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# Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

### One Step at a Time

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."  
 Psalm 119:105

Our Annual Meeting is coming up as I write; as you read this it will be past. The reports will say that 2016 was a good solid year for Grace but nothing too dramatic (no new rector launching new programs). That's fine. The country and the world had plenty of drama this year; no need to pile on. But now America has a new president, the people are engaged, and we have another year to keep on working on our mission to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ.

What is happening here at Grace and in Millbrook may not make the evening news but I believe deeply that it is at the local and personal relationship level that positive transformative change is planted and takes root. We are clearly in an "axial age" (they roll around every 500 years or so) and we need to build new structures of community as traditional patterns are disrupted and displaced. We need to find fresh expressions of our ancient faith so that our children may take to heart God's powerful and healing word. We need to grow spiritually, each and every one of us, so that we can find a calm and lov-



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ing center, a rock upon which to stand, in the midst of a whitewater world. And then we need to take a step forward in faith.

First, let's take stock of who we are. We are: A community of friends who follow the Way of Jesus. A learning community committed to growing in understanding and compassion at every age. A community of faith making an impact in the region in many ways and with many partners.

Second, let's work together on growing "down and out." Down into the heart, with the RenewalWorks programs aimed at increasing our spiritual vitality. Out into the world, with powerful leadership in our region in the areas of senior care, immigrant advocacy and youth leadership development.

You are needed; it's a team effort. Make sure you complete the "Spiritual Life Inventory" that has been sent by email to every member (ask for it if you not received the link). Support the other ministries in our church, whether in worship, education or outreach. This can take many forms—volunteer time and energy, prayer and money—and they are all vitally important. By engaging, you will kindle or rekindle the light of faith in your heart. Then, most important of all, take the light of Christ with you wherever you go, whether at work, home, or in the community. That's how God works, through you and me and all of us, a step at a time.

See you on Sunday,  
Matthew+



## Announcing RenewalWorks, a spiritual vitality program.

Beginning Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, all members of Grace Church 16 years or older are invited and encouraged to take an online Spiritual Life Inventory. This is a survey tool developed by RenewalWorks, a program part of Forward Movement designed to help churches increase in spiritual vitality. The Grace Church RenewalWorks team, led by Kathryn Calame (facilitator) and Evelyn Garzetta (administrator), along with Fr. Matt, the staff, and the Vestry has already begun learning about the program and will be taking the SLI. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, it will be your turn. We will be sending every household a link to the SLI (make sure we have an email address for you!). You have until Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> to fill it out. Figure it will take about thirty minutes, with another ten minutes more or less depending on how you pace your answers. The format does not allow you to save and come back, so set aside a block of time, a cup of tea and allow yourself time and attention to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. What practices of prayer and study do you practice; how do you feel about church and its role in helping you grow spiritually? The survey tool explores these kinds of questions. Your answers, collected anonymously, will be collected along with the other members of the Parish and used to get our working team a report on where we are, what are our Parish strengths and challenges, and provide the team a tool to help shape programs to help us, wherever we are on our spiritual journey, to go further and deeper. Let's get 100% participation! Talk to Kathryn and Evelyn if you have questions or need help with computer use.



### Next Presentation:

#### **February 19<sup>th</sup> - Rectors and Wardens 12 noon**

- Rev. Elliott Lindsley, speaker
- Parish Hall

### Future Presentations:

#### **March 19<sup>th</sup> - Race and Grace 12 noon**

- David Greenwood, speaker
- History of slavery in this area; there is a file on the Abraham Lincoln window;
- Present information on Charlie Johnson and Jonathan Daniels
- Parish Hall

#### **April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Music and Grace 12 noon**

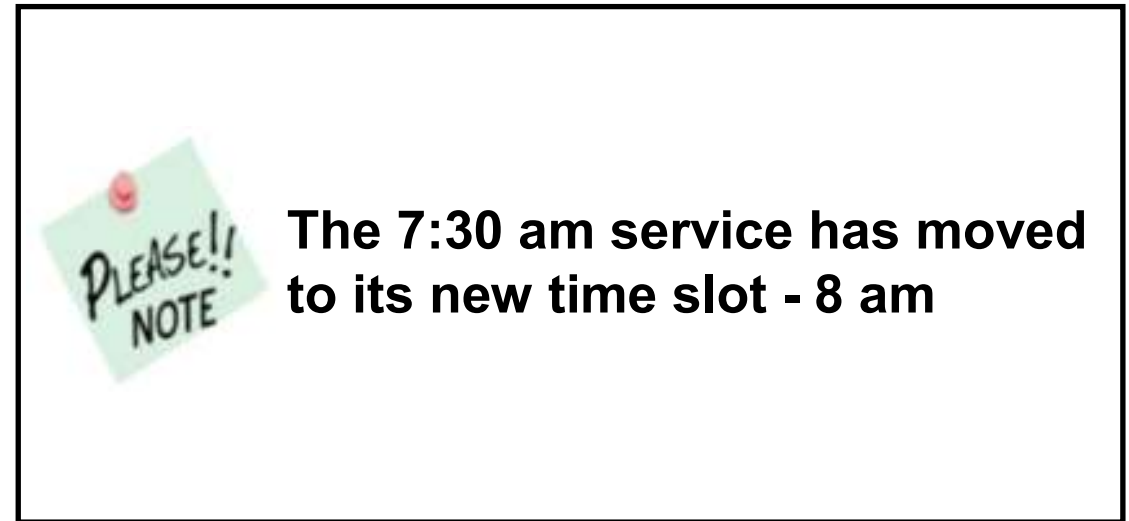
- Peter Muir, speaker
- To highlight history of organ and music program
- Church and Choir Room

#### **May 21<sup>st</sup> - Past and Prologue 12 noon**

- Rev. Matt Calkins, speaker
- Parish Hall

#### **June 11<sup>th</sup> - Episcopal Visitation and Benediction 10 a.m.**

- Visit from Bishop and Confirmation
- Church and Parish Hall
- Refreshments



## From Maria Galli

Thank you to everyone who came out on January 14th to help me celebrate my retirement. It was the perfect evening with good friends, good food and lots of reminiscing. I appreciate all the gifts, cards and good wishes. A special thank you to those who contributed food, and especially Robin Capers in organizing the evening. Thank you to Matt Calkins for the letter he wrote and read out loud which still makes me cry each time I read it! I am so grateful to have worked for such wonderful rectors and interims and for making many wonderful friends who made me part of their family during the past 29 1/2 years.



## Parish Nurse

Greeting Everyone! As most of you know, over a year ago, I volunteered to be Grace Church's Parish Nurse and as time goes on that role continues to evolve. I tried some health teaching programs, which were not well attended and offered to take blood pressures at coffee hour, which had minimal benefit.

But I soon realized, it is up to each one of you as individuals to let me know, what I can do for you. And how I can help you? Individually I have done health teaching; transported some to doctor's appointments and been the second set of ears, when you have questions for the doctors; if different specialties of MDs give different opinions, I've help you sort it out; or advised where to go for the answers. Some have just had questions as to how to get help in the home and others, rides / services to maintain independences.

So, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to find me and ask. Father Matt, and the parish office have my contact information.

I'm sure you are aware, February is Heart Health Month! We've all heard about the importance of diet and exercise to keep your heart and cardiovascular system working proficiently, once again, I will be at coffee hour after both services on February 19<sup>th</sup>, to take your blood pressure if you want, or be available for any health questions you may have.

Dianne McNeil

# Calendar and Prayer Cycle

# February 2017



### Sunday Service Schedule:

8:00 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: Thursdays in Parish Hall / Fridays  
 in Choir Room: 6 – 9 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Kramer</i>	2 6 pm ESL <i>Kryzak</i>	3 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Kuras</i>	4 <i>Lacey</i>
5 <i>LaManna</i>	6 <i>Larobardier</i>	7 <i>Laursen</i>	8 <i>Lawson-Boice</i>	9 6 pm ESL <i>Lechleitner</i>	10 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Leiber</i>	11 <i>Leung</i>
12 <i>Lewin</i>	13 <i>Lindsay</i>	14 <i>Lindsley</i>	15 <i>Lucal</i>	16 6 pm ESL <i>Lynch</i>	17 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Maggiacomo</i>	18 <i>Mandy</i>
19 Noon Rectors and Wardens Coffee Hour - Parish Nurse <i>Martin</i>	20 <i>McGilvray</i>	21 <i>McGregor</i>	22 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Mclver</i>	23 6 pm ESL <i>McNeil</i>	24 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>McNulty</i>	25 <i>McWilliams</i>
26 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Meigs</i>	27 <i>Mendoza</i>	28 6 - 7:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner <i>Meyer</i>				

## EPIC

Happy 2017! EPIC is the youth leadership program at Grace Church, and we meet on Friday nights in the Parish Hall - you're welcome to come on by and see what we're up to. This time of year, we're busy writing grant applications and working on proposals to present at conferences. Sometimes we don't have enough computers, and many of our are learning how to type and so need them to practice. Do you have an old laptop? Even if it needs some tech work, we'd be happy to adopt the laptop that's sitting in the back of your closet and give it some love. Contact our director Abby at 845-420-4280 to discuss our new laptop adoption program. Thank you!

Love,  
EPIC: Engaging People in Change

**Office email:** The new email address for the Parish Office is  
[office@gracemillbrook.org](mailto:office@gracemillbrook.org)

**Cindy's Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 am—2 pm

## Masjid Al Noor \*\*\* RESCHEDULED \*\*\*

As part of Grace Church's renewed involvement with Dutchess Interfaith Council, and to promote better understanding between religious groups, Grace Church, together with Masjid Al Noor in Wappingers Falls, is sponsoring an opportunity to tour their mosque, followed by a question and answer period. This will be a unique opportunity to view another beautiful house of worship, as well as learning about their traditions. Please plan on joining us for this special event on **Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up so we can let them know how many attendees to expect. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, as well as in the Parish Hall. Transportation and carpooling can be provided if interested (plan on leaving Grace Church at 12:15).

Out of respect for their religious tradition, it would be best for women to wear pants, or long skirts, and to have a scarf covering your head while we are inside the prayer rooms in the mosque.

Mid-Hudson Islamic Association  
Masjid Al Noor  
125 All Angels Hill Road  
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

## Reminders:

**Caregivers Support Group** – Every Thursday from 1 to 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Lunch Box** – Last Sunday of each month (except December). Let John Lacey know if you are willing to serve, email [lacey\\_clan@msn.com](mailto:lacey_clan@msn.com).

## Grace Latino Outreach 2017 Annual Meeting Report

### Training:

In 2017 Grace Latino Outreach newest objective will be in obtaining Recognition and Accreditation from the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). This is a 40 hour training course for attorneys and accredited representatives of recognized agencies to help build and maintain competency and effectiveness in the provision of immigration legal services. The training is provided by New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) of which GLO is a member. It provides training and legal support to NYIC member agencies to prepare and file an application for BIA recognition for the member agency and accreditation for the organization's staff. 2017 GLO goal is to be of assistance to undocumented immigrants in gathering documentation and filling out of forms for DACA and/or citizenship applicants in Northeastern Dutchess County. It will as well allow GLO to accompany and be able to speak for immigrants in certain types of immigration hearings. GLO will collaborate with one or more immigration attorney(s) in order to process any multifaceted cases.

### ESL Classes:

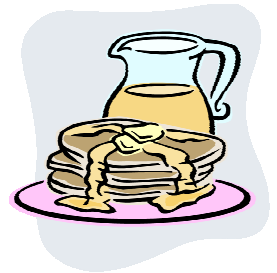
ESL classes in Amenia and Millbrook are in need of bilingual volunteer instructor(s) for basic level classes; and non-bilingual for advanced students. Please contact Evelyn Garzetta at [evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com](mailto:evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com) if you or someone you know wishes to volunteer. The commitment days are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

### Grants:

GLO applied for the Basic Human Grant through Episcopal Charities. We have had a visit from an advisory board member. Results and amount of the awarded grant should be announced in January of 2017. The Berkshire Taconic Commu-

nity Foundation Grant Northeast Dutchess Fund contract with GLO is historically signed each January.

Respectfully,  
Evelyn E. Garzetta  
Director  
Grace Latino Outreach



## Shrove Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Our traditional pancake supper, prepared by Men @ Grace and service by members of the youth group. Big fun on the night before Lent begins.

## Sunday School News

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

Sunday School classes resumed in January. We started off the season by celebrating Epiphany. Three wise men (Ben, Cooper and Belinda) were available to usher and bring up the gifts as well as a delicious Rosca de Reyes’ (Three Kings Cake). Thanks to Evelyn for getting the cake! Rumor has it that three of the children found the hidden Baby Jesus...will they be making tamales for the tamale competition in February!?!?? We sang We Three Kings of Orient Are this month. Many thanks to Dawn Galente, Madelyn Lacey and Steven Bryant for their guidance in singing the chorus in Spanish!

We are looking forward to the February Family Service where we will be singing This Little Light of Mine and participating in the Blessing of Candles.

For this semester, we will focus on prayers.....how to pray and for what reasons might we pray. We will also continue to learn about the colors used on the altar and the church calendar.

Betty Rae Nittiskie







## February 2017 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](mailto:bmcgilvray4@gmail.com)) for the 8:00 service or Evelyn Garzetta at 518-789-0793 (email [evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com](mailto:evelynelizabethgarzetta@gmail.com)) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Elliot Lindsley	Katherine Calame	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Chalice	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Cathy Shank	Karen Whitton	Betty Rae Nittiskie
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Ball Family	The Garzetta Family	The Mustello Family	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson
Usher 2	Ben Conklin			
Reader	ML Ball	Lynda Boisse	Dawn Galente	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Gus and Sally Ball	Steven Bryant	Ben Lacey	Bella Lucal
Chalice 1	Lynda Boisse	Lisa Lacey	Ida Leung	Jane Miegs
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey	ML Ball	Lynda Boisse
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Garzetta Family	The Kasin Family	Grace Latino Outreach	Sandy Podmanicz
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18	Exodus 24:12-18
Psalms	Psalms 112:1-9, (10)	Psalms 119:1-8	Psalms 119:33-40	Psalms 2
Epistle	1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 5:38-48	Matthew 17:1-9



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### March 5

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Chalice	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier
Coffee Hour	Brenda de Martine	Jean Hayes	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton

#### 10:00 am Service

Usher 1	The Rudy Family	Lorie Whiteley	The Garzetta Family	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson
Usher 2	Cooper Kasin			
Reader	Ida Leung	John Lacey	Lorie Whiteley	Marian Thompson
Acolyte	Olivia Lucal, Sophie Lucal	Graeme Styles	Gus Ball	Steven Bryant
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	ML Ball	Lisa Lacey
Chalice 2	Lynda Boissey	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Thompson Family	The Martin Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Mustello Family

#### Readings

First Reading	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalms	Psalms 32	Psalms 121	Psalms 95	Psalms 23
Epistle	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41