

GRACE NOTES — March 2024

Reflection Pool: Easter Edition

The gospel of Mark moves abruptly from Jesus' baptism to his 40 days of trial and temptation in the wilderness, followed immediately by the beginning of His ministry in Galilee. The lenten season represents our 40 days of penitence and prayer, and is traditionally a time of preparation for baptism and the renewal of baptismal vows. In Lent it is unlikely that we will be challenged with the same severity and depth as Jesus, but our purpose is similar. First, we have the opportunity to identify those things that stand in the way of our relationship with God. Second, we can renew our commitment to prayer. We speak with God, listen to God, and sense the myriad ways He appears to us in our lives. Finally, we are prepared for our own ministries as we serve others as the Body of Christ in the world.

This is our preparation for Holy Week, the ultimate shared experience with our Lord and Savior. We begin with the Passion narrative of Palm Sunday, where Jesus received a hero's welcome from the crowd. He entered Jerusalem on a donkey, an iconic contrast to the Roman conception of hero worship which was not lost on the rulers of the day. On Palm Sunday we see how the enemies of Jesus were already plotting His death.

On Maundy Thursday we begin the Triduum, the three holy days before Easter. On this day we observe the institution of the Lord's Supper and the command for love and service to others under even the most extreme circumstances. Jesus washed his disciples feet! On

Good Friday we will follow Jesus on His agonizing trek through the stations of the cross, when all hope seems lost. On Saturday we observe the Great Vigil of Easter and the lighting of the Paschal candle. On Easter Sunday we will have our festive Holy Eucharist with music as together we celebrate the joy and triumph of the resurrection. Jesus endured a time of preparation for His ministry, his betrayal, the crucifixion, and His ultimate triumph over death. In Lent and Holy Week we are encouraged to share this journey with Him as children of God and in community with each other.

Please Join us!

Fr. Joe



FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Treasurer/Finance reported adjustments to the budget: monies moved from the Music Fund of the UIF to retain a full- time organist and provide for supply organists.
- An escrow fund was created to fund the tri-annual audits. Equal amounts to be deposited each year.
- Created a line-item expense for the every three year professional audit, with \$0 amount this year (so we remember to add to it next year).
- A 2023 surplus is being put into “Properties”, earmarked for roofing.
- Donation from the Friday AA group put into the Building Fund.
- The parochial report will be submitted to the Diocese in March.
- Next vestry meeting is March 21.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you to all the members of the congregation who volunteered their time to plan, shop, cook, prepare and cleanup for the Shrove Tuesday Community Pancake Supper. Our guests enjoyed the



event!



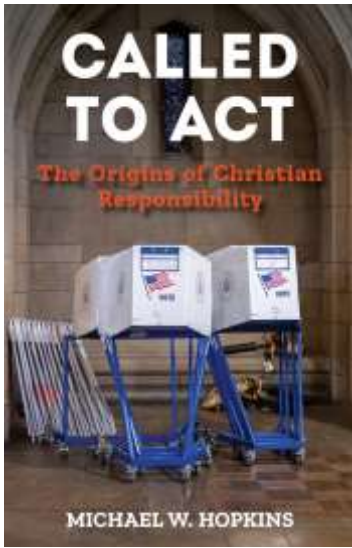
Parish Life
Cook Off
**ALL THINGS
IRISH**

March 17th after the Service
Sign up in the welcome area



**Prizes
awarded for
best dishes!**

FORUM LENTEN STUDY



The book for the Lenten Study is
*Called to Act: The Origins of Christian
Responsibility*

by Michael Hopkins

Time: After the Sunday Service

HELP WANTED: LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED

We could use some more volunteers to run the livestream on Sundays so that those who cannot be with us can still participate in the Service and those that are curious can see what a Sunday service at Grace looks like. Live Streaming can be as simple or as complex as you comfortable with. .

If you are interested please talk to Allen, Ashley or Terry. Thanks!



EASTER BASKETS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Easter Bags for Head Start Preschoolers

Help Outreach brighten the lives of local 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)

We are putting together 17 baskets this year so please be generous!

Please deliver your donations to church by **Tuesday, March 26** so that Head Start can deliver the baskets to the children before their spring break begins.

Have Fun and Thank You!

HAVE YOU SEEN US ON FACEBOOK?

Grace Church livestreams our 9:00 AM Sunday service on our Facebook page. It can be convenient during travel or bad weather. Can't find our Facebook Page? Click the social media icons in the header and footer on our website at GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org.



COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR ALLEN'S SCHEDULED OFFICE HOURS

TUES 5 -6 ISH WED 6- ? OTHER HOURS AS NEEDED

Hours may change without notice

Office@GraceEpiscopalBaldwsinville.org

Holy⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

March 24(Palm Sunday) 9:00 AM

March 28(Maundy Thursday) 7:00 PM

March 29: (Stations of the Cross) 4:00 PM

March 30(Easter Vigil) 8:00 PM

March 31(Easter Sunday) 9:00 AM

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Easter Flowers

Order flowers online at
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filling out the form in the
welcome area or scan the QR
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Orders due by March 24th

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Sunday 9:00 A.M. Alternating Holy Eucharist Rite 1 and Rite 2

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