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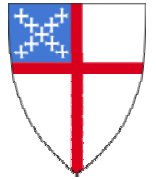
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Grace Notes



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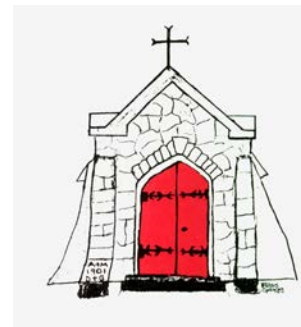
THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

We have an early Easter this year. March 27 is only a few weeks away. I know, right? It seems just yesterday we were cooking pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and putting ashes on foreheads Wednesday morning. I hope you are having a holy and blessed Lent, taking time to pray and study, perhaps taking the Bible Challenge or playing Lent Madness.

But it is hard to find peace or good news in the midst of presidential politics. The primary season. A lot of righteous anger apparently over the state of the union and the world. A lot of laying blame and making promises. A lot of talk about God and prayer—but I am not sensing the Holy Spirit in much of it. I turn off the radio when I drive these days.

Perhaps it is a good time to put on a jacket and walk outside. I wonder what the seeds in the cold ground are up to. Waiting, I suppose, though perhaps a bit confused on days of 50 degree temperatures in February. But their time will come soon enough. The first day of spring is the day after Palm Sunday. There are even now stirrings in the ground.

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The turning seasons of nature, of our faith, of the world of business, school and politics all have their different times and turnings. But they cannot be disconnected. While the earth still goes around the sun in the same stately rhythm, the earth is warming, and the sea is rising. While the church still celebrates the ancient rhythm of Christ's life, from birth through death to resurrection and ascension, we are also affected by the quickening pace of change in the world around us. This is no ordinary time. The acceleration of technological change, globalization and the rise of militant Islam, waves of migration, clashes over cultural identity....these are powerful forces that unsettle even the natural world, even the supernatural world I think.

What I mean is that God is also connected—for nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8). God heard the cry of the Israelites in captivity; God hears the groans of nature laboring with new birth (again Romans); God hears our prayers even when we cannot find the words, only sighs too deep for words (thank you Paul for your words). God is surely working even now on this long eighth day of creation.

And if God hears us, cares for us and all of God's creation, then we are assured that the final result will be good. All things shall be well, said Julian of Norwich (who knew some very hard times during the plague-ridden fourteenth century). This is the blessed assurance of faith. And so we hope, even in darkness, even in death. For we know that death did not hold the one who rose again from the dead on the third day. A day we remember well and celebrate every year around this time—though it is early this year. But none too soon. Come Lord Jesus, come.

See you in church.

Matthew+



Holy Week & Easter at Grace

Palm Sunday, March 20th

- Service at 7:30 am
- Special Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at Bandshell across from Grace at 9:30 am
- Service at 10 am. Child care provided

Maundy Thursday

March 24th at 7 pm

Good Friday, March 25th

12 noon Service at St. Peter's

7 pm Service at Grace



Holy Saturday, March 26th

7 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter Eve

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Services at the regular Sunday times - 7:30 and 10:00 am

Special Service for Family and Children March 6th at 10 am Service

This service is held on the first Sunday of each month. Join us to also hear a song sung by the children.

New Consecration Sunday Campaign 2016

Thank you to all who participated in the New Consecration Sunday pledge process which was rolled out for the first time this past fall. During this campaign we were encouraged to think differently about our giving to Grace Church.

We were asked to think about how our pledge would support the worship and missions of the church....and to reflect on giving from the spiritual perspective rather than a fundraising perspective.

We were asked to focus on the question, "What is God calling me to do?" rather than, "What does the church need in order to pay its bills?" Many of you answered that question with your pledge.

Of course, if you haven't pledge to date or are new to the church, there are pledge cards in the back of the church. You may fill them out at any time during the year and submit them to the church office.

Consider e-pledging as an easy, convenient way to fulfill your commitment. The church office can provide you with the forms and information needed to make those arrangements.

Starting in February, green cards will be placed in the collection plate each Sunday. These cards reflect the households who have e-pledged this year and represent those previously unseen and unblessed offerings. And, if you choose to e-pledge in the future, a card will be added to represent your pledge (with no identifying information).

Thank you for making our pledge campaign successful.

EPIC

We're looking for parishioners to prepare dinners for our group- please contact Abby at abby@epicjustice.org to sign up."



"High school students from EPIC meet on Friday nights in the Parish Hall. Here, one student is practicing public speaking about her childhood experiences.

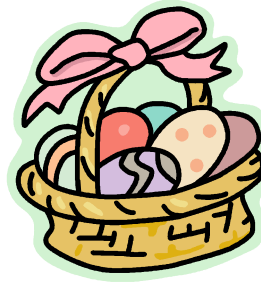
Gracie's Attic is Moving April 1st

As you may have heard at the annual meeting, Gracie's Attic will be moving to the Millbrook Antiques Center. Our contract begins April 1st and lasts for six months. After that we will evaluate the success of this experiment. We hope, since the center is open seven days a week and more people go thru, that we will be able to make as much or more money for the church, while still paying a modest monthly rent.

Most importantly, please continue to keep Gracie's Attic in mind and visit us at the Antiques Center. We always need donations, especially small-ish furniture and good quality jewelry. Please also encourage friends and family to visit us in the Antiques Center and to keep us in mind for items they might donate.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

March 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
		6:15 pm ESL 1 Fellows	2 Fettes	6:15 pm ESL 3 Freeman	3-5 pm Food Pantry 4 Furman	5 Galente
6 Gallagher	7 Garbellano	6:15 pm ESL 8 Garzetta	9 Gerbi	6:15 pm ESL 10 D. Glass	3-5 pm Food Pantry 11 S. Glass	12 Gomez
13 11 am Confirmation Class Graham	14 Gunther	6:15 pm ESL 15 Guyen	16 Mr. & Mrs. J. Hall	6:15 pm ESL 17 P. Hall	3-5 pm Food Pantry 18 Hammond	19 Hayes
Palm Sunday Services at 7:30, 10 am Palm Blessing at Bandshell at 9:30 am Hogan	20 Jagar	6:15 pm ESL 22 Kasin	6:30 pm Women of Grace Kiewra	6:15 pm ESL 24 7 pm Maundy Thursday King	Good Friday Noon Service at St. Peters 7 pm Service at Grace 3-5 pm Food Pantry C. Kinsey	25 7 pm Easter Eve Vigil R. Kinsey
Easter Sunday Services at 7:30, 10 am 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box Kolessar	27 Kramer	6:15 pm ESL 29 Kryzak	30 Kuras	6:15 pm ESL 31 Lacey		

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



Events:

Fr. Matt officiated at the bi-lingual Service for the celebration of "Candlemas" on February 7th. The 'Baby Jesus' was presented for a blessing; 'He' was brought to the Altar by all the children who attended the Service. "Dia de la Candelaria" is religious holiday celebrated in Mexico which marks the end of the Christmas Season. Traditionally in Mexico candles are brought to the Church for a blessing and in many Mexican cities it is as well celebrated with bullfights. Grace Church celebrated with a 'tamale contest' after the 10AM Services. We thank Bill 'Tamale' Hogan for his wonderful contribution and hard work on his Celebrated Tamales. There were three prizes. First prize was awarded to Ana Gonzalez of Lagrangeville, Second and Third prizes were awarded to Reina Alonza of Pawling and Juana Vertiz of Wingdale. GLO wishes to express appreciation to all the parishioners who attended this Blessed festivity.

Immigration:

On March 20th GLO will host the second 'Drivers Licenses Forum' in collaboration with New York Immigration Coalition and Worker Justice Center of New York. This is state-wide collaboration with 85+ agencies, to achieve the goal of the undocumented immigrant community members to have access to New York State Drivers' Licenses. This will most likely be a very arduous and long process, yet we all have confidence that with community, advocates, religious and political leaders supporting this effort it will triumph in the very near future.

GLO is working with Worker Justice Center of NYS to issue Community Photo Id's.

ESL:

GLO has begun sponsoring a new ESL class at Holy Trinity in Pawling, NY. We investigated and have found that there is a great necessity for a beginner's

English class. February 10th was the fourth class to be held, in which 22 students attended the class. We are now looking into changing the once a week to two classes per week (as requested by the students). GLO's gratitude is unending to the Vestry and Congregation of Holy Trinity's amazing support and dedication embracing this wonderful new mission in Pawling. Debbie Lee and Lorraine Succimarra have been instrumental in ensuring that everything that is needed for the students is there. Their commitment and hard work will make this a very successful Mission for Holy Trinity.

At the Millbrook ESL class we now have 6 volunteer tutors from The Millbrook Prep School who are assisting the ESL students in their workbooks and conversational English. GLO would like to express our appreciation to Kathy Havard Dean of Faculty, for endowing this volunteer effort to GLO ESL. The tutors work under the supervision of Kim Moores the ESL Millbrook teacher. GLO continues to sponsor and support the Amenia, Dover, Millbrook, Pine Plains and Pleasant Valley ESL classes.

Grants:

The Episcopal Charities Grant 'Basic Human Needs' has been once again awarded to GLO. We are very deeply grateful to the Episcopal Charities Board and Advisory Boards for their recommendations and generosity. For 2016 GLO was awarded \$15,000.

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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**Confirmation Class Reminder
March 13 After the 10 am Service**



Sunday School News

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

On the first Sunday of each month, Father Matt has been conducting special family and children oriented services. On February 7th, we celebrated Candelmas. The children participated in the service by bringing a dressed up Baby Jesus up to the altar to be blessed. The original story in Luke 2:22-38 is about Mary and Joseph bringing the baby to the Temple after 40 days, the time required for “purification” of the mother. The children carefully passed the Baby Jesus up in a fireman line. The children also served as ushers, bringing the gifts to the altar and taking up the collection, as well as readers and acolytes. In addition, they sang Peace Like a River. Thank you to Peter Muir for selecting such nice music for us to learn!

On Sunday, December 6th, the children were given \$10.00 from Father Matt to use for “good”...helping others who were in need of help during the holiday season. We are still compiling a picture board for Father Matt which will show the many different ways the children used the money. We will present this board to Father Matt during the 10:00 service sometime in March.

Stay tuned for more joyful singing and participation in the 10:00 service each month!

Betty Rae Nittiskie

Caregivers Support Group
Meeting Every Thursday From 1:00 to 2:00 in The Parish Hall. Any questions call: 845-877-1407 between 10:00 & 2:00

Easter Flowers



At Easter, we rejoice in the risen Christ with a beautifully decorated church. We will publish the names of those whom you wish to memorialize and/or give thanks for in the Easter bulletins. You may use this form and return it to the Parish Office no later than, Sunday, March 20 in order to be included in the Easter bulletin. Offerings in any amount are welcome for holiday flowers. Please enclose your payment and make your check payable to: “Grace Church - Easter Flowers”

Please print clearly

Given by: _____

In loving memory of: _____

And/or

In thanksgiving for: _____

Or

____ I do not wish to have a memorial printed in the Easter bulletin; however, I would like to make a donation toward the Easter flowers.

Check/cash enclosed for: _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Thank you for your donation and have a joyous Easter.



March 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>March 6</u>	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>	<u>March 27 - Easter</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiski
Reader	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Nancy Kryzak	Valerie La Robardier
Chalice	Nancy Kryzak	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	Jean Hayes	Brenda de Martine
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	Rudy Family	Sharon Schumacher	The Garzetta Family	Susan Quigley
Usher 2	Emily Grasseler, Catherine Page	Lorie Whitley		Paula Wilson
Reader	D. Galante, S. Bryant, O. Lucal	Marian Thompson	Dawn Galente	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Sophie Lucal	Mariel Mustello	TBD	M. Lacey, B. Lacey, S. Bryant
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	John Lacey	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Sharon Schumacher	Lisa Lacey	Lynda Boissey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Freeman Family	The Garzetta Family	The Kasin Family	Sandy Podmaniczky
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Joshua 5:9-12	Isaiah 43:16-21	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43
Psalms	Psalms 32	Psalms 126	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23:56	John 20:1-18



April 2016 Service Schedule

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	<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	S. Schumacher, L. Whiteley	The Rudy Family	Susan Quigley	The Garzetta Family
Usher 2	Marshall. Page, Cooper Kasin		Paula Wilson	
Reader	J. Meigs, B. Lucal, B. Lacey	Paula Wilson	Pam Freeman	Lori Whiteley
Acolyte	Steve Bryant	Samantha Muller	Sally Ball	Sophie Lucal
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher	Jane Meigs
Chalice 2	John Lacey	Sharon Schumacher	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Meigs Family	The Kasin Family	The Freeman Family	The Rudy 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