

GRACE NOTES — April 2025

THE REFLECTING POOL

We are in the last full week of March. April and Holy Week will soon be upon us. Spring in the northern hemisphere, particularly in places like Central New York where winter can truly be a “bear”, is a time of growing warmth. People begin to emerge from their winter cocoons. Lawn and garden centers start to fill up. Playing fields and town parks are restored. In typical CNY fashion, the last week of March looks like it’s going to be the coldest one of the month, but vibrant life and warmth will not be held back. It is resurrection season in more ways than one.

The ancient Jewish people believed that their dead descended to a shadowy place called Sheol. Early on it was assumed that all of the dead, both righteous and wicked, went to this shadowy place expecting little more than rejoining their ancestors in “the grave”. As time went on the belief evolved. Sheol was compartmentalized into different sections for the faithful and the fallen. Conditions for the faithful were obviously superior. The Jewish people also did not believe in individual resurrection. They believed that the Messiah would restore the nation of Israel, and all the nations, in a very real and physical and tangible way. It was not intended to be a spirit realm.

The disciples were, of course, Jewish. They had trouble understanding that Jesus would be raised from the dead because for centuries there was no talk (except in very rare instances) of individual resurrection after death. So, when Jesus was raised and did normal human things such as eating fish and holding discussions and allowing people to physically touch his wounds, it was Radical! Along with the belief that a perfect creation would be established on earth, Jesus showed that resurrection in the physical world was possible for a person who could do and feel and experience things the way they used to. Eventually, Christianity was born. The meaning of “on earth as it is in heaven” is still a subject of debate. What our restored bodies will look like is unknown. The ancient Jewish people would expect a physical, practical existence on this earth. I would love to tell you the answer, but for two things; First, I don’t know either, and Second, it’s more fun to listen to the speculation. In under a month, we can sing Alleluia!

Peace, Fr. Joe



MARCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- * Renewed KeyBank cd for additional 8 months at 3.5%
- * Great turn out for Safe Church training.

We are 100% complaint with key holders.

- * Baldwinsville chamber of commerce will be renewed

Kitchen Needs

We are working on restocking the kitchen and are in need a some items to keep things cooking! Please talk to Jeannie LaMere if you are interested in donating something off the list.
Thanks!

- 2 sets of nesting plastic measuring cups.
- One cup glass liquid measuring cup.
- Two cup glass liquid measuring cup.
- 4 rubber scrapers/spatulas



There was a great turnout for the pancake supper.

Proceeds will be donated to Meal's on Wheels.



SPRING COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Mark your calendars for this event!

April 30, 2025 starting at 7 PM

The Baldwinsville Community Band will once again entertain us with their fantastic music. Stewart's Shops has generously donated ice cream sundaes to enjoy following the concert.

Please join us and bring your friends, families and neighbors.

CHURCH CLEAN UP



Our annual outdoor pruning, weeding and mulching will be on May 4th, following the service.



Bring your garden gloves & any tools you feel would be helpful.

The 58th Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on June 7th

Save the date on your calendar!

More information and sign ups coming soon!



BISHOP'S VISIT

The Bishop will be visiting Grace on June 22nd. She will participate in our service, and afterward, we invite everyone to enjoy an enhanced coffee hour.



Holy⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

April 13 (Palm Sunday)	9:00 AM
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April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	7:00 PM
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April 18 (Stations of the Cross)	4:00 PM
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April 20 (Easter Sunday)	9:00 AM
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Rev. Dr. Joseph Hannah

COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

ALLEN'S SCHEDULED OFFICE HOURS

TUES 5:00—7:00 WED 6:00PM -?

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