



The Angelus

September 2020

A Word from the Rector: *Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!*

The world as we know it (and have known it) has changed forever. However much (or little) normalcy returns, it will never be the old “normal” again. I miss seeing you all in the flesh, I miss singing in church, I miss long sit-ins at coffee shops like Paradigm and animated conversation with friends. I miss visiting people in their homes, the places that truly describe and sustain us. But while these and other regrets are real and painful, I must acknowledge that good things have come out of this time.

First of all, we have spent considerable time with one another, albeit not in the flesh. I have seen more of the bishop and clergy of this diocese since March than any diocese I ever served. I have rediscovered the special quality of expression that comes in a handwritten card or even a phone call (as opposed to a tweet or text or email). I have begun and completed several projects that I

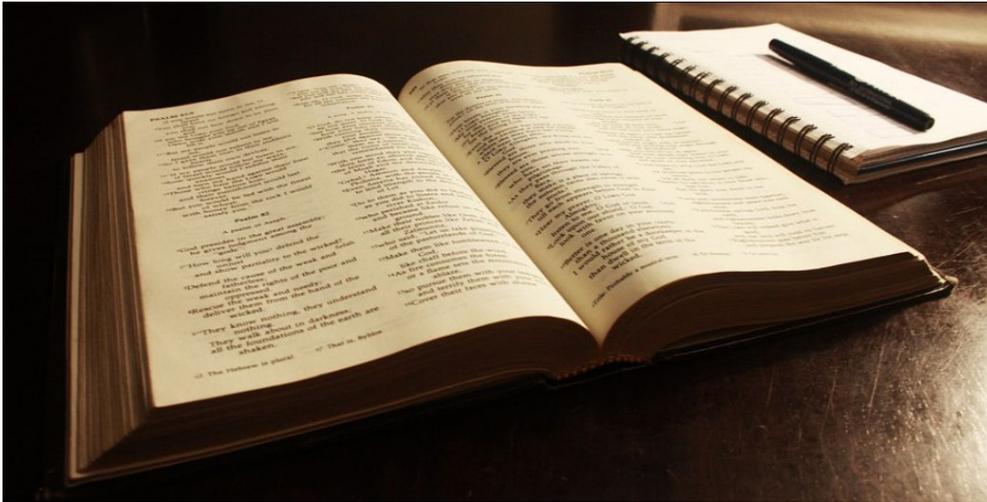
know I would have found time to avoid or at least postpone. But most of all, more than anything else, I have come to realize and appreciate how much each day and all that is in it means to me. Every single moment is an opportunity for service, and often service done in new ways.

Next month (October) we will hold the annual pilgrimage of Our Lady of Walsingham, but it will be primarily virtual. There will be addresses, meditations and sermons as always, but it has dawned on us in the planning of it that it's been a long time in the memory of Grace that children and families have been involved in this formative annual event. I don't yet know what may come of this, but the fact that the Senior Warden is challenging us to consider “Walsingham Kits” for the children is an altogether new thing that I daresay would never have happened during business as usual.

So, none of us would have wished for a pandemic and none would have willingly chosen racial unrest as a way to spend the time. But when almost half the bestsellers on The NY Times Books list are works exploring white supremacy and the legacy of slavery, you have to admit this never would or could have happened at this time, in this way, apart from the tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Good things can and do come out of the bad, and burnished gold can be found in what before we thought and believed was just dirt. In our community of faith, we call this thing that I am describing redemption, the heart of the work of the Holy One of Israel.

Onward (together),
Jon

(The Rev.) Jonathan B. Coffey,
Interim Rector



Learning at Grace

By *Bernie Markevitch*

As a new school year begins, it is important to remember the many opportunities we have to study our faith at Grace Church.

There are, of course, the lessons we learn at Sunday Mass,

Morning and Evening Prayer, Sunday School, the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning adult class and in Fr. Schaffenburg's time, the Hebrew and Greek classes. In Advent and Lent, the season is laid out on a daily basis with a text, observation and thoughts to contemplate. There are the pre-Cana classes for couples about to marry, classes before First Communion, the Quiet Day before the Walsingham Pilgrimage and the Thursday morning Bible study.

The greatest opportunity to study, with the longest commitment, is the Catechumenate class taught by Mthr. Michele. I've done that class twice, once in Fr. Sloane's time when I was received into the Church. We had no choir practice on Wednesday nights that year, so most of the choir did it together. Unfortunately, the group was too large! Fr. Dailey's group from Sheboygan Falls was also included in the roster and Mary Carol Coleman was our primary teacher with occasional help from Fr. Sloane and Fr. Dailey.

I think class time was supposed to be an hour and a half but usually went 2 hours. There was a reading aloud, discussion, answers and more discussion. The most remarkable part of the whole process was the bonding together of our whole group. Grace Zangara was so intrigued she repeated the class the following year.

For me, it was a true journey of faith and I recommend it highly...Another gift of the Holy Spirit.



Our Junior Warden needs help! There is an accumulation of debris in a few gutters around church. Some of it may be causing rain water to overflow the gutter, causing water seepage into the building. The ladder needed may be heavy so it may need three people to accomplish the task. Contact Ed Clabots at <clabots@wildblue.net> or 920-762-0500.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CALLING OUR RECTOR

2020

PREPARE

- ✓ DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE FORMED
OCTOBER 2019
- ✓ PARISH WIDE HISTORY WORKSHOP
JANUARY 2020
- ✓ PARISH WIDE DISCERNMENT WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 2020
- ✓ PARISH PROFILE COMPLETE, REVIEWED, AND APPROVED
- ✓ FORMAL POSTING APPROVED AND PUBLISHED

SEARCH

- ✓ CANDIDATES RESPOND - SCREENED BY BISHOP
- CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED VIA SKYPE BY SEARCH COMMITTEE
- CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED ONSITE BY VESTRY & SEARCH COMMITTEE
- FINALIST SELECTED TO BE CALLED

CALLING

- VESTRY CALLS A NEW RECTOR
- ANNOUNCEMENT MADE
- CELEBRATE AS A PARISH FAMILY!

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Update from the Search Committee

Your Search Committee is pleased to share this update on the search process! Currently, the position is open and the Diocesan office is busy fielding resumes and applications for our congregation. Soon, we will be presented with candidates and the interview process will commence. We will continue to provide updates as they occur. If you have any questions - please contact Bob Hanlon at rhanlon@ameritech.net or Polly Schmeiser at pschmeiser3@gmail.com.

DIY WALSINGHAM KITS!

This year Grace's beloved Walsingham celebration and pilgrimage will be held virtually. While we give thanks for the technology that allows us to do this, we are also inviting you to physically celebrate Our Lady of Grace through your own creativity!

Grace will be distributing DIY WALSINGHAM KITS to all who are interested. These kits will include a Walsingham image, a candle, and a variety

of craft materials for you and your families to construct your very own Walsingham shrine in honor of Our Lady.

In return we ask only that you share your creativity with us through photos and videos. Inspired by our youth, kits are for both the young and young at heart! We invite you all to participate!

Information on how to reserve and pick up a Walsingham kit will be coming soon! Stay tuned!



Birthdays

John Keller 9/8
 Roberta May 9/8
 Joann Sorenson 9/11
 Bernie Markevitch 9/15
 Lan Pwen Poe 9/15
 Gene Wilhelm 9/15
 Orlando Fabiano 9/24
 Pat Sather 9/24
 Eli Klinzing 9/28
 Louise Davis 9/29
 Bill Gaglin 9/29

Anniversaries

Steve & Katy Larson 9/4
 John & Karen Ambelang 9/11
 Steve & Polly Schmeiser 9/12
 William & Roberta May 9/14
 Jerome & Patricia Miller 9/18
 Tom Wright & Mary Snyder 9/18

Parish Staff

The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*
 The Reverend Jonathan Coffee, *Interim Rector*
 The Venerable Michele Whitford, *Priest Associate*
 The Reverend Michael Burg, *Deacon*
 The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*
 Dr. R. Benjamin Dobey, *Organist Choirmaster*
 Nicci Beeck, *Parish Administrator*
 Julie Davidson, *Sexton*
 Nick Whitford, *Director of Youth and Family*

The Vestry

Kristin Plucar, *Senior Warden*
 Ed Clabots, *Junior Warden*
 Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
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