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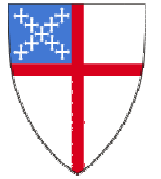
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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Epiphany Season

Manifestation, striking appearance: such is the meaning of "epiphany" you may find in a dictionary. A related word is "theophany": an appearance or manifestation of God. And such is the nature of the season of Epiphany in the Christian calendar: the revealing of God. The season kicks off officially on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the date assigned to the visitation of the three Magi. Magi were sages, particularly associated with Persian astronomy/astrology. The gifts they laid at the cradle of Jesus were of such value that tradition assumes that they must have been kings. And tradition also assumes they were men, for in that day opportunities for education and travel were rare for women, and wise, for certainly they were wise to seek the newborn king of Israel.



Epiphanies—and even more so, theophanies—are not something you can plan on. They are something that happens to you, comes upon you, suddenly it may seem, out of the blue. Yet in retrospect, it may be that your whole life was a preparation for just such a seeing.

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The Sundays of Epiphany, from January 11th to February 18th, are a good time to think about the kind of spiritual practices or exercises that prepare you for epiphanies and theophanies. Just as we make New Year's resolutions about our exercise, diet and spending habits, so we can kick off the new year with a determination to get closer to God, to follow Christ more nearly.

In keeping with this idea, I will be offering the *First Exercises*, a four week, mostly self-guided "retreat" in the Ignatian tradition of spiritual discernment. The *First Exercises* are designed to bring you to a deep knowledge of being loved, by people in your life and by God. The course will involve four classes, meeting between the 7:30 and 10:00 o'clock services. During the week, participants will be asked some 30 to 45 minutes a day to using their memory and imagination to deepen their prayer life. The format is very straightforward: a book, *First Exercises* by Michael Hansen, S.J., lays it out and offers four different four-week retreats. We will be doing the first one beginning January 11th. We will meet on the following four Sundays. Alternative meeting dates may be arranged to facilitate participant schedules. The only charge will be for a copy of the book. Let me know if you are interested.

But, of course, there are many ways of practicing awareness, of remaining alert to the epiphanies of everyday life, and the extraordinary gifts of vision and insight that come rarely. I pray that God visits you in this new year, just as I hope that you, like the magi, steadfastly follow the star of faith to the revelation of Christ.



IF YOU REQUESTED 2015 PLEDGE ENVELOPES, THEY ARE
NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



Grace Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25th

11:15 am

Parish Hall

The Annual Meeting is an important dimension of being an Episcopal church. It is a time to elect Vestry members, look at the budget, and hear about our many ministries and vision for the future. It is also a time to celebrate the wonderful church we are and discuss the opportunities and challenges ahead of us.

A potluck lunch is served.

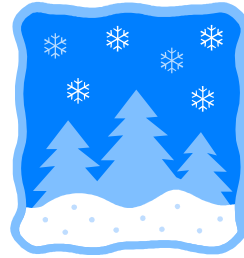
More details may be found in the Sunday bulletins.

Needed

A volunteer to go to the Food Bank once or twice a month for the Food of Life Pantry. Some heavy lifting is involved. Please email Robin Capers at somer-scapers@aol.com if you're able to help.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

January 2015



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 6:15 pm ESL <i>Neville</i>	2 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Nittiskie</i>	3 <i>Noonan</i>
4 <i>K. Page</i>	5 <i>L. Page</i>	6 6:15 pm ESL <i>Palmeriro</i>	7 <i>Phillips</i>	8 6:15 pm ESL <i>Podmaniczky</i>	9 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Power</i>	10 <i>Quigley</i>
11 <i>Quinn</i>	12 <i>Recknagel</i>	13 6:15 pm ESL <i>Reilly</i>	14 <i>Renfroe</i>	15 6:15 pm ESL <i>Roach</i>	16 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Rudy</i>	17 <i>Schultz</i>
18 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Schumacher</i>	19 <i>Scribner</i>	20 6:15 pm ESL <i>Seaman</i>	21 <i>C. Shanks</i>	22 6:15 pm ESL <i>J. Shanks</i>	23 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Sturges</i>	24 <i>Styles</i>
25 11:15 am Annual Meeting 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Sutherland</i>	26 <i>Sweeny</i>	27 6:15 pm ESL <i>Swift</i>	28 <i>Dee Tedesco</i>	29 6:15 pm ESL <i>Diane Tedesco</i>	30 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Thompson</i>	31 <i>F. Thorne</i>



January 2015 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 Sharon Schumacher at 877-1407 (email mrsshu12@aol.com) for the 10:00 service. Thank You!

	<u>January 4</u>	<u>January 11</u>	<u>January 18</u>	<u>January 25</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Jean Hayes	Barney Calame	Jean Hayes	Barney Calame
Reader	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Chalice	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Karen Whitten	Cathy Shanks	Dawn Carolie
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Pat Pickney	Mustello Family	Kolessar-Wright Family	Ball Family
Usher 2	John Byron			
Reader	Ron Mustello	Paula Wilson	Lorie Whiteley	Alex Freeman
Acolyte	Mariel Mustello	Madeline Lacey	Johnathan Kolessar-Wright	KC Bryant
Chalice 1	Jane Meigs	Sharon Schumacher	John Lacey	Jim Kolessar-Wright
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Lisa Lacey	Ida Leung	Lynda Boissey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Jane Meigs	Sandy Podmaniczky	Marion & Glead Thompson	Freeman Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalms	84	29	139:1-5, 12-17	62: 6-14
Epistle	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-15,19-23	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20



February 2015 Service Schedule

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	<u>February 1</u>	<u>February 8</u>	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 22</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Barney Calame	Jean Hayes	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Kathryn Calame	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier
Chalice	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitten	Cathy Shanks	Dawn Carolie	Brenda de Martine
<u>10:00 am Service</u>	To be determined			
Usher 1				
Usher 2				
Reader				
Acolyte				
Chalice 1				
Chalice 2				
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour				
<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17
Psalms	Psalms 111	Psalms 147:1-12, 21c	Psalms 50:1-6	Psalms 25:1-9
Epistle	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15

Grace Episcopal Church, Millbrook, NY Grace Latino Outreach (GLO)



The '2014 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner' sponsored by 'Catholic Charities Community Services Kinship Program' and 'GLO ESL Classes' was an amazing event. It was held the Monday of Thanksgiving week. Juanita McMahon (Social worker for CCCS and Leader of the Kinship Program), her husband Sean, Joe Garzetta and I were in the kitchen at 8:30AM cooking and setting-up for the event. There were plenty of turkeys, yams, roasted red potatoes, broccoli, green beans, stuffing, drinks and two sheet cakes to be enjoyed.

In 2013 we had about fifty attendees. For 2014 we expected about seventy-five people according to the RSVP's. Much to our surprise and amazement we had over one hundred eighty-five attendees. We would like to thank all those from Grace Millbrook and Church of the Regeneration in Pine Plains who attended the event and supported the community by their presence. We as well want to thank all the volunteer ESL teachers for joining their students at the dinner. Many organizations joined in the celebration. Representatives who attend are GLO Advisory Board, Episcopal Charities, Hudson River Health, Catholic Charities Community Services and Immigration Departments, The Foundation for Community Health, CT and La Voz.

The speakers this year were graduates of the Kinship and ESL class programs from the Dover programs. The two ladies are very involved in helping the Dover community obtaining information that will help them with their everyday needs. They distribute information and fliers regarding various programs, immigration, medical, and other information, which benefits the entire Latino community.

Three leaders (one was ill that evening) from the Amenia group spoke about the 'Christmas in Millbrook Parade of Lights' event. These ladies collaborated to assemble a plan and decorate both floats. They did all the work that was needed to ensure that the floats were amazing. They were at Grace early Fri-

day morning decorating each of the floats. We would like to express our gratitude to Jack Banning and Javier Gomez and their families for supplying the floats.

GLO provided the Mariachi band which was a great way to entertain the crowd attending the parade. They (in the pouring rain) accompanied the Choir of Carolers at the band shell. We had a small pot luck dinner at the Parish House. It was a fabulous event! We would like to thank the Parade Event Planners for inviting Grace and GLO to be a part of this community enriching event.

Many which attended the Thanksgiving Dinner and the Parade from the Latino Community have expressed that they have the feeling that they are no longer so very deep in the shadows. They feel positive that they are now being seen and accepted by many of the communities they reside in. They and GLO are looking forward to an even more community events in 2015.

Respectfully,
Evelyn Garzetta Latino Outreach Director

Food of Life Pantry

Wish List

- Cans of fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna fish, chicken
- Peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, chili
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Coffee, tea
- Cornflakes, Raisin Bran, oatmeal
- Toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, detergent



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