

GRACE NOTES — September 2023

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL BALDWINSVILLE

JOIN US! WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM



REFLECTION POOL, BY FATHER JOE HANNAH

I have had the pleasure of serving as your rector for a month now, and I must say that everyone has been completely welcoming and hospitable. We have had people at our Sunday service ranging in age from 9 months all the way up to those of us who are VERY mature. I have listened to people tell me stories about Grace as it was in the past, which is wonderful because we cannot forget our foundation and our traditions. I have also started asking people about what they would like to see in Grace going forward, because our story is far from being finished! In fact, I have sensed hope and optimism about our service to each other and our community in nearly everyone I have had the pleasure to meet. Now that autumn and the school year are upon us, we will be exploring ways to further share our "Grace" with others. Your input and opinions matter, and we will provide opportunities to tell us what you think. The first vestry meeting is coming up soon, and even though as an athletic coach I never developed a tremendous fondness for meetings, I can't wait for this one! We are an active member of the body of Christ. Let's keep it healthy. Hey, maybe I can get the Kiwanis people to route the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot past the church.....you never know.

Peace,

Fr. Joe



AUGUST

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The Community Band Concert at Grace on July 26th went very well. There were 41 band members and 77 attendees.
- ◆ The Reverend Joe Hannah's ordination took place at Grace on July 29, 2023. 97 people attended this very special occasion.
- ◆ The Stewardship Campaign is on the horizon. Grace Sunday will be October 29th.
- ◆ Weekly worship services will continue at 9 AM, alternating Rite 1 with Rite 2.



HAVE YOU SEEN US ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK?

Grace Church is now livestreaming to Facebook for our 9:00 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.



GIVE

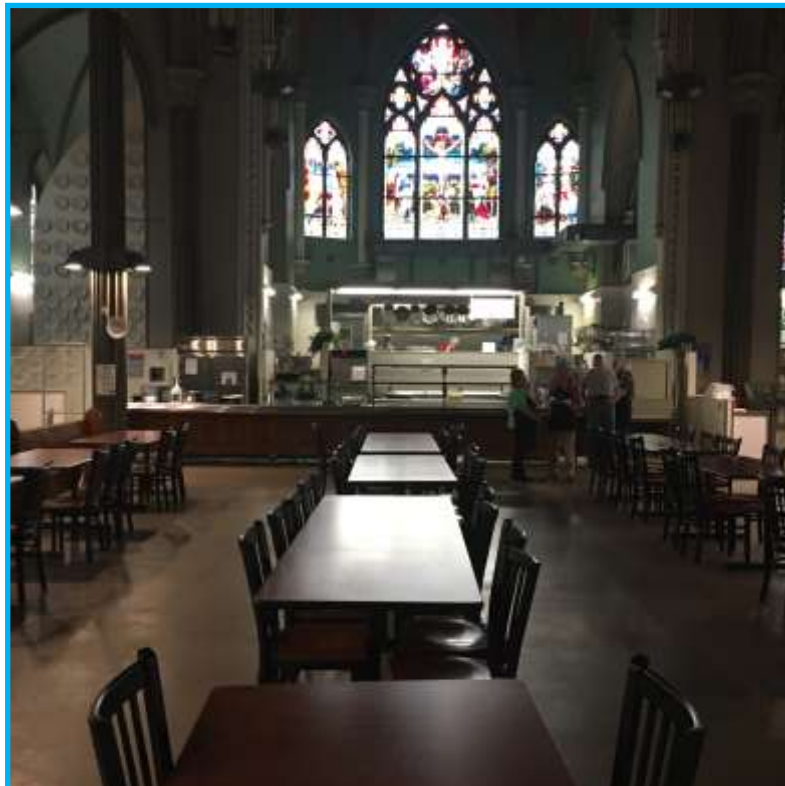


Thank you to those who continue to support the church by bringing or mailing in your offerings. For those who prefer online giving there's a green button on the home page of our website that says, "Give." It is an easy and safe way to give to Grace. You may also contribute in this way for flowers, or for special efforts like Thanksgiving Meals.

PARKING PERMIT 2023-2024 SEASON

Parking Pass application information for 2023-2024 is underway and we still have some spaces available. Applications will only be received online this year and located under the forms section of our website.

For non-active members, the parking pass fee is \$100 for the school year. We will distribute the rest of passes by individual appointment during office hours as we collect the “fee” and paperwork from each student.



SEPTEMBER OUTREACH

Contact Sue Purdy with any questions

Samaritan Meal: We will assist with the meal service shift 12:30 - 3 PM on Sunday Sept 24th at the Samaritan Center. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Welcome Area and requires your cell phone number and email for the Samaritan Center to send messages with updates. We will also collect basic needs items (in the Welcome Area) for the Samaritan Closet during the month of September (until Sept 24th). The current needs are for (regular size):

soap deodorant adult diapers shampoo toilet paper toothpaste

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Livestream Operator
and Virtual DJ

Please call or email
the office with your interest.
Training is provided.

WEATHER POLICY

Our office will be closed when Baldwinville schools are closed due to weather. Weekend closures will be announced via email, posting on our website, Facebook page, and on local media.



From the Garden of Grace... SOWING, PLANTING, GROWING & COMMUNITY



A hefty heirloom tomato was adopted by the Head Start staff.

BRICK DEDICATION

Grace celebrates our
Commemorative Brick Dedication
on Sunday, September 10th.

The bricks are dedicated
in a ceremony following the service.



ALTAR GUILD



You're invited to attend the Altar Guild meeting on September 23, 2023 at 9A.M.

We are looking for new members and all are welcome to attend the meeting.

Contact Sue Allen for more information



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

- ⇒ Monday, September 4th: Office closed due to Labor Day Holiday
- ⇒ Sunday, September 10th: Brick Dedication Sunday
- ⇒ Tuesday, September 12th: Parish Life & Parish Work Night 7 P.M.
- ⇒ Thursday, September 14th: Outreach Meeting 3 P.M.
- ⇒ Friday, September 15th: October Grace Notes submissions due via email
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 20th: Finance Meeting 7 P.M.
- ⇒ Saturday, September 23rd: Altar Guild Meeting 9 A.M.
- ⇒ Sunday, September 24th: Samaritan Center Volunteer Opportunity 12:30 P.M.
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 27th, Vestry Meeting 7 P.M.

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You are Welcome Here!

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

WORSHIP WITH US



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