

# GRACE NOTES — May 2024

## THE REFLECTING POOL

Welcome to May, the month of Pentecost. Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter, and it refers to the coming of the Spirit shortly after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. As loyal Episcopalians, we proclaim the words of the Nicene Creed every Sunday, saying: “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.” We say these words so much that we do not often stop to think about them. What can we say about the Spirit?!

First, the Holy Spirit is the “giver of life”. This is not in the sense that one flips a switch. Rather, it is a force, a power, that animates all living things. Yes, we need our carbohydrates, fats, and proteins, but they would go to waste if not for the Spirit that gives us purpose to do “the work we are given to do”. It is a life force, and the reason there is always Spring. Second, the Spirit “proceeds” from the Father and Son. It proceeds not by any visible mechanism, but by spiration, or breathing, filling the air among us and around us with the unique inspiration that can only come from God. Yes, we breathe in the Spirit! In goes the good air, and out goes the bad. Finally, it has “spoken through the prophets”. There have been many great and mighty prophets through the ages, but there are many times more “normal” ones. I am talking about us, for we are prophets, too.

Most of us have probably not experienced the Spirit via visible tongues of fire or by suddenly quoting scripture in multiple languages. No worries. When we are compelled by that “inner voice”, those urges that cannot be denied, to do the work of the Body of Christ on Earth; the Spirit is indeed talking to us and through us. Sometimes we are simply grateful to be a part of God’s ongoing creation. I hope your Spring is colorful, warm, and filled with the Spirit.

The day of Pentecost, May 19, Red for Spirit and holy fire!

Peace, Fr. Joe



## APRIL VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- We are exploring possible options for an electric sign.
- Diocesan Convention will be in Oct '24 with the need for 2 lay delegates and up to 2 alternates. Anyone interested should contact Fr Joe.
- A contractor will be hired to replace the roof over the education center.
- We would like to revive the Memorial Garden Committee. Anyone interested can contact Fr Joe, warden or vestry member.
- The Philadelphia Eleven - note the info in This Week at Grace re the event May 14.

## CHURCH CLEAN UP

Our Annual outdoor clean up will be on this Sunday, May 5th following the 9am service. Bring your garden gloves & any tools you feel would be helpful for weeding, pruning & spreading mulch. Light lunch will be provided after.

**Thank you!**



**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.

## CHICKEN BBQ

The Chicken BBQ will be here before you know it. We are bringing back the Eat In option, so we will need a couple extra volunteers to collect money during the BBQ. **Please check the sign up board in the Welcome Area for that and other positions we need help with.** If you have a sign, please put it out. If you have a place where a lawn sign would help advertise or know of a place that you can hang a flyer, you can pick those up in the welcome area.

Wondering if you should help out at the BBQ....

- 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.

**Desserts!** We need 600 Individually wrapped 3X3 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. 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". There is a form attached to this newsletter, you can find it on the website [here](#) and are also available in the Welcome Area.

Forms are due to the office by July 16th, 2024.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 5th: Church Clean up  
May 8th: Memorial Service for Marilyn Brown  
May 18th: Memorial Service for Phyllis Brown  
May 19th: Wear your red for Pentecost and work continues on the BBQ Pit  
May 22nd: Community Band concert @ Grace  
TBA: Planting of the Garden of Grace with the little sprouts (kids)  
June 1st: Chicken BBQ

This summer, mark your calendars for an island getaway! Fr. Joe will be leading Church on the island on June 30th and August 11th!

## Help Needed

We need your help with services in church.

Will you volunteer to help out?

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Also needed are volunteers to run our livestream at the worship services. No particular technical skill is needed. Training and resources will be provided.
- ⇒ The counters and altar guild would love some help too!
- ⇒ Please reach out if you feel you could help out in any of these areas.

Thanks!



## COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

### OFFICE HOURS

TUES 5:00-? PM WED 5-?

EMAIL IS CHECKED DAILY

[Office@GraceEpsicopalBaldwinsville.org](mailto:Office@GraceEpsicopalBaldwinsville.org)



# The Philadelphia Eleven

One night only  
in select cities!

**DISCOVER THE  
UNTOLD STORY  
OF ELEVEN WOMEN  
WHO CHALLENGED  
THE STATUS QUO**



**May 14, 7:15 pm**  
Regal Destiny  
9586 Destiny USA Dr.  
Syracuse, NY 13204

The film screening will be followed  
by a panel discussion with:  
The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe  
The Rev. Canon Megan Castellan



[www.philadelphiaelevenfilm.com](http://www.philadelphiaelevenfilm.com)  
#tellthestory #philadelphiaeleven @PhilElevenDoc

## May 2

Cinema Paradiso  
Memphis, TN

## May 14

The Main Cinema  
Minneapolis, MN

Nickelodeon 6  
Portland, ME

Michigan Theater  
Ann Arbor, MI

Broadway Centre Cinemas  
Salt Lake City, UT

Regal Destiny  
Syracuse, NY

Tara 4  
Atlanta, GA

Gateway 20 - Regal  
Austin, TX

## May 21

Harkins Shea 14  
Scottsdale, AZ

DCTV  
New York, NY

Bryn Mawr Film Institute  
Philadelphia, PA

AFI Silver Theater  
Silver Spring, MD

# Rebuilding the BBQ pit is off to a good start and is making good progress!



**HELP FINISH REBUILDING  
THE BBQ PIT**

**WORK CONTINUES  
MAY 19TH  
AFTER THE SERVICE**



Talk to Tom or Allen for more information

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



57TH ANNUAL

**SATURDAY JUNE 1ST**

**NOON - 4 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT**

**DRIVE-THRU AND EAT IN!**

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SLOW-COOKED CHICKEN OVER THE BBQ PIT,  
SALT POTATOES, BAKED BEANS,  
ROLL WITH BUTTER, AND DESSERT.  
\$13.00 FOR A HALF-CHICKEN MEAL

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# Baldwinsville Community Band

## Summer 2024 Concert Series

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|---------------------|---|--|
| May 22nd, 7pm       | ○ | Grace Episcopal Church<br>110 Oswego St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027           |
| June 26th, 7pm      | ○ | Baldwinsville Presbyterian Church<br>64 Oswego St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027 |
| July 24th, 7pm      | ○ | St Augustine's Church<br>7499-7301 Obrien Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027      |
| August 21st, 7pm    | ○ | Baldwinsville Methodist Church<br>17 W Genesee St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027 |
| September 18th, 7pm | ○ | Canton Woods Senior Center<br>76 Canton St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027        |

\*All Shows will be indoors

SCAN ME



(315) 638-4956

<https://linktr.ee/baldwinsvillecommunityband>



# 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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