

# GRACE NOTES — June & July 2024

## THE REFLECTION POOL

Summer!

Growing up, my idyllic summer day was to sleep late (no school!), get on my bike, and pedal over to Bayberry Swim Club. Once there, we would play endless games of tag in the pool, dodging in and out of the other patrons, and driving the life-guards absolutely nuts. After hours of swimming I would head home, change clothes, and play pickup sports (baseball, basketball, football) until the sun began to set. Then it was dinner, hopefully a dessert of strawberry pie, and a good book. I loved science fiction. I couldn't get enough. Times change, however. Soon my summer mornings featured swimming practice, followed by hours of lifeguarding (where the kids would drive Me nuts), another swim practice, and then an evening of recovery before doing it all again. Oh, how I looked forward to my days off! As an adult working year round, summer for me was and still is the time of year I still associate with leisure and a more relaxed style of living. Most of our vacation time is taken in the summer. People have summer camps and cottages. There are summer leagues and travel teams. Virtually every sport (driving parents nuts). There are more outdoor activities and places to do them than anyone can count. Finally, believe it or not, summer is a great time to kick back and rest. In Mark 6:31 Jesus told his disciples to retreat from the busyness of work and rest awhile. It is restorative. In Matthew 28:30, Jesus promises to give us rest from our burdens. It is not good for body and soul to always feel the weight of work. Perhaps we can look at summer vacation time as an extended sabbath, where we can enter into a different realm; a different pace of life conducive to physical regeneration and spiritual growth. Spiritual growth! In summer!

Grace will still be here every Sunday. Our summer services will be upbeat and (hopefully) enjoyable. In our comings and goings this time of year we must also remember those for whom summer is just an extension of a difficult life. It is the mission of the church to always and everywhere strive to elevate the less fortunate. Need has no season. So, make sure you beat the heat. Stay safe. Be faithful. See you soon. Cowabunga! I mean, peace, Fr. Joe



## MAY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Work on the new roof over the education center will begin mid June.
- Frank and Leslie Harper donated beautiful new flower stands for the altar.
- Phyllis Rogers donated to Grace a large amount of office supplies.
- 95 people were in attendance at the Community Band concert on May 22.
- Fr Joe will officiate at the Church on the Island service June 30 and Aug 11.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR GARDEN "GNOMES"!

Our clean-up day was a wonderful success despite what the weather was. Even that was a bit of a success as it rained before and after but not during the clean- up! A special thanks to the crew that worked two prior Fridays to weed the memorial garden ahead of clean-up day so mulching could happen in the weed- free garden. Thanks to Ann Makowiec, Sue Allen, Ruth Frey, Carol Lewis and Jeannie LaMere for those efforts. The work would not have been completed without the weed pulling, raking and mulching from our other garden gnomes that worked tirelessly. Thanks to Lou Santy, Tom LaMere, Brian Fancher, Mike Randall, Frank and Leslie Harper, Sue Purdy and Laura Moreau for all their hard work. Also, thanks to Carol Lewis, Dan and Carla Wiemers, Mary Helen Foster and Tina Santy for the delicious lunch following a job well done!



A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped make the BBQ such a success! It was awesome to see everyone working together! The chicken dinners were excellent and much fellowship was had. Already thinking about improvements for next year! Till then, my BBQ hat goes on the shelf, Allen

# 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, September 8th, 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 22nd, 2024.

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”.

**Help Needed**  
Livestream Operator  
Please call or email  
the office with your interest.  
Training is provided.



[GIVE](#)

**Thank you to those who continue to support the church by bringing or mailing in your offerings throughout the summer months.**

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.



## PARKING PERMIT 2024-2025 SEASON

Parking Pass application information for 2024-2025 will open on July 24th for active Grace parishioners and those renewing parking passes. Applications open to all on August 1st.

Applications are only received online.

For non-active parish members, the parking pass fee is \$100 for the school year. Look for general application information on our website beginning on August h. Applicants will be notified via email as to whether they secured a "Parking Permit".

## BALDWINSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT



95 people were in attendance at the Community Band concert on May 22. After being treated to some great music, the cool ice cream was a welcomed treat on another steamy band concert night!



# REBUILDING THE BBQ PIT



# Grace Church Commemorative Brick Order Form

Each year Grace celebrates our Commemorative Brick Dedication in September, usually on the Sunday nearest September 11. 4" x 8" 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. Because of the lead time needed for this process, the date for submitting brick orders is July 22nd. The donation for each brick is \$50/brick. You may use the form below, and pay by check made to Grace Church, or through the green GIVE button on our Home Page. Please note your donation as "Brick". Below enter each line exactly as it should appear. Note that contents are subject to the approval of the vestry. Questions? Please contact the parish office.

Note that you must fill out a separate order form for each brick ordered.

I wish for my Commemorative Brick to Read:

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Please complete the following in the event we need to contact you with questions on your order.

Name:

Best Contact Info:

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# 57TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ







## Where in the world is Fr. Joe?



I attended clergy day at Hancock AFB and got to know their chaplains and what their base personnel do every day. Drones can read a license plate from 20,000 feet!



Father Joe, Laurel and Lucas running in the Gay 5K  
on June 15th at Long Branch Park.

# OUTREACH SUMMER PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

## To benefit Baldwinsville High School's "Bee Full" backpack Program

The Outreach Ministry's July and August project is to collect

16 oz. jars of peanut butter for Baker High School's "Bee Full" program, which provides food for students who may not have enough for the weekend. It was created during the 2018-2019 school year by a Baker student as a service project for the Rotary Youth Leadership Organization and is currently run by Baldwinsville teachers. On Friday afternoons and before each vacation, students who are accepted by the program are given a pack of nutritious snacks to take home.

In the past, Outreach has collected jars of peanut butter for other schools and organizations, and this year we would like to support our local high school. Peanut butter is a relatively high-priced item and so is especially appreciated. In recent years, 100 jars were collected at Grace Church during July and August.

Let's see if we can beat that number this year!



**COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR**

**ALLEN'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER.

HOURS WILL VARY GREATLY

PLEASE EMAIL [OFFICE@GRACEEPISCOPALBALDWISVILLE.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@GRACEEPISCOPALBALDWISVILLE.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

**RECTOR**

**FR. JOE'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Hours may change due to vacations. Contact Fr. Joe for more information.

**Worship with Fr. Joe on the Island**

Fr. Joe will be leading Church on the Island in Baldwinsville on June 30th and August 11th @8:00 AM.



**WORSHIP WITH US @ GRACE ALL SUMMER LONG**

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

*You are Welcome Here!*