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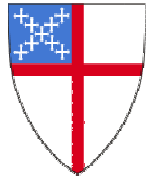
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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

If you had to choose, which one would you take: breathing in or breathing out? Well, of course you can't choose just one; they go together like a beating heart, in and out, keeping us alive.

Just so, the church has a heart and lungs that work the same way, in and out, prayer and action. Put another way, you can't choose faith and neglect works nor substitute good works for faith (the apostles James and Paul ultimately agree). And both faith and works are dynamic processes not static objects. Faith is sustained by prayer, love by service.

So breath in a hit of the Holy Spirit: prayer, study, self-examination and repentance, contemplation and adoration. And breath out God's love as a verb: service to neighbors, giving for the common good, activism for social transformation, and unarmed truth against evil.

Faith and action, prayer and service go together in a single system, systole and diastole. But still, there are

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times set aside for each. You can't breath in and out at exactly the same moment. This is reflected in the calendar of church seasons. Lent is a time set aside to prepare us "for the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection" through fasting and repentance (BCP 264: An Invitation to a Holy Lent). It is a time to "examine your life and conduct by the rule of God's commandments" (BCP 317: An Exhortation). There in the Exhortation, we are invited to confession and counsel (by "a discreet and understanding priest"): so I extend the invitation to each one of you to talk to me, or some other wise friend, to share your grief or doubt, as well as hope and faith. Do not let bad roads and cold weather—or all of the isolating forces of our culture—keep you apart and isolated. The love of God works through the body of Christ; we are his hands and hearts in the world today.

I am looking forward to Easter and spring. But God works in mysterious ways—we have to go through winter to get there. May God bless you with a fruitful season of spiritual growth in preparation for going out into the world proclaiming the love of God and helping to heal the world.



From the Stewardship Committee

Put it on Your Calendar. More Information Coming...

Are You Prepared? Facing Financial, Medical and Spiritual Questions Around Aging and End of Life Decisions is a 3-session speakers' program scheduled for Saturdays, beginning April 25. Join us for these thoughtful and learning experiences around future planned giving, medical directives and the spiritual aspects of later or end-of-life planning. These evening presentations will be followed by light refreshments. Jot a note on your calendar and watch for future information about speakers and content.

Holy Week & Easter at Grace

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Services at 7:30 and 10:00 am

Holy Week Services

Wednesday, April 1st at 7 pm

Ecumenical Service at Lyall Federated Church



Maundy Thursday

April 2nd at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

12 noon Service at St. Peter's. Matt Calkins Preaching
7 pm Service at Grace. Albert Ogle Preaching

Holy Saturday, April 4th

7 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter Eve

Easter Sunday, April 5th - Services at 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am. The 9 am service is a Family service.

Note extra service and time change.

Lent at Grace Church



The Five Holy Covenants: A Lenten Sermon Series by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins

Using the Hebrew Scripture readings for the five Sundays of Lent this year, Fr. Calkins will be preaching on five sacred covenants of the Old Testament: the covenant God made with Noah that includes all of creation, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses, the covenant of the cross foreshadowed in Numbers 21, and the new covenant of the heart announced by the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-24).

“Inner peace in Darkness and Light.” A (mostly) self-guided Lenten retreat beginning Sunday, Feb 22nd and ending Sunday, March 22nd.

Once again, we will be using as our guide Fr. Michael Hansen, SJ and his book, *The First Spiritual Exercises*. In the course of this four week (5 meetings), self-guided retreat, you will be directed through readings and prayer into deeper intimacy with God. In this particular retreat, we will move through love and sin to mercy and wonder. After mercy, healing is sought for our wounded hearts, and we find that God will meet us even in darkness, to give light to our eyes and healing to our souls. Those interested in taking this course of prayer and study will meet between services from 8:45 to 9:45. Fr. Matt will once again facilitate the group with help from some of those who have gone through the prior retreat using Fr. Hansen’s book. No prior experience is necessary, only a desire to go deeper into intimacy with God and deal honestly with the darkness and light in your life. Please contact the office if you would like us to order the book for you.

Healing prayer Service and Bible Study: Wednesday mornings, service at 10; Bible study follows in the choir room.

If you haven’t attended the Weds. morning healing prayer and Eucharist service—well, Lent is a good time to give it a try. We are a small group of folks who gather in the side chapel for the service, which includes learning about whatever saint, if any, is commemorated on that day, hearing a short homily, saying prayers for healing, sharing Communion and receiving, if wanted, an anointing of oil for healing.

After the service, some of us meet in the choir room to read the Gospel according to Mark. Mark is the appointed gospel for this year’s readings on Sundays, so this is a great opportunity to read the whole gospel in a small sharing group, learn about the context and particularities of Mark’s Gospel and engage in thoughtful discussion. All are welcome any time—no special knowledge is necessary!

Time to fill out your bracket for Lent Madness!

Yes, the online contest pitting one saint against another until to the Faithful Four comes down to the final winner of the Golden Halo, well, it’s back, better than ever. Go to www.lentmadness.org to learn more, cast your vote each day and end up getting a good course in church history! We will provide brackets and calendars this Sunday! You don’t have to be a member of the Youth Group to play.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

March 2015



Sunday Service Schedule:

7:30 Holy Eucharist

10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist

- Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

Weekday Services:

Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:45 am Lenten Retreat <i>Barnes</i>	2	3 6:15 pm ESL <i>Bellin</i>	4 10 am Healing Prayer & Bible study <i>M. Berti</i>	5 6:15 pm ESL <i>Blodgett</i>	6 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>E. Blue</i>	7 <i>C. Blue</i>
8 8:45 am Lenten Retreat <i>Mr. & Mrs. B. Boissey</i>	9 <i>M. Boissey</i>	10 6:15 pm ESL <i>Bova</i>	11 10 am Healing Prayer & Bible study <i>Briggs</i>	12 6:15 pm ESL <i>Brinkerhoff</i>	13 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Brown</i>	14 <i>Bruno</i>
15 Directory Photo Day 8:45 am Lenten Retreat <i>Burgess</i>	16 <i>Byron</i>	17 6:15 pm ESL <i>Cadette</i>	18 10 am Healing Prayer & Bible study <i>Calame</i>	19 6:15 pm ESL <i>Calkins</i>	20 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Camillo</i>	21 <i>Canez</i>
22 Directory Photo Day 8:45 am Lenten Retreat 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>Capers</i>	23 <i>Carolei</i>	24 6:15 pm ESL <i>Cody</i>	25 10 am Healing Prayer & Bible study <i>C. Collins</i>	26 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. F. Collins</i>	27 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Conklin</i>	28 <i>De la Rock</i>
29 Palm Sunday Services at 7:30 and 10 am 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>DeFrank</i>	30 <i>Delaney</i>	31 6:15 pm ESL <i>deMartine</i>				

Grace Episcopal Church, Millbrook, NY

Grace Latino Outreach (GLO)



Grace Latino Advisory Board News

We are very excited and honored that Le Anne Schreiber and Gertrude O'Sullivan have both accepted our invitation to join the Grace Latino Outreach Board. Along with Jack Banning, Walter Cadette and Kathryn Calame GLO will continue to grow in our support and assistance to the Latino Community. GLO is most profound desire is the continuation of developing valuable programs and will keep on operating towards our goal to become a far-reaching and a greater resource to the community. GLO is grateful beyond words for the endless support and work that Jack, Walter and Kathryn have bestowed to GLO's programs, events and the future. We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Le Anne and Gertrude.

Immigration

On January 16th, I attended a seminar conducted by Catholic Charities Immigration Services in Poughkeepsie 'Training the Trainer'. The speaker was Kerry Conboy, Immigration Counselor from CCIS. The seminar was on the 'Executive Action' which President Obama signed in November 2014. The seminar was very enlightening on the laws of how to assist someone who wants to apply for this deferment. We await the release of the forms from the Department of Homeland Security no later than May 2015. Once the forms are released, we will assist as many immigrants as we can who wish to start on the path to work permits.

GLO has partnered with 'Somos la Llave Del Futuro' (SLF) to have an immigration seminar on February 15, 2015 with guest speaker Gerardo Gutierrez an Immigration Attorney in Poughkeepsie and affiliated with Rural Migrant Ministries. Mr. Gutierrez will speak on the documentation they will need to apply. He will, as well, speak in regard to people who run 'scams' on filling out forms. This portion of the seminar is in order to ensure that the community is knowledgeable on how to avoid such rip-offs. If needed, he will also

schedule private appointments for those in need of attorney guidance.

ESL

Our ESL classes continue in spite of the weather. Some of our volunteers have taken the month of February to go to warmer climates. We continue to conduct the classes, of course with the exception of snow storms and/or blizzards. In March, we will once again do an ESL Program flier distribution announcing the continuation of our classes.

The third Friday of January was the first 'Kinship Program' meeting at The Church of the Regeneration in Pine Plains. This is a Leadership Program conducted by Catholic Charities and hosted at GLO ESL classes in Amenia and Pine Plains at this time. We hope to add this program at all our ESL classes in 2015.

At the Grace, Millbrook class we are in need of a tutor for advanced students. If you are interested in this volunteering opportunity please feel free to contact me. The timeframe is twice per week for one hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. GLO and the students are very grateful to Fr. Matt who finds time in his busy schedule to be one of the tutors.

Grants

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, MA has once again awarded GLO a Grant Contract for 2015. GLO is extremely grateful that we are once again valued and recognized for the dedication and the work that we do for the Latino Community.

As of February 11th, we have been awarded The Human Needs Grant from Episcopal Charities.

Outreach to other Episcopal churches

I attended the 'Latino Ministry 21st Century' at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. It was a two day seminar on how we can extend a welcoming hand to the Latino Community. I learned many techniques in which we can further reach the Latino Community. There are easy methods to implement a welcoming mission to them. GLO will work on these programs in 2015. I met many other

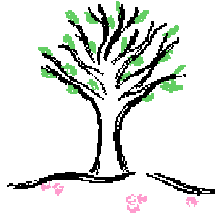
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March 2015 Service Schedule (Revised)

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>March 1</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Jean Hayes	Barney Calame	Jean Hayes	Barney Calame	Betty Rae Nittiski
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Barney Calame	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis
Chalice	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Karen Whitton	Cathy Shanks	Dawn Carolie	Jean Hayes	Brenda deMartine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	Pat Picney	Lorie Whiteley	Kolessar-Wright Family	M.L. Ball Family	Mustello Family
Usher 2	John Byron	Dorothy Knapp			
Reader	Dawn Galente	Ida Leung	John Lacey	Dorothy Knapp	Lorie Whiteley
Acolyte	Steven Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Mariel Mustello	Matthew Kolessar-Wright	Madeline Lacey
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Jim Kolessar	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs	John Lacey
Chalice 2	Sharon Schumacher	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Pam Freeman	Lynda Boissey
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	Thompson Family	Sandy Podmaniczny	Susan Quigley	Jane Meigs	Freeman Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalms	Psalms 22:22-30	Psalms 19	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalms 51:1-13	Psalms 31:9-16
Epistle	Romans 4:13-25	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Mark 8:31-38	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:1-15:47



April 2015 Service Schedule

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	<u>April 5 - Easter</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 19</u>	<u>April 26</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Jean Hayes	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Brenda deMartine	Valelerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Easter Sunday No Coffee Hour	The Calames	Karen Whitton	Betty Rae Nittiskie
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Gomez Family	Swift Family	Rudy Family	Susan Quigley
Usher 2				Paula Wilson
Reader	Joe Garzetta	Lynda Boissey	ML Ball	Marion Thompson
Acolyte	Mariel Mustello	Steven Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Jonathan Kolessar-Wright
Chalice 1	Jim Kolessar	Lisa Lacey	Lynda Boissey	ML Ball
Chalice 2	Pam Freeman	Sharon Schumacher	John Lacey	Ida Leung
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	To be determined	Mustello Family	Rudy Family	Kasin Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12
Psalms	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalms 133	Psalms 4	Psalms 23
Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24
Gospel	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18