make this event a success!



BRICK DEDICATION

Grace celebrates our Commemorative Brick Dedication in September. Bricks are engraved with a name or message, and installed around our flag pole. There are 3 lines with a maximum of 14 characters per line, including spaces and symbols. On brick Sunday, the bricks are dedicated in a short ceremony following the service.

Brick order forms are available in the Welcome Area and due to the office by July 16th, 2023. The donation for each brick is \$50/brick. You may pay by check made payable to Grace Church or through the green GIVE button on our website home page. Please note your donation as "brick".

YOU'RE INVITED.....THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 4th

6 pm

Saint Augustine's on Obrien Road, Baldwinsville

The parishes of Saint Augustine's, Saint Mary's and Elizabeth Ann Seton Invite you.

We Invite all faiths and beliefs to come together for a evening of prayer.

It is ecumenical.

If you wish to engage by singing, let us know.

The service will be followed by a gathering of fellowship with light refreshment

Does the news keeps you up at night.

Do you worry about our environment.

We need to come together and pray for our world neighbors,
our national neighbors and our local neighbors.

Prayer is an expression of help or thanks to God

Prayer is powerful.

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

You may contact Lucretia Hudzinski at tiffluc@msn.com 315-727-5891



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

Join us as we honor

BISHOP-ELECT CARRIE SCHOFIELD-BROADBENT



FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Grace Episcopal Church Syracuse
819 Madison Street
Syracuse, NY 13210

RSVP by May 5:
bit.ly/bishop-elect-farewell

MAY 25 5-8 P.M.

If you'd like to contribute a gift to the Bishop-Elect's vestment fund, visit episcopalmaryland.org/give or make checks payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Be sure to put "Welcome, Bishop Carrie!" in the memo line.

Free parking available in the Grace Lot, on the occupied side of the street and in the Collegian Hotel lot.



Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau Summer Give-Away Wednesday, June 28, 2023

The BVC would like to introduce a new program. We are expanding our Christmas Bureau program to include a summer give-away. We will be supplying families that qualified for our Christmas Bureau program the opportunity to reserve a box of non-perishable food items and a bag of summer fun gifts.

We will be holding a drive at the BVC office on Loop Rd on June 3rd to collect the specific items needed.

Please "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook for upcoming information.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please call Lauri @ 315.727.5435 or the BVC office at 315.638.0251

A Note of Thanks....

We received a thank you note from Mary Beth Frey, Executive Director of the Samaritan Center for the donation of \$250.00. Also, "Thank you for your endless support and generosity!"



Speak Faith 2023

Speak Faith is a great opportunity for all Episcopalians to get to know and engage their faith in a deeper way, and can also be part of preparation for Confirmation and Reception.

Five group meetings will focus on the Bible, how we talk about God, Anglican history and identity, and faith and Justice.

For more information contact Rev. Canon Tom Ferguson or go to <https://cnyepiscopal.org/speak-faith/>. First Session meets from 9AM-12:30PM on May 20th.

**BALDWINSVILLE
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The Baldwinsville Memorial Day
Parade will be held on
Tuesday, May 30, 2023



Good Shepherd Sunday Faithful Farewell Service April 30, 2023

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.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

May 1st, the first day of a new venture for us at Grace. We are sorry to see Mother Cathy leave, but now we must look ahead to a new beginning, not just some of us but all of us will take this journey together. It will not be a short journey. It will probably be at least a year. It will take all of us to make this journey come to a successful conclusion.

Your vestry will work hard and long to make this process as easy and as smooth as possible. It will need your help and your helpful suggestions, your prayers, and your support, and Grace Church will need your prayers and support.

If you have questions about the process ask us and we will give you as much information as we can.

As we go forward please keep this prayer in your thoughts:

“Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Grace Church, and so guide the minds of those who chose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen “
- bcp pg 818

Brad Pettit, Jr. Warden

A NOTE FROM JEFF



A special thank you to the choir for singing for Mother Cathy's last service at Grace on April 30th. It was a beautiful service. Also, a big thank you to everyone for their wonderful music during Holy Week including Terry on handbells for Palm Sunday and the entire choir for Easter Day. Let us continue to make joyful noise unto the Lord.

-Jeff Wise
Organist



BLESSING FOR PEACE

“I hope that the darkest nights of your soul
Give way to the glorious days of your spirit
I hope that through the shadows
Of those heart eclipses born of solitary evenings
A new life is born, and a change is set forth
I hope that you grant yourself the celestial passport
Your spirit has been yearning for
As you sweep into the deepest valleys of your soul
So you can gather the strength to soar to the highest mountain peaks
Breathing in the angelic essence of you
Fully, unashamedly, and unconditionally
I hope that you find the beat of your heart
In every flower, every meadow, every delight that your eyes can truly see
For it is within that beauty that your spirit lives
A conscious connection, a godly reflection
Of all natural, ethereal, fountains and springs
I hope that you can see beyond the clouds
To the sunlight that is waiting to peek its way through
Remember, the blanket of sky that keeps you warm at night
Is one of a silver, shimmering starry view
It is where you are held, always loved and at peace
A lustrous artwork of angels to whisper their magic as your heart speaks”

By, Christine Evangelou– Beating Hearts and Butterflies

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You are Welcome Here!

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

WORSHIP WITH US



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