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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS
THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Easter and baseball arrive in April. Finally. Get this March Madness and Nor-easter repeater outta here! Let me see some green, some flowers, some new life risen from the cold hard ground.

Jesus rose on Easter morning. Mary Magdalene met him in the garden outside the tomb (she mistook him for the gardener at first). Their poignant reunion is depicted on the beautiful Tiffany or school of Tiffany stained glass window in the back of the church. It is currently hidden behind the organ case—though you can see it from Franklin Ave. when it is back-lit at night. In the scene, Mary and Jesus are holding hands. There are lilies all around. They could be young lovers. But Jesus is also pointing up, and turning away to leave. It illustrates the biblical moment when Jesus says, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father" (John 20:17).

Jesus then instructs Mary to go and tell the others what she has seen and what he has said. She does—she is the first witness to the Resurrection. Later, Jesus himself appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, and later yet to Thomas, who hadn't been there and said he needed to see and touch for himself before he would believe that the Lord had risen from the dead. Jesus made a

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special return visit for him and invited him to touch the wounds on his hands and his side.

Think about some of these things. Gardens and Easter belong together, not just in popular culture (which has added bunnies and eggs) but in the biblical account. This points to the idea that in the Resurrection we have returned in some sense of the original Garden of Eden—the alienation of God and humanity and earth is healed, our sins forgiven, and our task of caring for earth renewed. Also, if the Fall meant the subjugation of women, as suggested in Genesis 3:16, then the Restoration means a return to the original condition of equality—both male and female made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

Of course, we have to embrace this change, not fight it. We should accord Mary Magdalene her full status as Apostle to the Apostles, and recognized that she as well as Mary the mother of Jesus is a model saint. But the Magdalene wasn't perfect. She is depicted in Luke 8:2 as having been healed of seven demons. So, she was a troubled young woman whom Jesus healed and who subsequently became his devoted follower—going even to the cross and burial and tomb. She is a model for those of us who have turned their life around in response to the touch of Jesus, and a heroine of the faith for her courage and devotion.

May you feel the Risen Christ's touch this Easter season. May Jesus enter all your closed and frightened rooms and renew your faith and hope. May new life spring from hard ground and compassion from hard hearts. And may the Mets pitching staff stay healthy.

See you on Sunday, Matthew+



Easter Services.



The Great Vigil of Easter – March 31st - 7 pm

Easter Sunday – April 1st
Services at 8:00 am & 10 am



Easter Egg Hunt

Following the 10 am service on Easter Sunday.

Bags will be provided

Grace Year!

"Who could you become with the gift of a year?"

That's the question we pose to our fellows. Grace Year is a one-year, experiential learning, residential fellowship for college graduates between the ages of 21 and 28. Fellows live together in intentional community in a house at Grace Church and work with local organizations. Grace Year prepares fellows for careers in community and social change work through professional development, real world experience, and thoughtful reflection and guidance. At the same time, the fellowship connects local organizations to fellows, who work as high-quality employees building skills to fit emerging needs.

Do you want to be a part of the Grace Year launch? Contact Abby at hello@graceyear.org

Blessing our Sacred Places at Innisfree Garden



Sunday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join leaders and members of various faith traditions for a spring interfaith celebration. The event, free and open to all, will include music, readings and a blessing of fields and seeds.

Farmers, gardeners, and individuals are invited to bring their seeds to be blessed. Walking is required.

Guest speakers include: (partial list)

- Rev. Albert Ogle, St Peter's, Lithgow
- Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Grace Church, Millbrook
- Dr. Umar M. Ahmad and Imam Hafiz Badar Usman, Mid-Hudson Islamic Center, Wappingers Falls
- Jessica Berlin, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village
- Donna Coane, Leader and Healer, Schaghticoke First Nations
- Lama Depa and Lama Lhadrun, Kagyu Thubten Choling Monastery, Wappingers Falls

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

This event is co-sponsored by the Food/Farm/Faith Initiative of Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook and Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, Kate Keerin, curator. **Call (845) 677-3064 for more information.**

Innisfree is located at 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook.

www.innisfreegarden.org

Warden's Report

This is the first Warden's report we have placed in Grace Notes and the bulletin, but we hope to write them whenever there are things of importance for the congregation. This time we want to revisit some issues that came up at the annual meeting, hopefully answering any questions that remain.

Budget issues.

We fear there may have been confusion about the 2018 budget at the annual meeting. Our normal budget process is that the rector and the finance committee work on a proposed budget during the fall. The vestry has input and approves a budget in December before it is presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. This process was in place before the 2018 annual meeting and we had an approved budget ready to present. However, less than a week before the annual meeting, we learned that the diocesan assessment, which we must pay each year, had been increased. Since there was not enough time to have another vestry meeting, we circulated by email a revised budget, taking the new assessment into account. However, there were several vestry members who had concerns about the proposed budget. Thus, we decided to present the draft budget at the annual meeting, explaining that the vestry had not yet approved it. At the February meeting the vestry discussed and approved the budget.

It is important to note that the finance committee and the vestry look at the financials during the year to see how our income and expenditures match the proposed budget. Since the budget is a guide, we can and do make adjustments as necessary during the year to balance our expenditures and income.

We aim to be completely transparent with this process and welcome your questions or comments. Feel free to discuss this with either of us or with members of the finance committee or the vestry.

Stewardship.

We are very pleased to report that several pledges and commitments have come in since the annual meeting and our current level of pledging for 2018 is \$171,254. This is better than our original goal of \$165,000 and allows us to pay the new diocesan assessment and still be within our budget. Many thanks to everyone who pledged and special thanks to members of the Stewardship committee, Lorie Whiteley and Beth Willis.

Roofing project

Last summer the roof of the church was replaced, using funds from a "roof fund" established with the support of the diocese. \$85,000 remains in the roof fund. We have been told by the Director of Property Support for the diocese that this money can be used to replace the roofs on the parish house and the rectory. The rectory roof does not need replacing, but we plan to proceed with a new roof for the Parish Hall.

Vicarage

The vicarage is currently rented until June. After that it is our intention, assuming all of our plans come to fruition, to use it to house five Grace Year Fellows. This plan will be discussed in more detail later, but an important point is that income to the church from the program will cover the mortgage and utility costs of the vicarage, in addition to other items to support the fellows. We have talked with the Millbrook zoning people and learned that the plan for housing Grace Year fellows at the vicarage will be in compliance with the single-family zoning. Once the vicarage is no longer rented, it can be taken off the tax rolls.

Again, we welcome your questions, comments or suggestions and very much appreciate your support of Grace Church.

Barbara Rudy and Kathryn Calame

Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico This Summer

This summer a number of Grace Church high school student members, an equal number from our regional high school leadership program, EPIC, several students from St Paul's, Poughkeepsie, and a student or two from the new Harlem Valley Ministry (MESA in Dover Plains, St Andrew's Brewster and Trinity Church, Pawling) will join Fr. Matt, Abby Nathanson and John Lacey on a short-term mission trip to the island of Vieques in Puerto Rico. We will be leaving on June 30 and getting back on July 8. In between the kids will lead a Vacation Bible School for children of the parish of Todos Los Santos/ All Saints Episcopal Church, whose pastor, Padre Jose Diaz, is an old friend and former mission co-leader with Fr Matt (aka Padre Mateo).

We will be staying at a large house/hostel in the small town of Isabel Segundo. We will also tour the island and help with repair projects, and visit Yunque national park on the big island. We will worship with the local community and also at the cathedral in Old San Juan. Stay tuned for news how you can help with a book and supply drive. Talk to Fr. Matt for more information.



~ Save the date and register now! ~

I Want My Church to Grow: What is Congregational Development?

Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

(Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Trinity St. Paul's Church

311 Huguenot Street, New Rochelle

This special workshop is for:

- ✓ Laypeople and clergy who want to grow a vital church
- ✓ Those who want to join God in doing a new thing
- ✓ Leadership teams working on evangelism, church growth, spiritual development

Workshop Topics

- ❖ Episcopalians Evangelize? Using Community Organizing Tools for Church Growth
- ❖ You Start with what You Have: Asset Based Congregational Development
- ❖ We Need More Money: Best Practices for Your Stewardship Campaign
- ❖ Everything Keeps Changing! Vestry 101 for the 21st Century

Cost: 1–2 people: \$10 each; 3–4 people: \$8 each; 5 or more people: \$7 each

- We encourage congregations to bring teams of 3 or more people!

To register online, visit www.dioceseny.org/ednyevent/cd18-april/

Questions?

The Rev. Canon Altagracia Pérez-Bullard, PhD

Canon for Congregational Vitality

212-316-7433 or aperez-bullard@dioceseny.org

Volunteer with Us!

Do you have talent, experience, energy, and
a desire to serve?

Episcopal Charities is mobilizing volunteers to feed
the hungry, shelter the homeless, teach the next gen-
eration, and more at parish outreach programs
across the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Contact: Rachel Crosby

rcrosby@dioceseny.org—212.932.7354

or visit ec-ny.org/volunteer



Episcopal Charities

A Commitment to Caring



Join us on Monday, July 9th for the 12th Annual Grace Golf & Dinner Benefit Gala

For the past eleven years, we have been getting friends and neighbors together to honor people who have made important contributions to our Church and the greater community. We play golf, enjoy a dinner, and participate in a silent auction to benefit programs for our youth, seniors, and people who need a voice.

This year we will honor the **Millbrook Garden Club** as well as our own beloved priest associate, **Elliott Lindsley**.

It's a lot of fun, some hard work (for the event committee members), and raises money for a good cause including:

- **Grace Episcopal Church**
- **Millbrook Community Preschool**
- **EPIC (Engaging People in Change)**
- **Grace Latino Outreach**
- **Grace Church Food Program**
- **Church Alliance Housing and Millbrook @ Home**

[Please help support this good work by being a sponsor, donating an auction item, or enjoying golf and dinner.](#)

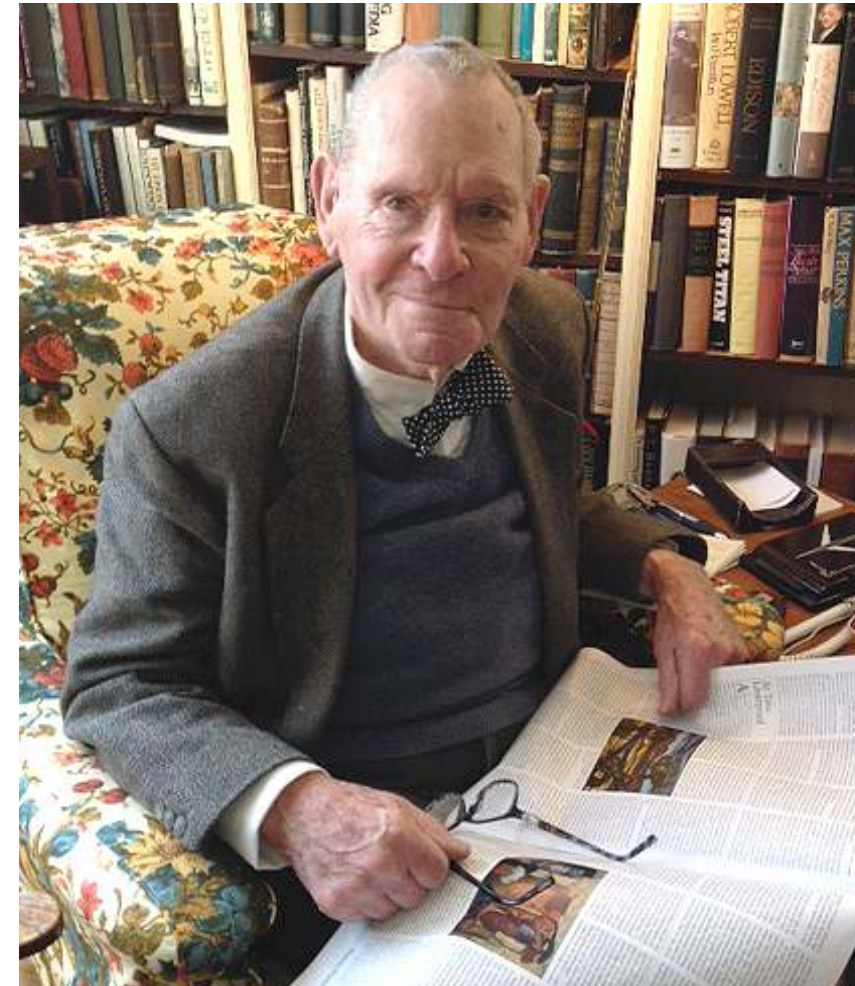
The event includes 18 holes of golf offered at two tee times, one at 7:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m.; both times include lunch, on-course refreshments, golf cart, prizes, and a golf shirt. Dinner is at 6 p.m. beginning with a cocktail hour, open bar, live music featuring Peter and Judith Muir, and a silent auction. You are invited to join us all or part of the festivities.

To register, become a sponsor, or donate an auction item call Cindy in the church office at 677-3064, pick up a form in the back of the church, or visit the website at www.gracemillbrook.org. If you would like to volunteer to help with

this important fundraiser (we have jobs big and small) please call Pam at 635-8504 or chat with anyone on our committee.

Best,

Jason Page, Betty Rae Nittiskie, Chris Dyson, Lynda Boissey, Marc Boissey, Maria Galli, Brenda deMartine, Pam Freeman, Doug Capers, ML Ball



Sunday School News

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

On Family Sunday, March 4th, the Sunday services were held in the Parish Hall as it was warmer than the church. What a snow storm! Trees and powerlines were down and sporadic outages all over the place. BUT, we still had a good crowd at church this Sunday... especially the children! Sarah did an excellent job helping Susan usher and bring the gifts forward.

Father Matt’s sermon this Sunday was about crosses. He had made foam core crosses for each of the children. He spoke with them about happy things, things worth celebrating, sad things and things needing healing. The children began working on the crosses in class, drawing pictures of happy and sad things. Some drew pictures of puppies, birthday cakes, Easter eggs, lily pads, family and Jesus. Some of the things needing healing (draw by the boys, go figure) were guns, and bullets. The children took their crosses home to finish them. I wish I had my camera with me to take a picture showing one child in particular doing a helpful good thing: Catherine helped her brother, Jackson and her sister Helen Marie with their crosses. Thank you Catherine!

On Palm Sunday, we made crosses out of the palms we received that day. We mad enough to hand out palm crosses to parishioners during coffee hour.

The children are looking forward to Easter Sunday and the Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to Liz Conklin for helping with ordering these items and to the Youth Group and Jonathan Shanks for coordinating the hunt!

Betty Rae Nittiskie

Gracie’s Attic Needs Donations

If part of your Lenten practice includes “decluttering,” please think of Gracie’s Attic as you sort thru jewelry, collectibles, dishes or furniture you may no longer need. We have a way to sell large furniture by auction and such sales are quite helpful for the church. Any donation is very much appreciated. You may leave smaller donations at the church office. To arrange for larger donations, contact Kathryn Calame (Calame.kathryn@gmail.com or 845-266-8520).

Learn Spanish with EPIC at the Wassaic Project

8-Week Spring Semester –

Wednesdays, April 18, 2018 to June 6, 2018

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Mill at the Wassaic Project

This class is co-taught by the program director, Abby, and by bilingual EPIC high school students. We read stories aloud, play games, look at verb conjugations, learn how to spell and read, all while working in a fun atmosphere that prioritizes inter-personal connections and the meaning of the culture in the language.

Call 845.420.4280 or email abby@epicjustice.org to register! Suggested donation is \$125, but please give whatever is feasible for you; 100% of donations go to supporting EPIC. EPIC (Engaging People in Change) is a group of high school students from Pine Plains, Webutuck, Millbrook, and Dover who meet weekly to learn skills and change the world. You’re welcome to join us on Friday evenings at Grace Church in Millbrook. First come first served, space is limited.

Checks can be made out to Grace Church with the memo SPANISH CLASS, and mailed to EPIC c/o Grace Church PO Box 366 Millbrook NY 12545. Thank you!

“We believe that you can be a change to the community’s perspective towards our culture.”

-Jackie, Dover, 12th grade

The Remaining Year at Grace 2018

April 29th – Blessing Our Sacred Places at Innisfree 10:30 a.m.

May 6th – Flowering of the Cross (both services) 8a.m. & 10 a.m.

July 9th - Golf and Dinner benefit

September 8th – Community Day

September 9th – Parish Program Year Kickoff

October 7th – Blessing of the Animals

October 12th - 13th - Parish Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery

November 2nd – 4th Rummage Whale of a Sale

November 11th - Consecration Sunday

December 7th – Parade of Lights

December 8th – Craft Fair

December 23rd - Christmas Pageant - tentative

Monday, December 24th – 5 P.M.

Christmas Eve Family Service

Monday, December 24th – 8:45 P.M.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25th – One Service at 10:00 A.M.

Christmas Day Service

R&MM Youth Empowerment Symposium

Place: Hudson Valley

Date: June 2nd, 2018

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$20, includes lunch

Workshops, presentations, art, and much more.

For more information, see <http://ruralmigrantministry.org/yep-symposium> or email Andres Chamorro at andres.m.chamorro@gmail.com

Poems By Dorothy Knapp

You Love Me So

Why do You love me so
Yet cause me pain
And lead me thus in sorrow
Yet sustain
Oh God, I do not mind
Send sorrow, grief or pain
It is to me the sign
That I Thy favor bear
That I Thy Kingdom share

I love You so

Prayer for Grace

Give me Your Grace
Show me Your Face
There is work to be done
For the Holy One
Here I am Lord
Speak in me Your Word
You are immortal
You are Heaven's portal
Prepare me for rest
In the place that is best
Work in me Your plan
Give me grace that I can

This is my prayer
Give me Grace.



April 2018 Service Schedule

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 8:00 service or Evelyn Garzetta at 518-789-0793 (email evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>April 1—Easter Sunday</u>	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>					
Usher	<i>Please E-mail Joan if you can serve</i>	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville
Reader		Valerie LaRobardier	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice		Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour		Brenda de Martine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	The Calames
<u>10:00 am Service</u>	<i>To Be Determined</i>				
Usher 1					
Usher 2					
Reader					
Acolyte					
Chalice 1					
Chalice 2					
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour					
<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
Psalms	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalms 133	Psalms 4	Psalms 23	Psalms 22:24-30
Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
Gospel	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8



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	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Jean Hayes	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Elliot Lindsley	Joan McGilvray	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Chalice	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour	Brenda de Martine	The Calames	Jean Hayes and Hollie Sturges	Betty Rae Nittiskie

10:00 am Service *To Be Determined*

- Usher 1
- Usher 2
- Reader
- Acolyte
- Chalice 1
- Chalice 2
- Server 1
- Server 2
- Coffee Hour

Readings

First Reading	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm	Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Psalm 29
Epistle	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17