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Grace Church, Millbrook, NY

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

More Life

Give me more. Please. More life.

Not more stuff. I have all the stuff I need, food, shelter, transportation. Of course, it would be nice to have some whipped cream on top but I could make do with less. Like George Carlin said, stuff always expands to fill available space; the more stuff you have the more space you need, the more money you have to make, the more worries to keep you up at night.

More love. Whatever middle class worries or wants I have around stuff, my life is growing richer and deeper in meaning and purpose the more I love. Love God and neighbor, love my wife and family, love the green grass and the gray sky, love the stars at night and the life I have been given as a pure gift. But I still want more.

Not more years. I worked in the yard yesterday, and today my back hurts. Getting old. I don't really mind because it means I am alive, of a certain age, with "more yesterdays than tomorrows" as someone said, but getting old and dying are a part of life. That's the deal. But I want more.

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More justice. The world is messed up. Suffering, injustice, wanton cruelty, early death. How can God allow evil into a world created “good”? Good question. Many have tried to answer it. My only answer is that if God is just and good and loving there must be more.

Keen and abiding joy, insight and wisdom, soul friends and true love; I want these and justice and peace on earth. Is that too much to ask?

Yes, that is a lot to ask. Well, “You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one” (from “Imagine” by John Lennon). Did you know this song was partly inspired by a Christian prayer book the comedian Dick Gregory had given him? In a Playboy interview Lennon gave to David Sheff in 1980 he said “The concept of positive prayer ... If you can *imagine* a world at peace, with no denominations of religion—not without religion but without this my God-is-bigger-than-your-God thing—then it can be true.”

Not more religion, more God.

But thank God for church, because that’s where I heard the good news of Jesus and of his risen life. That’s I mean by more life. Risen life, life in and with God, eternal life. Life which glows with an indescribable presence of something more—call it glory or sacramental presence. I sense it sometimes and I want more. How about you?

See you on Sunday.

Matthew +



(Re)Connect, (Re)Commit, Renew: Be Confirmed, Received or Renew Your Baptismal Vows

We are all on a spiritual journey, trying to get closer to God. Would you like to deepen your understanding and practice of the Way of Jesus?

Our diocesan bishop, the **Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche**, will be making a visit to Grace Church on June 11th, two days before the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the first Grace Church in Hart’s Village. So we will celebrate.

The bishop will also be confirming a cohort of young people who have been taking confirmation class over the last year or two. And you can join them if you like, and be confirmed, if you never were (by a bishop in apostolic succession anyway), or received into the Episcopal Church (if you were confirmed in another apostolic tradition such as the Roman Catholic church), or renewed in your baptismal vows (it may be the right point in your journey).

This is a great time to make a pilgrimage of trust. Contact Fr. Matt for more information.

Flowering of the Cross
May 7th, 8 and 10 am Services



Next Presentation:

May 21st - Past and Prologue 12 noon

- Rev. Matt Calkins, speaker
- Parish Hall

Final Presentation:

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

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

Loving God

I'm going to love You all this day.
 I'm going to worship, I'm going to pray.
 I'm not going to worry, not one little bit.
 You have a plan; I'll will go with it.

Dorothy Knapp

**Episcopal Charities
 Sunday
 is Mother's Day, May 14**

Help support 49 parish-affiliated feeding organizations throughout the Diocese of New York—serving more than 7 million meals each year

- \$500 buys the food for 550 hot meals
- \$250 fills bags of groceries for 44 families
- \$100 provides the food for 59 brown bag lunches
- \$50 buys 87 pounds of apples, bananas and other fresh fruits

Please give generously!

www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org



Episcopal Charities
 A Commitment to Caring

Blessing Our Sacred Places: An Interfaith Celebration Presented by the Food/Farm/Faith Initiative

Millbrook NY— Members of the public are invited to join leaders and members of various faith traditions in an interfaith celebration of the bounty and beauty of creation on Sunday May 21, 2017, at 10:30 am at Innisfree Garden.

The interfaith celebration of God's creation will include music, readings, and a blessing of fields and seeds (people are welcome to bring packets of seeds to be blessed).

This event is sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook and Innisfree Garden in Millbrook. Dr. Joshua Ginsberg, President, Cary Institute for Ecological Studies, Millbrook, is this year's featured speaker. Participating religious leaders include the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Grace Church Millbrook; Dr. Umar M. Ahmad and Imam Hafiz Badar Usman, Mid-Hudson Islamic Center, Wappingers Falls; Shamu Sadeh, Adamah Farm and Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village, CT; Donna Coane (Ohstonha Ohskenonoton), Leader and Healer, Schaghticoke First Nation, Kent CT; and Lama Depa and Lama Lhadron, Kagyu Thubten Choling Monastery, Wappingers Falls.

"Blessing Our Sacred Places" is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted in support of Innisfree Garden and Dutchess Interfaith Council. The "Farms and Chef Food Truck" of Le Express Restaurant will have lunch available for purchase. Picnicking is also encouraged; picnic tables are available overlooking the Garden. Innisfree is located at 362 Tyrrel Road Millbrook NY. The Garden will be open until 2 p.m.

This event is a part of the Food/Farm/Faith Initiative (F/F/F), spearheaded by Grace Church. This initiative seeks to grow community, nourish dialogue, and plant the future by connecting members of various food, farm, and faith communities in New York's Hudson Valley through events and partnerships. To learn more about The Food/Farm/Faith Initiative and to pursue possible collaborations, please contact coordinator Abby Nathanson at:

abby@gracemillbrook.org and visit foodfarmfaith.org.

For inquiries about this event, please contact the Rev. Dr. Mathew Calkins at calkins@gracemillbrook.org or at (845) 677-3064.



Calendar and Prayer Cycle

May 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
	1 <i>Augerson</i>	2 <i>Ball</i>	3 <i>Barnes</i>	4 6 pm ESL <i>Bedell</i>	5 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Bellin</i>	6 <i>Mr. & Mrs. C. Blue</i>
7 8 and 10 am Services Flowering of the Cross <i>Blymyer</i>	8 <i>Mr. & Mrs. B. Boissey</i>	9 <i>Bova</i>	10 6 pm Episcopal Women Pot Luck <i>Briggs</i>	11 6 pm ESL <i>Byron</i>	12 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Cadette</i>	13 <i>Calame</i>
14 <i>Calkins</i>	15 <i>Camillo</i>	16 <i>Capers</i>	17 <i>Carlson</i>	18 6 pm ESL <i>Carolei</i>	19 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Chase-Paschali</i>	20 <i>Cody</i>
21 10:30 am Blessing of our Sacred Places Noon - Past and Prologue <i>Mr. & Mrs. F. Collins</i>	22 <i>Conklin</i>	23 <i>Cook</i>	24 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Creswell</i>	25 6 pm ESL <i>Curtis</i>	26 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>De la Rock</i>	27 <i>DeFrank</i>
28 11:30 am - 3 Lunch Box <i>Delaney</i>	29 <i>deMartine</i>	30 <i>Dichiara</i>	31 <i>Mr. & Mrs. C. Dyson</i>			

11th Annual Grace Golf & Dinner Benefit Monday – July 17th, 2017



Congregation Honoree: Connie Kinsey

Community Honoree and Guest Speaker: Fred Apers Executive Director of Cardinal Hayes Home for Children

The tournament and dinner will take place at:
The Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club
#103 Rt. 343, Millbrook, N.Y.

Registration is open!

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| • Golf & lunch | \$125 |
| • Golf, lunch, dinner, auction | \$175 |
| • Dinner & auction | \$110 |



Sponsorship opportunities are available and welcome! Please consider sponsoring lunch, golf hats, or one of our many outreach programs. (For a complete list see our website at: www.gracemillbrook.org or pick up a registration form at the back of the church).

For registration or sponsorship opportunities contact Cindy Schmoke at (845) 677- 3064, Doug Capers at (845) 677- 5405, or David Swift at (845) 464-7872 or download the registration form at:

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

Mail completed registration forms to Grace Church, PO Box 366, Millbrook, NY 12545

All Women of the Parish

The Women of Grace have invited all the Episcopal Women in the Dutchess County to a pot luck dinner at our parish hall on May 10th at 6 pm. Please, all women of the church, plan on attending and confirm with Cindy in the office that you will be there.

We are providing the entree, and the other parishes will complete the meal. Pam Mott, Who use to be at Grace and is now Canon to the Ordinary of Western Mass., will be our guest speaker.

If you have any question, please email DAMcNeil816@msn.com or Linda Hogan. I look forward to seeing all of you. Dianne

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.

Save the date: EPIC End-of-the-Year Party!

Friday, June 9th, 2017, 7 – 9 pm
Grace Church, Parish Hall
Everyone is invited!

And... Here's what Kayla, a senior at Webutuck, has to say about EPIC. If you want to hear more, come to our party! As always, questions and comments are welcome by calling Abby at 845.420.4280.

EPIC has served as an outlet for my passion and a resource for my education. I've always been interested in standing up for what I believe is right and for helping those who are impacted by the wrong of the world. I had the right opinions, but not clear and correct information to be able to back up my opinion without sounding foolish. Attending, learning, and participating in EPIC has made me more comfortable with talking about these sensitive topics that we indeed do need to talk about and in effect, has given me more confidence. I value the gift of sharing and receiving information with people and being able to share all the greatness I take away from EPIC is something I'm most proud of. We need more courageous and informed youths who are willing to spread support.

<http://epicjustice.weebly.com/>

Food of Life Pantry

If you would like to donate to the Food of Life Pantry @ St. Thomas Church, you can send your donation directly to:

Food Bank of The Hudson Valley,
965 Albany - Shaker Rd.
Latham, NY 12110

You must ask them to apply it to our grant - 2405F

Alternately, you can send your donation to:

St. Thomas Church
40 Leedsville Rd.
Amenia Union, NY 12501

Memo on check- Food Pantry

Thank you for supporting this mission!
Robin Capers



Sunday School News

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

For the April Family Service, we sang Standing in The Need of Prayer. Once again, the children did a nice job!

We have also completed the lessons on Holy Communion which were taught by Father Matt. We used the book Alleluia! Amen, written by Gretchen Wolff Pritchard. On April 2nd, Father Matt provided a special Sunday service at which time, all the children came up to the altar for an up close and personal perspective of Holy Communion to help celebrate this very special time.

A number of the children participated in the Lent Read a Thon, which was coordinated by Jonathan Shanks and the Youth Group. The Sunday School and Youth Group children read books to raise money for the Literacy Connection in Poughkeepsie. The children were sponsored by members of the congregation. Thank you, readers, and thank you sponsors!

We had a lively Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday which was coordinated by John and Lisa lacey and Jonathan Shanks. Check out the Grace website for some nice photos! The Easter Bunny was a HUGE hit!

Father Matt compiled a new series, Easter Acclamations, for the children and youth members of Grace. He created a selection of readings for the 50 days following Easter, with recommended readings for each child. The children can respond to the reading assigned with a picture or a response. The confirmands were given a question to ponder. The EPIC members are also participating. Look for these reflections/responses to be sent to your email right after Easter.

Betty Rae Nittiskie





May 2017 Service Schedule (Revised)

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	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Joan McGilvray	Valerie LaRobardier	Elliot Lindsley	Beth Willis
Chalice	Brenda deMartine	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier
Coffee Hour	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	The Calames	Jean Hayes, Hollie Sturges
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Rudy Family	The Garzetta Family	Susan Quigley, Paula Wilson	The Mustello Family
Usher 2	Ben Conklin, Magdalena Lucal			
Reader	Lori Whiteley	Marion Thompson	Madeline Lacey	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Steven Bryant, Ben Lacey	Sally Ball	Bella Lucal	Samantha Muller
Chalice 1	Jane Meigs	Lynda Boisse	John Lacey	Ida Leung
Chalice 2	Lisa Lacey	John Lacey	Barbara Rudy	Jane Meigs
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	The Martin Family	The Meigs Family	Grace Latino Outreach	Sandy Podmaniczky
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14
Psalm	Psalm 23	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalm 66:7-18	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
Epistle	1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-11



June 2017 Service Schedule

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	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Maurice Neville	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier	Brenda deMartine
Coffee Hour	Brenda deMartine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Garzetta Family	The Freeman Family	The Ball Family	The Rudy Family
Usher 2	Kasin Cooper, Kaitlyn Muller			
Reader	Ida Leung	Lynda Boissey	Juana Lopez	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Steven Bryant, Ben Lacey	S. Bryant, M. Lacey, O. Swift	Bella Lucal	Samantha Muller
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Sharon Schumacher	John Lacey	Ida Leung
Chalice 2	Jane Meigs	Barbara Rudy	Barbara Rudy	Lisa Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Susan Quigley	The Thompson Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Rudy Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)	Genesis 21:8-21
Psalms	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	Psalms 8	Psalms 116:1, 10-17	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-2	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)	Matthew 10:24-39