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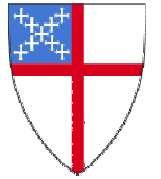
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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

I am writing in the middle of Holy Week—right in the middle, Holy Wednesday. It is a day that lacks the liturgical fire-power of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve—let alone Easter Sunday. It is kind of a quiet day. Yesterday, I traveled down to the Cathedral of St John the Divine to join my clergy sisters and brothers, bishops, priests and deacons, in our annual Mass of Collegiality, which includes a renewal of ordination vows. It is always a moving experience to process in a row of some two hundred clergy into the great cathedral and sit in the majestic choir and listen to our bishop remind us of what we are all about.

We are about the work of following Jesus, proclaiming the gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and going to the side of those in need. What a privilege and blessing—and I thank you for trusting me to be your pastor, priest and teacher.

Faith is a kind of trust, isn't it? Trust in God, that all will be well, that we are loved, that the truth will set us free, that God is love and life is stronger than death. And we need this faith in the midst of a world in which suicide bombers practice a perverted form of Islamic faith. They claim to follow the one God who called to Abraham and said I will make you a blessing to all nations. But war is no blessing and ter-



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ror is the devil's tool.

How do we as people of faith combat this sort of evil? How do we hold on to the teaching of Christ and refrain from hating our enemies?

To love one's enemies does not mean to condone or fail to confront harmful actions. It is not to hide in fear but to speak out with courage, to witness, even to the death, to resist injustice and restrain evil, by force if necessary—but always with the intention of seeking peace and reconciliation, not conquest and domination. It is to seek the common good, not the personal or tribal gain.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a saint for our time (as his victory in this year's Lent Madness indicates). He returned to his native Germany in 1938 from the safety of studies in America to resist Hitler and the Nazi regime. He was arrested, held in a concentration camp, and killed just days before the end of the war. He said this: "There is no way to peace along the way of safety. For peace must be dared, it is itself the great venture and can never be safe. Peace is the opposite of security. To demand guarantees is to want to protect oneself. Peace means giving oneself completely to God's commandment, wanting no security, but in faith and obedience laying the destiny of the nations in the hand of Almighty God, not trying to direct it for selfish purposes."

When you read this, we will have joyfully proclaimed "Alleluia, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!" We are a resurrection people. We have faith in a God of life, not death. We follow a Savior who gave his life for the world, not killed others to make himself a king. Trust him. He said the kingdom of God is coming, is even now near at hand. So it is (you can glimpse it in the sacraments and in the beauty of nature and in moments of joy and love). And he gave us a job, to witness and work for God's reign of love and justice.

My friends, it is a privilege and joy to have you as co-workers in this field. You are a gift and each day I give thanks to God for you all. I have seen your faith in God and I trust completely that God has called you and me—all of us together—to be a light in a dark time.



The Food/Farm/Faith Initiative presents
"Blessing Our Sacred Places: An Interfaith Celebration"

Millbrook NY— Members of the public are invited to join leaders and members of various faith traditions in an interfaith celebration of the bounty and beauty of creation.

Event Details

Date: Sunday May 1, 2016

Time: The hour long event begins at 10:30, and the Garden will be open until 2 pm.

Location: Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road Millbrook NY 12545

Admission: "Blessing Our Sacred Places" is free and open to the public. Parking is available. Donations are accepted in support of the Rural and Migrant Ministry's annual summer camp.

The "Farms and Chef Food Truck" of Le Express Restaurant will have lunch available for purchase. Picnicking is also encouraged; picnic tables overlooking the Garden are available.

This event is co-sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook, St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lithgow, and Innisfree Garden in Millbrook.

The Food/Farm/Faith Initiative

This event is a part of the Food/Farm/Faith Initiative (F/F/F), spearheaded by Grace Church. This initiative seeks to grow community, nourish dialogue, and plant the future by connecting members of various food, farm, and faith communities in New York's Hudson Valley through events and partnerships. To learn more about The Food/Farm/Faith Initiative and to pursue possible collaborations, please contact coordinator Abby Nathanson at abby@gracemillbrook.org and visit foodfarmfaith.org.

Contact

For inquiries about this event, please contact the Rev. Dr. Mathew Calkins at calkins@gracemillbrook.org or at (845) 677-3064.

EPIC

Hey! We are EPIC (Engaging People in Change), a new mission at Grace Church. This program gathers high school students together from around Northeast Dutchess County on Friday nights to learn about social justice issues in their communities and to develop the skills they need to change the world. We connect our youth through guest speakers, college visits, trips to conferences, referrals, and other resources. The group is youth-directed, which means that they take ownership over the program and lead it every step of the way.

We launched this school year in October of 2015, and almost six months later, we're proud to say that we've had many accomplishments, including:

- **18** Friday night meetings at Grace
- **13** group members from **4** school districts (Pine Plains, Webutuck, Dover, and Arlington)
- Giving **presentations** at the North East Community Center, the Grace Church Annual Meeting, the Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council, and the Connect Regional Youth Group
- **Media coverage** on Radio Rotary and in La Voz, the Poughkeepsie Journal, and in the Millerton News (three times!)
- Attending the Rural Women's **Conference** with the Rural and Migrant Ministry in Binghamton, NY
- Attending the New York Collective of Radical Educators **Conference** in Manhattan

- Being accepted to give a workshop at the Teaching Social Activism **Conference** at the Museum of the City of New York in May
- Being a **bilingual, multiracial** program - most of our students are from immigrant families and our program happens in both English and Spanish, with constant translation
- Hiring a Program Assistant, Lizett Pajuelo, and working with an intern from Vassar College, Sophia Burns, who earns academic credit for her work!

Abby Nathanson



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

April 2016



Sunday Service Schedule:

7:30 Holy Eucharist
 8:45 - 9:00 Rector's Forum
 10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist
 - Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

Weekday Services:

Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am
 Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:45 am
 Caregivers Support : Thursdays at 1 pm
 ESL: Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6:15 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>LaManna</i>	2 <i>Larobardier</i>
3 <i>Laursen</i>	4 <i>Lawson-Boice</i>	5 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lechleitner</i>	6 <i>Leung</i>	7 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lewin</i>	8 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Lindsay</i>	9 <i>Lindsley</i>
10 <i>Lucal</i>	11 <i>Lynch</i>	12 6:15 pm ESL <i>Maggiacomo</i>	13 7 pm Health Care Ministry <i>Mandy</i>	14 6:15 pm ESL <i>Martin</i>	15 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>McGilvray</i>	16 <i>McGregor</i>
17 <i>Mclver</i>	18 <i>McNeil</i>	19 6:15 pm ESL <i>McWilliams</i>	20 <i>Meigs</i>	21 6:15 pm ESL <i>Meyer</i>	22 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Mott</i>	23 <i>Mueser</i>
24 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Muir</i>	25 <i>Muller</i>	26 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mustello</i>	27 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Nathanson</i>	28 6:15 pm ESL <i>Neville</i>	29 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Nittiskie</i>	30 <i>Noonan</i>

Grace Episcopal Church, Millbrook, NY Latino Outreach (GLO) - April 2016



Immigration:

On March 20th GLO hosted the second Upstate Network for Immigration Rights (UNIR) 'Drivers Licenses Forum' in collaboration with 'Worker Justice Center of New York'. Emma Kreyche from Worker Justice Center offered a power point presentation to a total of 30 Latino participants. She gave the attendees a history of the NYS driver's licenses and how the community needs to move forward on this effort of undocumented immigrants being able to attain a driver license.

The most important outcome of this meeting was that we have now formed a 'Northeast Dutchess Latino Community Driver's License Committee'. This committee will work on the composition of strategies and phases it will take to increase the membership of the committee. They will amass stories regarding their daily hardships accounts in their inability to safely and legally drive. Hopefully, we will be able to ensure that their voices are heard loud and clear when we are able to present to representatives in Albany. The committee will design a plan on how to present to other organizations which can bolster the proposals and goals. This committee is aware of the dedication and hard work it will take and that it will not happen overnight. They are committed to the time and ceaseless efforts it will take to achieve this goal.

The first GLO sponsored 'Latino Community Committee Driver Licenses Forum' meeting will be held on April 10, 2016 at Grace Episcopal Church Millbrook at 5:00PM.

ESL:

GLO continues to sponsor and support the Amenia, Dover, Millbrook, Pawling, Pine Plains and Pleasant Valley ESL classes. We have made contact with volunteer instructors who are interested in teaching at the Pawling site ESL class. We are as well in need of two other volunteer instructors for the Amenia and Millbrook ESL sites. If you know of anyone interested in either site listed above please have them contact me.

Grants:

Fr. Matt is applying for a grant through the 'Episcopal Diocese 2016 Hispanic Grants' to fund two new ministry development projects: One is a needs assessment study of the religious needs of the Latino community living and working in NE Dutchess County. With deepest gratitude to Abby Nathanson who will be conducting the needs assessments phase of the grant. Two is the development of an evening bilingual and/or Spanish-language service to serve unmet religious needs in the area north of Millbrook, possibly to be located in Regeneration, Pine Plains.

I will keep you informed of all the progress in all aspects of Grace Latino Outreach.

Respectfully,

Evelyn Garzetta (Grace Latino Outreach Director)

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Gracie's Attic

Beginning April 1, 2016, Gracie's Attic will be located on the second floor of the Millbrook Antiques Center. Please come visit our new home, bring friends and remember all proceeds, except a modest rental fee, still go directly to Grace Church. As always, we also ask for any antique or vintage items you might like to donate.

Thanks for your support.



Richard's 25th Anniversary

Please join us to celebrate at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Monday, May 2nd, 6 – 10 pm.

Tickets are \$175; available online at

<http://ruralmigrantministry.org>

Sunday School News

“Children are not the church’s future, they are its present.” Father Matt

March was a busy month. The children have been learning about the season of Lent. It is a season of the Church year that helps us get ready for Easter. They learned about listening to God and helping others as Jesus taught us. On the first Sunday in March, we learned the parable of the Prodigal Son. John Lacey along with Ben and Madeline Lacey did a great job of acting out the story! In addition to this, the children helped usher (thank you Emily and Katherine), read (thank you Steven and Livie) and acolyte (thank you KC, Sophie and Bella)! Once again, under Peter Muir’s guidance, the children sang with great joy and many smiles, **Jesus in the Morning**. We also learned about the Holy Eucharist and the names of the various items used during the Eucharist. Some of the children have been learning about the colors of the seasons and who changes the altar linens. They are looking forward to a lesson from the Altar Guild. We also presented Father Matt with the Giving for Good poster board which has photographs of the kids showing how they used the money Father Matt gave them back in December. It is hanging in the Parish Hall. On Palm Sunday, we made crosses out of the palms we received and gave some to the parishioners who were at Coffee Hour. We plan to give each child who comes to the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday one and share any that are left over.

Betty Rae Nittiskie

Women of Grace

Women of Grace will meet for their monthly pot luck dinner on April 27th at 6:30 pm. All women of the church are always invited and welcome. Plus we are reaching out to the neighboring Episcopal Parishes, and inviting their women to also join us.

Farmworker March

Farmworkers in New York State are excluded from basic protections such as the right to collective organizing, overtime pay, and a day of rest. Too many still face indignities, such as a lack of bathrooms and clean drinking water in the fields. Now is the time to demand justice. Join the Rural and Migrant Ministry for their *two week march* as they walk from Long Island to Albany.

Members of Grace Church and EPIC will participate in the Farmworker March on Thursday, May 26th for the Wappingers-Highland leg, and again on Saturday, May 28th for the Kingston-Saugerties leg. If you want to carpool or join our sign-making party, contact Abby at abby@epicjustice.org.

Learn more about the Farmworker March and register to walk here: <http://ruralmigrantministry.org/farmworker-march>

Health Care Ministry

After reading that falling is the second most common cause of accidental death in Dutchess County, and knowing I have fallen twice in the past year, felt this was a primary topic for the health care ministry. This is not just an issue for the elderly, all age groups are impacted.

On April 13th at 7 pm, Grace Church will host a program in the Parish Hall called “A Matter of Balance”. This award winning program dealing with balance and fear of falling is sponsored by Health Quest and offered through the Office for the Aging. It will be facilitated by Master trainers, Anne Lancelot and Jean Curlee.

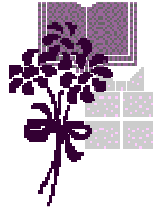
Come and bring anyone you know who may be interested in this topic for themselves, friends and / or family.



April 2016 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 Evelyn Garzetta at 518-789-0793 (email evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Joan McGilvray	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Valelerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Jean Hayes	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Brenda deMartine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	Sharon Schumacher	Susan Quigley	The Garzetta Family
Usher 2	Marshall Page, Cooper Kasin	Lorie Whiteley	Paula Wilson	
Reader	Bella Lucal, Benjamin Lacey	Jonathan Shanks	Pam Freeman	Lori Whiteley
Acolyte	M. Lacey, K. Bryant, S. Bryant	Samantha Muller, Sophie Lucal	Sally Ball	Sophie Lucal
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2	John Lacey	Sharon Schumacher	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Meigs Family	The Kasin Family	The Rudy Family	The Freeman Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Acts 5:27-32	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18
Psalms	Psalm 118:19-24	Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148
Epistle	Revelation 1:4-8	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35



May 2016 Service Schedule

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	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray	Barney Calame
Chalice	Nancy Kryzak	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	The Calames	Brenda deMartine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1		The Freeman Family	The Mustello Family	The Ball Family	The Rudy Family
Usher 2					
Reader		Alex Freeman	Marian Thompson	Lori Whiteley	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte		Graeme Styles, Kevin Bryant	Mariel Mustello	Gus Ball	Samantha Muller
Chalice 1		Lynda Boissey	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs	Sharon Schumacher
Chalice 2		John Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Ida Leung	Lynda Boissey
Coffee Hour	Lunch served at Innisfree Garden 362 Tyrell Rd. Millbrook NY 12545	The Garzetta Family	Sandy Podmaniczky	The Mustello Family	The Thompson Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39
Psalms	Psalms 67	Psalms 97	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	Psalms 8	Psalms 96
Epistle	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 1:1-12
Gospel	John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17, (25-27)	John 16:12-15	Luke 7:1-10