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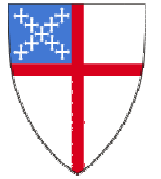
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Grace Notes



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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Blessing of the Fields

There is a tradition in the rural Church of England (from which the Episcopal Church descends) called "rogation days." Around the middle of May, the clergy and people traveled about blessing the farms and fields of the parish—the geographical area the village church served. Children were given sticks with which to "beat the bounds" and thus learn and refresh the boundaries. Well, we have fields and farms, and we want to honor our heritage, create closer community, and most of all, ask God's blessing and reaffirm our responsibility to the land. Why not do a bit of rogation around here?

So I proposed the idea of a blessing of the fields to other members of the Millbrook Clergy Association (a growing group open to leaders of all faith traditions) and the date of Saturday, May 16th was set. This "farm tour with a purpose" will visit six farms in our area: Sisters Hill Farm, a CSA (community supported agriculture) organic farm owned by a Catholic order of nuns, Millbrook Winery (no introduction needed), Thorndale,

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one of the great pillar estates of our town, Walbridge Farm, which raises beef and other animals, Lightning Tree Farm, just to the north, which raises the highest quality feed for animals, and finally, the Fountains, which used to be Hope Farm, and then Greer School, established just about one hundred years ago as “protectory” for children without safe homes or intact families. And then we’ll have a party, inviting neighbors, friends, owners, workers, people who have been here for generations and people who just came to America. Barbecue and bluegrass seem a good combination—along with conversation and a few words about how we all need to work together to serve and protect the land God has blessed us with.

“To serve and protect”—a familiar mission statement for police—is a literal translation of the Hebrew words often translated as “till and keep” in Genesis 2:15 (*ebed* and *shamar*). There, in the garden of Eden, the newly created human person, Adam (made from *adamah*—earth) is placed with the responsibility to serve/work/till and protect/care/keep the land.

I picked up this biblical word study from a document our own Bishop Dietzsch was part of crafting as a member of an international gathering of bishops concerned with action on climate change. Their collective statement is titled, *The World if Our Host: An Urgent Call for Climate Justice*. Check it out on their facebook page, [Anglican Eco Bishops](#). I love their icon. I completely share their commitment and will continue to put care of creation as a central theme of my preaching and teaching—and celebrations, such as the blessing of the fields or the flowering of the cross we did with the children on Earth Sunday.

Rogation days and facebook icons. Well, times change, and the generations come and go, but God and earth abide. Let’s honor our heritage and preserve a good future for our children and grandchildren.



Pentecost - May 24th

There will be only one service at 10 am. All are encouraged to come and read a part of the Acts of the Apostles in whatever language you can read.



Honoring All Mothers

The day, May 10th, begins at 10:00 am at Grace Church Eucharist. Following that the men at Grace will prepare an extensive Brunch for all Mothers and friends of Mothers.

Here are the highlights of the menu:

Quiche, Eggs Benedict, Home Fries, Bacon, Sausage, Assorted Sweet Breads, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Fresh Fruit and Yogurt.

Roast Turkey Breast, Broiled Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Assorted colorful Vegetables and Salad.

Assorted Cookies, Warm Apple Pie with whipped cream, Ricotta cheese cake.

All are invited, Please RSVP to Me (Lynn Kasin 223-5530) or the Church Office (677-3064) no later than 5/7, so we can prepare enough.

The men at Grace look forward to Honoring all.

Lynn Kasin




Millbrook Community Preschool

The preschool at Grace Church has opened **Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year**. The school offers dynamic programs for both 3-4 and 4-5 year olds. In the fall, the school will offer a morning program Monday-Friday from 9:00-12:00 with options for a 3-5 day week. Application forms are available online on the preschool page at [gracemillbrook.org](http://www.gracemillbrook.org).

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our program, coming for a tour, and meeting the staff, please contact the program director, Maureen Sarma by phone, (845) 594-3974, or email her at maureenatgrace@gmail.com. The school is planning an **Open House on Tuesday, May 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m** at the school for families who wish to explore the program for their child. Enrollment materials will be available at this time. Please RSVP the director by email if you wish to attend.

The Children's Rummage Sale will take place on Friday & Saturday May 29th-30th upstairs in the Parish House from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the preschool Scholarship Fund. Donations of clean, gently used children's clothing (birth-14 years), toys, games, sports equipment, bedroom and nursery furniture, and bedding are graciously being accepted. Please contact Maureen Sarma to arrange a donation. If you wish to drop off items after church services, please kindly leave items upstairs in the Parish House, to the far left of the stage area.



Save the date! Sunday, June 7th

Celebration for Confirmands & Sunday School

Blessing of the Fields

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Come join us at any stop along the way as we:

- Celebrate the beauty and bounty and sacred goodness of the earth.
- Ask God's blessing of the fields and woodlands here.
- Remind ourselves of our heritage, current state and future as a rural community.
- Build relationships among us, whether working on farms or in other fields, including those of us in various faith communities.
- Have fun on a beautiful spring day.

A Farm Tour With a Purpose

9 am	Thorndale Farm
10 am	Millbrook Vineyard
11 am	Sisters Hill Farm
12 pm	Walbridge Farm
1 pm	Lightning Tree Farm
2 pm	The Fountains (formerly Hope Farm)
3 – 5 pm	Grace Church BBQ and Bluegrass Music



Participating Churches:

Grace Church
St. Joseph's
St. Peter's
Verbank Methodist

Sponsored by the Millbrook Clergy Association



Episcopal Charities
A Commitment to Caring

Episcopal Charities Sunday is Mother's Day, May 10

Help support 50 parish-affiliated feeding programs throughout the Diocese of New York—serving more than 2.6 million meals each year

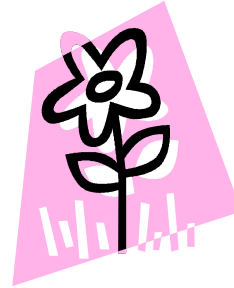
- \$500 provides 275 hot meals
- \$250 buys bags of groceries for 40 families
- \$100 buys 175 pounds of fresh fruit
- \$50 buys a bag lunch twice a week for a year

Please give generously!

www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org

Calendar and Prayer Cycle

May 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
					3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Knapp</i>	6 pm Speaker Series - Medical / End of Life <i>Kolessar</i>
3 <i>Kramer</i>	4 <i>Kuras</i>	5 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lacey</i>	6 <i>LaManna</i>	7 6:15 pm ESL <i>Larobardier</i>	8 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Mr. & Mrs. D. Latvis, Jr.</i>	9 <i>Laursen</i>
10 11 am Mother's Day Brunch <i>Lawson-Boice</i>	11 <i>Lechleitner</i>	12 6:15 pm ESL <i>Leung</i>	13 <i>Lewin</i>	14 6:15 pm ESL <i>Lindsay</i>	15 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Lindsay</i>	16 9 am - 5 pm Blessing of the Fields <i>B. Lynch</i>
17 11:30 am Vestry Meeting <i>R. Lynch</i>	18 <i>Mandy</i>	19 6 pm - MCP Open House 6:15 pm ESL <i>McGilvray</i>	20 <i>McGregor</i>	21 6:15 pm ESL <i>McNeil</i>	22 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>McWilliams</i>	23 <i>Meigs</i>
24 Pentecost Service at 10 am only <i>Meyer</i>	25 <i>Mott</i>	26 6:15 pm ESL <i>Mueser</i>	27 <i>Muir</i>	28 6:15 pm ESL <i>Muller</i>	29 9 am - 3 pm Children's Rummage Sale 3-5 pm Food Pantry <i>Murray</i>	30 9 am - 3 pm Children's Rummage Sale <i>Mustello</i>
31 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Neville</i>						

Grace Latino Outreach (GLO) March/April 2015



Grace Latino Advisory Board News

The announcement that Jack Banning one of the three founders of Grace Latino Outreach has stepped down from the GLO Advisory Board was bitter-sweet. Jack has given so much of his time, talent and energy to the growth of GLO. He is, as well, on the Board of Episcopal Charities. He will certainly be missed by GLO. Yes he did say we could still contact him and GLO will continue to keep him in the loop of our program progress.

Jack and Irene Banning have always been very generous in their guidance, time and contributions to GLO. GLO has grown because of their dedication and consistent support of this vital Grace Church Mission. We will forever be have the deepest gratitude and endless esteem for very dear friends, Jack and Irene Banning.

Immigration

On April 12th, we hosted workshop sponsored by 'Somos la Llave del Futuro' on Executive Action. The keynote speaker was Gerardo Gutiérrez, Immigration Attorney based in Poughkeepsie and General Counsel for Rural Migrant Ministries. The evening began at 5:00 PM with dinner and then proceeded with Mr. Gutiérrez's presentation which began at 6:00 PM. Mr. Gutierrez spoke on the documentation which immigrants will need to apply for. He also spoke in regard to people who run 'scams' on filling out forms. This portion of the seminars was 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

It is with great gratification that GLO is happy to announce that we now have ten students who attend the Pleasant Valley class. For over six months Denis Freeman and I sat every Tuesday evening waiting for someone to show up. It was not easy, but we never even thought of giving up. Once the students started coming to the class (1 at first) and they began to learn, they did what most people do when they find 'a good thing'. They talk about it; (they speak to family, friends, neighbors, the guy at the grocery store), of the benefits that they have received from their dedication, of the dedicated teacher (GREAT work DENIS! THANK YOU!); and the sociability that they have with others in the ESL Latino Community.

As they say: 'The proof is in the pudding'. Yes, it's true that 'The Holy Spirit' does work in mysterious ways! Amen!

Collaboration with Agencies

GLO has been invited to join Upstate Network for Immigrant Rights (UNIR). GLO has been requested to be a part of the steering committee, which I accepted. I am eager and await the meeting on April 24th in Albany to begin the next part of GLO's work in assisting immigrants and to continue working on reform for a better life for all.

I will keep you informed of all the progress in all aspects of Grace Latino Outreach.

Respectfully,
Evelyn Garzetta
Latino Outreach Director

Are You Prepared? Financial, Medical and Spiritual Questions Around Aging and End of Life

This 3-session speakers' program continues in May. The two remaining sessions are scheduled as follows, each beginning at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

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. Presentations will allow plenty of discussion and will be followed by light refreshments.

May 2nd - **Medical and End of Life Decisions** –
Dr. Daniel Aaronzon, recently retired President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

May 9th - **The Spirituality of Aging and End of Life Decisions** –
A Panel and Discussion with Mary Lou Walker, author and former NYS teacher of the year; Dianne McNeil, RN, ANP and nurse for Hospice; and the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Millbrook.

Please call Maria Galli at 845-677-3064 or email to mcgalliatgrace@aol.com to register and indicating dates of attendance.

9th Annual Grace Golf Tournament & Gala Dinner Monday ~ July 13th, 2015

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sam Simon
President and Founder, Hudson Valley Fresh



Hudson Valley Fresh is a non-profit dairy cooperative comprised of nine farms, dedicated to preserving the Hudson River Valley's agricultural heritage as one of the premier food regions of the United States.

The tournament and dinner will take place at:

The Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club
#103 Rt. 343, Millbrook, N.Y 12545

To register or to view the photo gallery and video clip from last year's event visit our website at:

<http://www.gracemillbrook.org/hello-world/grace-gala-golf-tournament>

Golfers, Diners, Sponsors, and Volunteers are wanted. Please see Doug or Robin Capers, Brenda deMartine, Pam Freeman, Betty Rae Nittiskie, or Bill Schumacher for more information.

Gracie's Attic



Spring is here and Gracie's Attic will open for the 2015 season on May 2nd. The shop will also be open after church, both services, on May 3rd so that you can see all our new items.

Every cent we take in goes directly into the church treasury, so this is a fundraiser for the church. Come and browse and shop for Mother's Day gifts!

We always appreciate donations so take a look at antique or vintage items you no longer need and consider giving them to Gracie's Attic. Also, if anyone has shelves they could donate or lend to us, it would be wonderful as we are in need of more display space. Please contact Maria in the office or Kathryn Calame (calame.kathryn@gmail.com).

Sunday School Report

April has been a busy month for Sunday School. We participated in an Easter Egg Hunt which Becky Scribner and Patrick organized. Lots of children participated. It was great to see so many families on Easter Sunday.

On April 18th, a group of children, under the excellent leadership of John and Lisa Lacey went to The Fountains to mingle with some of the residents and to decorate planters and plant plants. Both young and old enjoyed the event tremendously.

The children and teachers worked together to lead the services on Sunday, April 19th. The children helped with the readings, the psalm, acolyte and ushering. They brought forth the gifts and helped with the flowers for the greening of the cross...wasn't it beautiful! The kids also painted a beautiful mural for the altar around the theme of The Tree of Life with four rivers flowing from it. They also made rains sticks which they played while everyone was "greening the cross". They have a better understanding about our responsibility to care for the creation.

We only have a few more weeks of Sunday School. April 26th and May 3rd complete this cycle. We will have a break on May 10th which is Mother's Day and resume classes on May 17th, 24th and 31st. May 31st is the last day of class for this year. We will also be planning our contribution to Father Matt's installation.



YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE
THE INSTALLATION OF GRACE CHURCH'S 25TH
RECTOR

THE REVEREND DR. MATTHEW H. CALKINS

ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH
AT
4 P.M.

THE RIGHT REVEREND ANDREW M L
DIETSCH, BISHOP OF NEW YORK, PRESIDING

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

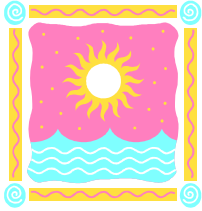
RSVP BY JUNE 3: MCGALLIATGRACE@AOL.COM CLERGY: WHITE STOLES
(845) 677-3064



May 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>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>					
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville	Jean Hayes
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Kathryn Calame	Barney Calame	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Joan McGilvray	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Brenda deMartine	Dawn Carolei	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	Karen Whitton
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	Mustello Family	Lorie Whiteley	The Ball Family	Pickney/Byron	Quigley/Wilson
Usher 2		Sharon Schumacher			
Reader	Ron Mustello	Paula Wilson	Lorie Whitely	Ida Leung	Dawn Galente
Acolyte	KC Bryant	Madeline Lacey	Mariel Mustello	Matthew Kolessar-Wright	Steven Bryant
Chalice 1	John Lacey	Ida Leung	Jane Meigs	Sharon Schumacher	Lisa Lacey
Chalice 2	Lynda Boissey	Lisa Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Jim Kolessar	Ida Leung
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour	Meigs	Thompson	Podmaniczky	Freeman	Mustello
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalms	Psalms 22:24-30	Psalms 98	Psalms 1	Psalms 104: 25-35,37	Psalms 29
Epistle	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17



June 2015 Service Schedule

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	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
<u>7:30 am Service</u>				
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Barney Calame	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray	Barney Calame
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Brenda deMartine	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	The Calames	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
	<i>** Tentative Schedule Only **</i>			
Usher 1	Gomez Family	Susan Quigley	Swift Family	Barbara & John Rudy
Usher 2		Paula Wilson		
Reader	Don Delaney	Joe Garzetta	Marion Thompson	ML Ball
Acolyte	Madeline Lacey	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher	KC Bryant
Chalice 1	Pam Freeman	John Lacey	Ida Leung	Sharon Schumacher
Chalice 2	-----	-----	-----	-----
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Quigley	Rudy	Kasin	Freeman
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Psalm 9:9-20	Psalm 130
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13),	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:21-43