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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Ash Wednesday is March 1st this year. Forty days later is April 9th, Palm Sunday. For each of these forty days of Lent I have prepared a daily reading from scripture, taken from the suggested readings of the Prayer Book. And I have asked a lot of you to contribute short reflections on the readings and a prayer. The results are in (mostly). And they are great—some short and to the point, some longer with a personal story, all the result of thought and prayer. I hope the experience of writing the reflection was a soul-stirring one. I trust as you receive the reflections in Lent—either as a complete booklet or daily in an email—you will also be moved.

Lent is a movement through time. It is preparation for Holy Week and Easter but it is also its own journey and has its own integrity as a season of the soul. It is like the forty-year Israelite journey through the wilderness. It started at the Red Sea and stopped on the plains of Moab. It began as a flight from slavery and ended looking over the river into the promised land. The crossing and the conquest is another story, another journey. Let's take one day at a time, one season, one movement of the soul.

Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, likes to point out that Jesus didn't start a church but a movement. We are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. The fact

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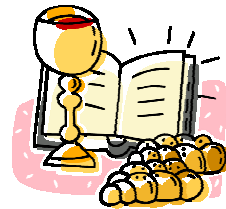
that we meet and worship weekly in a building called a church doesn't mean that "church" is a building. WE—the members of Christ's body—are the church. And the church needs to be on the move if Jesus is on the move.

So, for both you personally and for us collectively as a congregation, I suggest taking a hike. (I mean that in a nice way.) The hike will take you to several scenic spots, and safely past dangerous drops, but the point is to enjoy the whole walk, the weather, the view, the company, the enriched sense of being in nature. The top of the mountain is only part of the trip. Crossing the stream is also important, stopping in the hemlock grove should not be overlooked, feeling the ache in your legs as you climb—that is what makes the difference between hiking to the top and stopping at an overlook on the Parkway.

Just going to church on Sunday is like driving to the overlook. Sure you get the nice view and a seat at the sacramental picnic table, but how much more will you appreciate both if you get there by a daily walk of prayer and study.

So consider this an invitation to a Holy Lent. Don't just give up chocolate. Take on a spiritual exercise. There's lots of good ways—many good walks. And I guarantee this—you will never walk alone.

Your friend in Christ,
Matthew+



Adult Education Offerings for Lent

- **Grace Forum**
Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50 in the Parish Hall. Coffee and light refreshment provided

- **Sunday March 4th - Learn about Islam**

Join Fr. Matt for a brief introduction to the history and theology of Islam, the Abrahamic religion that is followed in different forms by over one billion people around the world (not just the Middle East). This will help prepare us for our visit to the mid-Hudson Islamic Center on March 12.

- **Sunday March 12th, 19th, and 26th - Transform your Mind**

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

Join Kathryn Calame for a conversation about the deep wisdom embedded in the teachings of Jesus. Discussion will be prompted by short videos and excerpts from the work of two Christian wisdom teachers, Richard Rohr and Cynthia Bourgeault. Both stress the need to move beyond conventional dualistic thinking and ego-centric interpretation to apprehend the deeper truths of Jesus' teaching. The class will look at the beatitudes as examples of familiar teachings that can be understood in mind-renewing and life-transforming ways.

- **Forty Days: Lenten Reflections from the People of Grace**

Fr. Matt has compiled scriptural selections from the Daily Office readings for each of the forty days of Lent and asked many members of Grace to contribute a reflection and prayer for one or two of the days. The result is a wonderful collection of thought-provoking stories, poems and ideas to help you in your own Lenten journey. We will have a few booklets available at the back of the church, but mostly you can access this work through a daily email post that we will send to the parish email list. If you are not on it, contact Cindy at office@gracemillbrook.org. You don't want to miss a day!



Next Presentation:

March 19th - 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

Future Presentations:

April 23rd - Music and Grace 12 noon

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

May 21st - Past and Prologue 12 noon

- Rev. Matt Calkins, speaker
- Parish Hall

June 11th - Episcopal Visitation and Benediction 10 a.m.

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



Ash Wednesday Services – March 1st

- 7:00 am Simple Imposition of Ashes
- 10:00 am Healing Prayer, Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 pm Imposition of Ashes with Eucharist and Music

Lenten Quiet Day with the Companions of Mary the Apostle



“Put on the Whole Armor of God”: Spiritual Practices for Hard Times

Saturday, March 4th, 10 - 4
Christ the King Episcopal Church,
3021 State Rte. 213, Stone Ridge NY
\$35 suggested donation; sliding scale

Hard times come to us all. Sometimes it is personal loss or illness; sometimes it's the difficulties faced by those we love or care for. Sometimes it stems from

our personal lives, and sometimes it's events that touch off change in our common life--personally, culturally, politically. At these times we need to remember that, “our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but . . . against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12).

We have been given guidance for sustaining ourselves and one another through hard times. The basic practices that deepen our personal faith also serve us well when we need to stand for others. Practices of truth, of righteousness and peace, of faith, enable us to stand with love.

During this day, we will name the darkness within and around us, and experience some practices that protect and nurture us. Some will be familiar to you; some might be new. (And you might have some to share with others!) Together they will give you “armor” to “be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph. 6:11).

Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided.

RSVP by March 1st to companionsma@gmail.com or 845-430-3012

Note

EPIC is looking for tutors for our high school students who are learning English. Could that be you? Call Abby at 845.420.4280 for details.

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

March 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
			Ash Wednesday 1 Services at 7 am, 10 am and 7 pm <i>Mott</i>	2 6 pm ESL <i>Mueser</i>	3 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Muir</i>	4 10 am - 4 pm Lenten Quiet Day <i>Muller</i>
5 <i>Mustello</i>	6 <i>Muth</i>	7 <i>Nathanson</i>	8 <i>Neville</i>	9 6 pm ESL <i>Nittiskie</i>	10 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Noonan</i>	11 <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Page</i>
12 <i>K. Page</i>	13 <i>Palmeiro</i>	14 <i>Pearson</i>	15 <i>Podmaniczky</i>	16 6 pm ESL <i>Quartararo</i>	17 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Quigley</i>	18 <i>Quinn</i>
19 Noon Race and Grace <i>Recknagel</i>	20 <i>Reilly</i>	21 <i>Renfroe</i>	22 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Roach</i>	23 6 pm ESL <i>Rudy</i>	24 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Schumacher</i>	25 <i>Scribner</i>
26 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Seaman</i>	27 <i>Sedlak</i>	28 <i>C. Shanks</i>	29 <i>J. Shanks</i>	30 <i>Stuebner</i>	31 <i>Sturges</i>	

Commissioning of Our Grace Renewal Works Task Force

Since 53 of us have completed our Spiritual Life Inventory, we welcome the following twelve persons who will spend time examining our results from the survey. Over the next two months, we will discover together how Grace can better strengthen our relationship to God and to our community. We ask that you select several of these people, perhaps some that you know and perhaps someone that you do not know and pray for them daily as this process unfolds. We anticipate making proposals to the vestry from our finding in the fall.

Jim Ball,	Kathryn Calame,
Evelyn Garzetta,	Brenda deMartine,
Connie Kinsey,	Nanci Kryzak,
Ida Leung,	Dianne McNeil,
Betty Rae Nittiskie,	Lorie Whiteley,
Beth Willis,	Matt Calkins

Let us pray for us:

Heavenly Father, we know you to be one who draws people to you. We thank you for doing that for each one of these, both on our Task Force, but also all of those in the congregation. We ask you to give these men and women clarity, curiosity, and your vision as we continue this work of making disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask all these things of you our Heavenly Father, through your Son, Jesus, and with the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

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 12th** 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.

Grace Latino Outreach (GLO) March 2017 Report



Immigration:

On February 2, 2017 Grace Latino Outreach in collaboration with Workers Justice Center of Kingston, arranged a Photo ID Forum along with a 'Know Your Workers Rights' Forum.

87 undocumented immigrants attended from many parts of Dutchess County and Connecticut; Peekskill, Pine Bush, Poughkeepsie, Dover, Millbrook and Canaan Connecticut, to name a few. People continued to arrive until 10:00 PM. 56 of them gratefully walked away with their photo ID's. Due to the late hour, 31 attendees needed to leave before they obtained their ID's. We thanked them for their patience and GLO assured them WJC and GLO will host a subsequent session within two months. WJC informed me that it was the largest session for ID's they have ever organized.

Words cannot express our appreciation to Emma, Cecilia, Kihani, and Fr. Matt who worked late into the night (The session ended at 12:45 AM) all I can say is: **with my deepest gratitude and Blessing for your assistance in making these programs a GREAT success!**

ESL Classes:

ESL Millbrook has a new caregiver(s) for the children of the ESL students; Madeline Lacey and Steven Bryant have accepted this position. Steven will be the substitute for Madeline when she is not available to attend. We are grateful to these amazing parishioners who are always there when most needed!!!

We are still 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 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:

The Basic Human Grant through Episcopal Charities has been awarded to Grace Latino Outreach for 2017, in the amount of \$17,100.

The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grant through The Northeast Dutchess Fund contract with GLO is has been signed for 2017.

Respectfully,
Evelyn E. Garzetta
Director
Grace Latino Outreach

10 am Service Nursery Care

Some changes to nursery care during the 10 am Sunday service: Miss Deborah will continue to staff the nursery in the Parish Hall on the first Sunday of each month during the Sunday school season. Parents and caregivers are welcome to use the nursery space with their children at any time. A rocking chair will be placed by the baptismal font to provide you with additional space should you desire to walk around with your little ones during service.

Sunday School News

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

For the February Family Service, we sang *This Little Light of Mine* and participated in the Blessing of Candles. Each family was given a candle which Father Matt blessed. During Sunday School on that date, we talked about times we might light the candle at home and say a prayer. Everyone thought that the best time light the candle and say a prayer was at dinner time. We also read some of the prayers from Graces of Grace which several families sent in the prayers that were said at meal times in their homes.

During our Sunday School classes, we will continue focus on prayers....how to pray and for what reasons might we pray.

The Sunday School and Youth Group students are going to participate in Grace Church’s First Annual Lenten Read-a-Thon. Jonathan Shanks and the Youth Group members are coordinating this project. The students will read books to raise money for the Literacy Connection in Poughkeepsie. The children will be sponsored by members of the congregation. Watch for more info as we move forward into Lent!

Betty Rae Nittiskie

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

	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes
Reader	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame
Chalice	Valerie La Robardier	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier
Coffee Hour	Brenda de Martine	Jean Hayes	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	The Ball Family	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	Sally Ball	Gus Ball	Steven Bryant
Chalice 1	Ida Leung	Ida Leung	ML Ball	Lisa Lacey
Chalice 2	Barbara Rudy	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy	John Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Sandy Podmaniczky	The Martin Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Mustello Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
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



April 2017 Service Schedule

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	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16 - Easter</u>	<u>April 23</u>	<u>April 30</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>					
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Jean Hayes	Maurice Neville	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Joan McGilvray	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame	Beth Willis	Valerie La Robardier
Chalice	Brenda de Martine	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Valerie La Robardier	Joan McGilvray
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Brenda de Martine	EASTER SUNDAY	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	The Garzetta	The Freeman Family	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson	The Garzetta Family
Usher 2	Ben Conklin, Belinda Lopez				
Reader	Lori Whiteley	The Passion	Dawn Galente	Joe Garzetta	Paula Wilson
Acolyte	Sophie Lucal, Olivia Lucal	Isabella Lucal, Samantha Muller	S. Bryant, B. Lacey, M. Lacey	Emily Grassler	Gus Ball
Chalice 1	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boissey	Ida Leung	Ida Leung	ML Ball
Chalice 2	Lisa Lacey	John Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boissey
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	The Kasin Family	The Rudy Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Thompson Family	The Garzetta Family
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 2:14a,22-32	Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalms	Psalms 130	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalms 16	Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17
Epistle	Romans 8:6-11	Philippians 2:5-11	Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel	John 11:1-45	Matthew 26:14- 27:66	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35