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Grace Notes

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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR THE REV. MASUD IBN SYEDULLAH, TSSF

Towards the Celebration of the Resurrection!

Easter will soon be upon us, and we will hear again the ancient proclamation, "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" The celebration of the Resurrection (Easter) is not only *the chief festival* of Christian Faith, but is also *the chief message* of Christian Faith – God raised the crucified Jesus to new life! The power of evil and death were defeated. And what is more, God provides a way for us to overcome the power of evil and the fear of death. The reality of the resurrection can be known and experienced in our lives. These are some of the core meanings of the Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate at Easter.

The true joy of Easter (of resurrection) can only be fully appreciated after the experience of suffering and death. For, after all, Resurrection is the experience of being *restored* after having been *destroyed*. The Resurrection of Jesus is meant to be a dramatic and power-filled symbol of the power of God to overcome the negative and destructive forces in our life. Again, one can best appreciate such an action of God *after*

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one has experienced some pain, sorrow, loss, or death. Since no one lives for very long without experiencing some measure of these experiences, the message and experience of Resurrection is Good News for everybody.

Although each day in Holy Week (the days between Palm Sunday and Easter Eve) has a distinctive liturgy, with themes related to the last days of Jesus' earthly life and ministry, it is the very special last liturgies of Holy Week, known as the Triduum (the Three Days) that are the most significant and powerful – the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday evening (The Great Vigil of Easter).

These special services at the end of Holy Week are so significant, so powerful and meaningful because they intentionally and systematically take us on a journey – a dramatic and spiritual journey – detailing the experiences of Jesus and his disciples from the depths of uncertainty, fear, darkness, and death, to the unimaginable and exhilarating heights of assurance, peace, light, and new life. When his followers began to shout, “He is risen!” that proclamation comes from their experience of having known the depths of sorrow and despair. The liturgies of the Triduum are designed to help us, modern followers of Jesus, to identify with the suffering of Jesus and to experience the joy of resurrection – new life – in our own lives.

You will hear more about these special observances as we move closer to Holy Week, but in the meantime, please do mark your calendars and plan to participate in the special Holy Week services:

- Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m (The Maundy Thursday Liturgy);
- Friday, April 18, Noon at St. Peter's, 7:00 p.m. at Grace (Good Friday Liturgy); and
- Saturday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. (The Great Vigil of Easter Eve).

May we all grow closer to Christ and his Church, as we anticipate the Celebration of the Resurrection,

Father Masud†



LENTEN PROGRAM AT GRACE CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE! – FRIDAY EVENING, 6 P.M., MARCH 28TH
A LENTEN TAIZÉ EXPERIENCE
FOR YOUTH & ADULTS OF ALL AGES

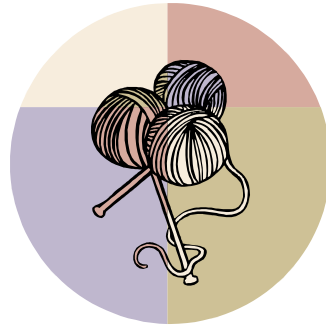
Come and experience an evening of the inspiring meditative songs, prayer, and devotional reflections from the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France.

Father Masud is inviting the members and friends of Grace Church and our sister churches of the community to experience a spiritually uplifting Evening Prayer, preceded by supper and fellowship, with the theme, ***Instruments of Peace.***

Save the Date, and Plan to Invite a Friend!
Child care will be provided.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 24th
to mcgalliatgrace@aol.com or 677-3064.





Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Shawl Retreat

April 5th, 2014 12:30 – 4pm

**Join Grace Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry
And Father Masud Ibn Syedullah, TSSF
for a day of fellowship, crafting and prayer**

Lunch will be provided.

Please bring a finger food dessert to share.

Participants will receive a free Prayer Shawl in a weekend pattern.
Bring a project to work on, or ask us for a materials list for the pattern
we are giving out!

Please RSVP to kmustello@optonline.net or Parish Office
677-3064 by March 29th

Holy Week at Grace

Palm Sunday, April 13th - Services at 7:30 and
10:00 am

Monday, April 14th - 7 pm Eucharist

Tuesday, April 15th - 7 pm Eucharist

Wednesday, April 18th - 7 pm Eucharist

Thursday, April 19th - 7 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Good Friday, April 18th - 12 noon Service at St. Peter's.
7 pm Service at Grace

Holy Saturday, April 19th - 7 pm The Great Vigil of
Easter Eve **(Note, one hour earlier than last year)**

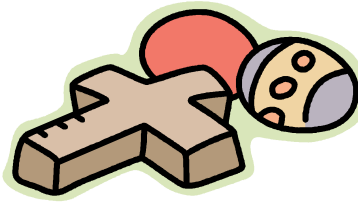
Easter Sunday, April 20th - Services at 7:30, 9:00, and
10:30 am. The 9 am service is a Family service.

Note extra service and time change.



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

April 2014



Sunday Service Schedule:
7:30 Holy Eucharist

Weekday Services:
Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am

10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist
- Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Whitton</i>	2 <i>Willis</i>	3 <i>Wilson</i>	4 <i>Winkler</i>	5 12:30 - 4 pm Prayer Shawl Retreat <i>Witt</i>
6 9 am Lenten Spiritual Formation Class <i>Ainsley</i>	7 <i>Antonson</i>	8 6:15 pm ESL <i>Archambault</i>	9 <i>Armstrong</i>	10 6:15 pm ESL <i>Ashton</i>	11 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Augerson</i>	12 <i>Ball</i>
13 Palm Sunday Services at 7:30 & 10:00 am <i>Banning</i>	14 7 pm Eucharist <i>Barnes</i>	15 6:15 pm ESL 7 pm Eucharist <i>Barsuhn</i>	16 7 pm Eucharist <i>Bellin</i>	17 6:15 pm ESL 7 pm Maundy Thursday <i>A. Berti</i>	18 Good Friday Services at Noon (St. Peters) 7 pm (Grace) 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>M. Berti</i>	19 7 pm Easter Vigil <i>Blodgett</i>
20 Easter Services at 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 am <i>E. Blue</i>	21 <i>C. Blue</i>	22 <i>Boissey</i>	23 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Bova</i>	24 <i>Briggs</i>	25 <i>Brinkerhoff</i>	26 <i>Bunch</i>
27 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Burrows</i>	28 <i>Byron</i>	29 6:15 pm ESL <i>Cadette</i>	30 <i>Calame</i>	6:15 pm ESL	3-5 pm Food Pantry	



April 2014 Service Schedule (Revised)

If you are unable to serve, you are responsible for finding your own replacement. Schedule changes after the 15th will not be in Grace Notes. For any questions regarding the schedule, please call the Lay Server Schedulers, Joan McGilvray at 635-3021 (email bmcgilvray4@gmail.com) for the 7:30 service or Pam Freeman at 635-8504 for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13 - Palm Sunday</u>	<u>April 20 - Easter</u>	<u>April 20 - Easter</u>	<u>April 27</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Jean Hayes	Maurice Neville		Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame		Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine	Kurt Barnes		Valelerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	The Nevilles	Dawn Carolie	- No Coffee Hour -		Brenda de Martine
<u>10:00 am Service</u>			<u>9:00 am Service</u>	<u>10:30 am Service</u>	
Usher 1	Swift Family	Gomez Family	Gomez Family	Mustello Family	Susan Quigley
Usher 2					Lorie Whitely
Reader	Lorie Whitely	Dorothy Knapp	Brenda deMartine	Lori Whiteley	Paula Wilson
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Mariel Mustello	Jonothan & Matthew Kolessar Wright	Mariel Mustello	Madeline Lacey
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher	Jim Kolessar	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2	Pam Freeman	Lynda Boissey			Sharon Schumacher
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	Susan Quigley	Becky Scribner	No coffee hour	No coffee hour	Meigs Family
<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 2:14a,22-32
Psalms	130	31:9-16	118:1-2, 14-24	118:1-2, 14-24	16
Epistle	Romans 8:6-11	Philippians 2:5-11	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 10:34-43	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel	John 11:1-45	Matthew 27:11-54	Matthew 28:1-10	Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31



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May 4

May 11

May 18

May 25

7:30 am Service

Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Jean Hayes	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Virginia Neville
Reader	Barney Calame	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Valerie La Robardier	Kurt Barnes
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	The Calames	Jean Hayes and Holly Sturges	Betty Rae Nittiskie

10:00 am Service

Usher 1	Swift Family	Susan Quigley	Scribner Family	Ball Family
Usher 2		Paula Wilson		
Reader	Don Delaney	Dorothy Knapp	Paula Wilson	Marion Thompson
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Jonathon Kolessar Wright	Madeline Lacey	Matthew Kolessar Wright
Chalice 1	Sharon Schumacher	Jim Kolessar	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2	Lynda Boisse	Sharon Schumacher	Pam Freeman	Barbara Rudy
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Mustello Family	Rudy Family	Sandy Podmaniczky	Meigs Family

Readings

First Reading	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31
Psalms	116:1-3, 10-17	23	31:1-5, 15-16	66:7-18
Epistle	1 Peter 1:17-23	1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21

Building & Grounds Committee – Spring Update

This is our first update in several months. The winter, as you know, has been a challenge. Ron Mustello has been working at keeping the heat humming in our church buildings (no small task) and David Swift is making sure our parking lot is free of snow, as well as the paths so we can get fuel deliveries. In addition, David is painting the upstairs in the Parish Hall.

There are many projects that will begin in the months to come, such as, repairing/replacing the fence at the Rectory, painting in the Rectory and refinishing the wood floors in the Parish Hall. We are planning a "Spring Clean-up Day" where we ask the congregation to join us in raking some leaves, picking up fallen branches, mulching and of course...sharing a nice lunch. Details to follow.

Challenges and opportunities abound as we move ever so slowly towards Spring. If you have an inclination or a talent that you would like to share (snow-making excluded), the B & G Committee would really like to hear from you!

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Freeman

Search Committee Update

As so it continues! If you visit the NY Diocese website our rector search appears at the top of the list. (<http://www.diocesenyny.org/pages/259-clergy-positions-open>)

We have already received some applications, which is always encouraging. I will admit - I breathe a huge sigh of relief when the first application arrives. It's usually a steady stream after that. We will accept applications through Friday, April 25th. We are in the process of reviewing all the materials sent to us, and plan to meet very soon after the close date to put together our list of approximately 12 people to present to the Diocese. I will write an update on the next stage in the process in the next Grace Notes.

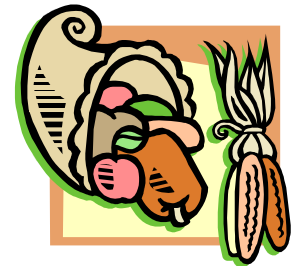
As always, feel free to ask questions or voice your concerns, and please keep Grace Church and the Search Committee in your prayers.

Barbara Rudy
Search Committee Chair

Food of Life Pantry

The following items are always needed:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Toothpaste
- Diapers - size 2- 5
- Canned or non-perishable foods



Thank you for your support

8th Annual Grace Golf Tournament & Gala Monday, July 14th at the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club



Details to follow in the next few months.

“Who is my Neighbor?”

**A Lenten Sunday Morning Spiritual Formation Class
Final Session – April 6th
9:00 am in the Parish House**

What meaning does this question have to us – as individuals and as a parish? What connection does this question have to the work, “God gives us to do,” both in our personal life of faith, as well as a Christian community? What are our responsibilities to each other as members of Christ’s body – to each other here in the parish, and to those beyond our doors? Come and explore these questions with Father Masud on these Sunday mornings in Lent.

Women of Grace:

Women of Grace will meet for their monthly Pot Luck dinner on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. All please join us as with gather for spiritual support and also plan the Women’s Ecumenical Dinner, which we will host this year.

