Summer 2019

Over 150 Years in the Heart of White Plains







Sunday School Students and Teachers Planting Roses with our Sexton Taurino Juarez in preparation for the Institution and Induction of our Seventeenth Rector

The Rector's Letter

How Much Does Pentecost?

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues [a] as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2.1-4)

On Sunday June 9th we will celebrate Pentecost, the birth of our Christian church. There will be much red, much joy and much excitement. Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, retelling the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles while they celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew). This holiday marked the wheat harvest in Israel and it also commemorated the anniversary of God giving the Torah to Israel at Mount Sinai.

As I close my eyes, I can only imagine how amazing that must have been 2,000 years ago as the disciples gathered in the midst of a 'mighty rushing wind' and then all of a sudden, they began to speak in other tongues. At first glance, this seems both wonderful and a little strange. But it was amazing. And it was the beginning of our Christian Church and therefore the fulfillment that Christ would die, resurrect and begin a New Way in Christianity.

To me, Pentecost bears witness to new beginnings and new possibilities, kind of like jumping from spring to summer. I don't know about you but I love summer with its longer day-light hours, warmer weather, summer food, and more outdoor time. I like outdoor time as it reminds me of the wonder of God. Only God could make, produce, and create our amazing planet with trees, woods, streams, oceans, mountains, et al. I adore the outside and this is where I first encountered God, the outdoors.

As I was growing up in mid-Missouri, my backyard was a large forested area, literally tens of thousands of acres filled with wild life, streams and ponds. It was my great escape. As a youngster I pretended that it was my personal kingdom. And it was there in that forest, that holy place, that I first encountered God. And in my own way, I celebrated Pentecost as a child in those woods with numerous occasions where I felt the wind as if I was on fire as I ran through the woods dodging rocks, trees and shrubs.

And then there's the speaking in tongues piece. Well. I suppose I did in my own way. When I encountered God there became this rush like I'd never encountered before; a certain energy that in some ways became like a foreign language, a way of speaking to and with God. Yes, I was indeed speaking to God as I pranced around in the midst of deer, fox, coyote, turtles, possum and raccoons. I spoke to God through my running, my meditation, sharing with God my hopes and dreams.

So, as we adventure forward into summer, I pray that you will enjoy the outdoors, enjoy the extended daylight, the wind; and yes, speak to God in your very own way.

- Fr. Chip

¿Cuánto cuesta Pentecostés?

"Cuando llegó el día de Pentecostés, estaban todos juntos en un solo lugar. De repente, un sonido como el soplo de un viento violento vino del cielo y llenó toda la casa donde estaban sentados. Vieron lo que parecían ser lenguas de fuego que se separaron y se posaron sobre cada uno de ellos. Todos ellos se llenaron con el Espíritu Santo y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas cuando el Espíritu los habilitó". (Hechos 2.1-4)

El domingo 9 de junio celebraremos Pentecostés, el nacimiento de nuestra iglesia cristiana. Habrá mucho rojo, mucha alegría y mucha emoción. Pentecostés se celebra el séptimo domingo después de la Pascua, volviendo a contar el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles mientras celebraban la Fiesta de las Semanas (Shavuot en hebreo). Esta fiesta marcó la cosecha de trigo en Israel y también conmemoró el aniversario de Dios entregando la Torah a Israel en el Monte Sinaí.

Cuando cierro los ojos, solo puedo imaginar lo asombroso que debió haber sido hace 2.000 años cuando los discípulos se reunieron en medio de un "viento fuerte y veloz" y, de repente, comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas. A primera vista, esto parece maravilloso. Pero fue increíble. Y fue el comienzo de nuestra Iglesia cristiana y, por lo tanto, el cumplimiento de que Cristo moriría, resucitaría y comenzaría un Nuevo Camino en el cristianismo.

Para mí, Pentecostés es testigo de nuevos comienzos y nuevas posibilidades, como saltar de primavera a verano. No sé si a ti, pero me encanta el verano con sus horas de luz diurna más prolongadas, el clima más cálido, la comida de verano y más horas al aire libre. Me gusta el tiempo al aire libre, ya que me recuerda la maravilla de Dios. Solo Dios puede hacer, producir y crear nuestro asombroso planeta con árboles, bosques, arroyos, océanos, montañas, y otros. Adoro el exterior y aquí es donde primero me encontré con Dios, el aire libre.

Mientras crecía en Missouri, mi patio era una gran área boscosa, literalmente decenas de miles de acres llenos de vida salvaje, arroyos y lagunas. Fue mi gran escape. De joven fingí que era mi reino personal. Y fue allí, en ese bosque, ese lugar santo, donde me encontré con Dios por primera vez. Y a mi manera, celebré Pentecostés como un niño en esos bosques con numerosas ocasiones de viento y sensación de fuego mientras corría por el bosque esquivando rocas, árboles y arbustos.

Y luego está la pieza de hablar en lenguas. Bien. Supongo que lo hice a mi manera. Cuando me encontré con Dios se convirtió en una carrera como nunca antes había visto; una cierta energía que de alguna manera se convirtió en una lengua extranjera, una forma de hablar con y con Dios. Sí, de hecho le estaba hablando a Dios mientras me abalanzaba entre ciervos, zorros, coyotes, tortugas, zarigüeyas y mapaches. Hablé con Dios a través de mi carrera, mi meditación, compartiendo con Dios mis esperanzas y mis sueños.

Entonces, a medida que avanzamos hacia el verano, rezo para que disfruten del aire libre, disfruten de la luz del día prolongada, el viento; y sí, habla con Dios a tu manera. - **Padre Chip**

GRACE LA GRACIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June through September 2019

Monthly Weekly Events Tuesday & Thursday at Noon – The Holy Eucharist in Chapel

Wednesdays at Noon: DTM at Grace until May 29, 2019

Thursdays at 7:30 PM – La Gracia Santa Eucharistic

June 2019

Sunday, June 2nd Last day for Sunday School, Rite 13 & J2A

11:45 AM ECW Meeting in the library

Sunday, June 9th 10 AM Service Graduate Recognition Day & Sunday School Teachers

Recognition

The Feast of Pentecost – Wear Red

Last Choir Day

Saturday, June 15th 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Vestry Retreat Meeting -Library

Sunday, June 16th 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM Trinity Sunday ECW will host Father's Day

Breakfast

La Gracia Dia de los Padres after 12:30 PM Service

Thursday, June 20th 7:30 PM La Gracia Dia de Sagrado Corazón

Saturday, June 22th 12:30 PM End-of-Season Book Club luncheon will be at Via Garibaldi.

July 2019

Thursday, July 4th 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Grace's Kitchen BBQ

Sunday, July 7th Summer Sunday Service Schedule July 7th through September 8th at 9:00

AM & 12:30 PM

Saturday, July 20th 4:00 PM The Institution and Induction of The Reverend Dr. Chip Graves

as Seventeenth Rector of Grace Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Friday, July 26th
7:00 PM to 9:00PM La Gracia Retreat
8:00 AM to 6:30 PM La Gracia Retreat
Sunday, July 28th
9:00 Am to 4:30 PM La Gracia Retreat

11:30 AM ECW Outing to Westchester Broadway Theater

August 2019

Wednesday, August 7th Fall Angelus Deadline for September Release

Sunday, August 25th 11:30 AM The Welcoming Committee Meeting in the library

September 2019

Sunday, September 1st Labor Day Weekend: Services at 9 AM & 12:30PM

Monday, September 2nd 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Grace's Kitchen Labor Day BBQ Hosted by Grace

Church

Sunday, September 8th Services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM

The Choir Returns at 10:00 AM Service

Back to School Book-Bag Blessing at 10:00 AM Service

Nursery Care begins at 10 AM Service

11:30 AM Sunday School Registration in the Parish Hall 11:30 AM St Nicholas Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Wednesday, September 11th 7:15 PM Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Women's Bible Study in Parish Hall

Sunday. September 15th 10:15 AM St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

11:30 PM Sunday School Registration in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 18th 12:10 PM Downtown Music Concerts at Grace Begins

Sunday September 22nd Sunday School. Rite 13 and J2A Classes Begin

Lifting Up Westchester Summer Camp 2019

Once again, through the generosity of Grace Church, the Brighter Futures Summer Campers of Lifting Up Westchester can look forward to our support to help them enjoy four weeks of laughter, fun, friendship and innocence.

If you did not already know, the large majority of the summer campers either live in homeless shelters or humble living conditions. Little if any family income can be set aside for the luxury of attending summer camp much less purchasing a new bathing suit. Most of the families struggle with being sure their children are fed and housed.

Because we have traditionally supported the programs of Lifting Up Westchester, we know how much this program assists children who do not have some of the same opportunities as many Westchester children, including many of our children and perhaps, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, too. In 2018, we provided 82 gift cards, a new record outpouring of Grace Church's generosity. Perhaps we might be able to do even better in 2019. At the present, the Summer Camp is anticipating 95 campers.

Beginning June 9th through June 23rd, Linda Gallo (a member of the Lifting Up Westchester Board of Directors) will be collecting either gift cards (Target, Walmart or general gift card) or

monetary donations to provide each camper with a gift card in the amount of \$25 to buy a new bathing suit and perhaps a pool towel. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact her either in church or via email (ldg052@aol.com).

GOOD NEWS FROM THE RECTOR



- Our Easter day celebration was wonderful and had a larger than expected attendance
- The elevator is fixed (prayers answered)
- Grace Church has a new women's Bible study (BSF) beginning this fall
- Fr. Chip's installation is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th, at 4 PM
- Our Pastoral Care Team has several new members

- Grace Church received a very generous bequest from one of our families
- Grace Church is developing a strategic plan to decrease our deficit
- Our new marketing program has begun with inviting a friend to Easter, marketing cards in pews, Easter Banners and more to come



The Deadline For The Summer Angelus Is August 15th. As Always, Thank You For Your Contributions!

ENGRAVED WALK OF GRACE STONES AVAILABLE!

Engrave a pathway stone along the *Walk of Grace* and participate in an uplifting project for the beautification and upkeep of our peaceful church grounds. Engravings can be in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving of family or in celebration of a family event.

Stone donations begin at \$225 for a HALF stone or \$400 for a FULL stone.

GROUP stone donations are \$100 per name. (5) Donors/ (5) Names engraved on a shared stone.

Payment plans are available.

Order forms located in rear of church or for more information contact:

Arlene Grant arobgrant@verizon.net or 914-699-6494

Grace Office Volunteers

Grace is fortunate to have office volunteers who come regularly and help the "business" of Grace to flow well and on-time.

The office is managed very ably by Maria Campos, who coordinates the office work of Grace. That includes producing the weekly bulletin and service leaflet, both online and in print, in both English and Spanish; coordination of reports for Vestry and various committees; Downtown Music notices and recording releases; rental of Grace space for all events by individuals and groups for parties, movie and TV shoots; mailings to congregation; scheduling for Fr. Chip and Fr. Adolfo; vendor services for building, etc. There is also specific correspondence, coordination with our bookkeeper, Maria Romeo, efforts for individual parishioners, and more.

"Much of the work is on a tight weekly deadline. The bulletin and service leaflets require input with liturgy, hymns and upcoming events, etc., proofing, approvals and printing. No one person, no matter how efficient, could readily get everything done on-time while handling phones and working around un-foreseen situations, etc."

The office volunteers help with phones, confirming lectors and other people for various functions, proofing, printing and assembling, etc. – assisting the various parts of the Grace organization to proceed smoothly.

Fr. Chip acknowledged their help recently with a Thank You luncheon attended by many of the volunteers, Fr. Chip, Fr. Adolfo, Maria Romero and Maria Campos. It was fun, food, conversation and was enjoyed by all.



Back: Fr. Chip, Teri Sargent, Trisha McGuinness, Irene Alves, Fr. Adolfo, Shirley Spencer, Maria Romeo

Front: Jo-Ann B. Boylan, Ella Fitzgerald, Maria Campos, Laurie Noone. Missing from picture: Grace Kim, Martha Ravina, Barbara Biles, Sylvia Simon and Joyce Sampson.

Trisha McGuinness

LIFTING UP WESTCHESTER GALA: APRIL 11, 2019

It is with great pleasure the Board of Directors of Lifting UP Westchester thanks the Founders formerly known as Grace Church Community Center, (now known as Lifting Up Westchester) for their vision, commitment and dedication in identifying the needs of the community 40 years ago. The women and men of Grace Church accepted the challenge from Fr. Bert Draesel to offer



compassion and care to those in the surrounding community when many other institutions did not fill the need.

As it is the 40th
Anniversary of the work that began all those years ago and continues to fulfill needs in the community at large, the Board of Directors determined that it was very important to

recognize all those who gave much of their time and energy to launch this mission.

With great joy, the work of the Founders and all who followed in their path was celebrated along with this year's honorees: Joe Burke and Rick Schwartz who, in the last 10 years, were responsible for raising over \$1,000,000 through the golf outing known as "Golf Fore the Homeless," Westchester Bank, which became the first business to provide funding for the program known as "Pathways to Self-Sufficiency", enabling clients to heal and hopefully return to a fulfilling life, and Westchester Medical Center which has provided the funds to support a counselor to work with individuals who are returning to an independent life.

A very special thanks goes to Lauren Reid, Ashley Elliott and many of our Rite 13 and J2A students who worked at the event selling raffle tickets. Without their graciousness and goodwill,

the funds towards LUW programming could not have happened.

A very spirited and festive evening resulted in raising \$217,000 towards the support of LUW activities. Thanks to all from Grace Church who honored us with their presence and funding.

Thanks! Linda Gallo



THANK YOU, MARIA LEWIS

On my first day at Grace Church, Maria Lewis introduced herself and sat down with me for a great conversation. Maria has had quite an impact on my ministry here. She has offered many positive nuggets that have come to fruition. She indicated the importance of Adult Education here at Grace,



therefore leading to our Lenten Adult Study about The Final 24 Hours of Jesus.

She shared that she enjoyed a weekly women's Bible Study called BSF (Bible Study Fellowship). BSF is a national organization that will hold a Bible Study here at Grace Church this fall, supporting not only our members but also reaching out to the greater White Plains area.

Maria shared the importance of marketing, ensuring that the public knows that we are Episcopalian, therefore the large Easter banners displayed earlier this year, and this is true.

Furthermore, she purchased a wonderful Labyrinth that our members used during Lent. I'm sure there are other good points made, but I wanted to give a special Thank You to Maria Lewis for her input.

The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

God and Money

It's not easy talking about money. In some ways, it's like talking about death or taxes. *And you know how much fun that is?* And yet, money is important and part of our everyday world. We spend it for everything we do; food, shelter, entertainment, and other. Simply put, we are surrounded by money and money is important.

When there's enough money, we feel good. When there's not enough, we feel angst. And most of us pendulum back and forth. That's why I bring up this notion of money in a pastoral way, because we just never know what the next month may bring.

I also know that the subject of money is very personal; and therefore another reason to walk quietly with this subject. Therefore, when I talk about money, I'm not discussing your personal money but instead about the currency we use for exchange in order to obtain things most essential to us like shelter, food, cars, education, my wife's clothes (*oh*, *I didn't just say that*), and other essentials.

As we take a step back and review our lives, we gain a perspective on things, prioritizing the most essential in life. It is my hope that your church is one of those essential things. God wants

our relationship – time, talent and treasure. God doesn't want us to be poor but he does want a relationship; one that includes financial support. Giving to your church, Grace Episcopal Church, is essential because without your support there would be no Episcopal Church on 33 Church Street in downtown White Plains.

But I'm a different kind of priest. I'm not going to ask you directly for your money. It's not my way and frankly, everyone in the world is asking you for money. No, instead I just want you to know the facts and then I want you to pray about it. You alone should decide what you need to do. The fact is that you are part of a fantastic landmark parish that is nearly 200 years old; one that provides for thousands of people each year.

Though we are covering our financial bases, we need some help. We need your help. We are watching our pennies and developing new streams of revenue. Therefore, we are doing better. But we need your support. Please understand that this article is not a hard sell asking for money. It's not. However, I want to be transparent and I want you to know that your parish could use your support. Therefore, if you are pledging, thank you. And pray about what you might be able to do. And if you're not pledging, that's ok too; but pray about the possibility of starting anew.

Regardless of where you are, we love you, each and every one of you.

Just pray about it.

God Bless,

Fr. Chip

*If you'd like more information on how to support Grace Church, please contact our administrator, Maria Campos at mcampos@gracechurchwhieplains.org.

Dios y el dinero

No es fácil hablar de dinero. En cierto modo, es como hablar de muerte o impuestos. ¿Y sabes lo divertido que es eso? Y, sin embargo, el dinero es importante y parte de nuestro mundo cotidiano. Lo gastamos por todo lo que hacemos; Comida, refugio, entretenimiento, y otros. En pocas palabras, estamos rodeados de dinero y el dinero es importante.

Cuando hay suficiente dinero, nos sentimos bien. Cuando no hay suficiente, sentimos angustia. Y la mayoría de nosotros repetimos una y otra vez esto. Es por eso que menciono esta noción de dinero de manera pastoral, porque nunca sabemos qué nos deparará el próximo mes.

También sé que el tema del dinero es muy personal; Y por lo tanto otra razón para caminar tranquilamente con este tema. Por lo tanto, cuando hablo de dinero, no estoy hablando de su dinero personal, sino del dinero que utilizamos para el intercambio con el fin de obtener las cosas más esenciales para nosotros como refugio, comida, automóviles, educación, la ropa de mi esposa (oh, yo no me limitó a decir eso), y otros elementos esenciales.

Al dar un paso atrás y revisar nuestras vidas, obtenemos una perspectiva de las cosas, priorizando lo más esencial en la vida. Espero que su iglesia sea una de esas cosas esenciales. Dios quiere nuestra relación: tiempo, talento y tesoro. Dios no quiere que seamos pobres, pero sí quiere una relación; uno que incluye soporte financiero. Donar a su iglesia, Grace/ La Garcia, es esencial porque sin su apoyo no habría una Iglesia Episcopal en 33 Church Street en el centro de White Plains.

Pero soy un tipo diferente de sacerdote. No voy a pedirte directamente tu dinero. No es mi camino y, francamente, todos en el mundo te preguntan por mí. No, en lugar de eso solo quiero que sepas los hechos y luego quiero que ores al respecto. Solo tú debes decidir lo que necesitas hacer. El hecho es que eres parte de una parroquia fantástica que tiene casi 200 años; Una que atiende a miles de personas cada año.

Aunque estamos cubriendo nuestras bases financieras, necesitamos algo de ayuda. Necesitamos tu ayuda. Estamos cuidando nuestros centavos y desarrollando nuevas fuentes de ingresos. Por lo tanto, estamos mejor. Pero necesitamos su apoyo. Por favor, comprenda que este artículo no es difícil de vender y pide dinero. No es. Sin embargo, quiero ser transparente y quiero que sepa que su parroquia podría usar su apoyo. Por lo tanto, si está cumpliendo con su promesa, gracias. Y ora por lo que podrías hacer Y si no estás dando tu promesa, eso también está bien; Pero reza sobre la posibilidad de comenzar de nuevo.

Independientemente de dónde se encuentre, los amamos a todos y cada uno de ustedes.

Solo reza por eso.

Dios bendiga,

P. Chip

* Si desea obtener más información sobre cómo apoyar a Grace/ La Gracia, comuníquese con nuestra administradora, Maria Campos en mcampos@gracechurchwhieplains.org.

Being a Steward and How Does That Apply to Me?

Rather than explain what Stewardship means to me, I prefer to share what I witnessed here at Grace. During Coffee Hour in the middle of February, I was approached by an older gentleman who was dressed casually and appeared nervous. He was a member of LaGracia and asked me if I was involved in Stewardship. When I responded 'yes', he looked relieved and requested if we could speak privately. I suggested that we go upstairs to talk in the Church office. Out of respect for his privacy, I'll refer to him as "Mr. R".

When we were in the Church Office, another member of LaGracia joined me. Mr. R still appeared a little nervous, or at least, apprehensive. After he told me his name, I verified that he was a Pledging Member. Mr. R had a small amount in arrears for 2018 and had also pledged in 2019. He agreed that my records were accurate and that he was here to fulfill his financial promise. When we inquired as to what was going on, Mr. R explained that he was returning home to his native country.

Mr. R shared that he only had cash, so I asked Father Adolfo for help. When Father Adolfo appeared, Mr. R shared that he recently experienced difficulties. As a result, he decided it was best to return home, but not without fulfilling his Pledge. It was a modest sum, but his willingness to put himself in a vulnerable position in front of a stranger (me) was impressive. After giving him a receipt, we wished Mr. R all the best and reminded him that if he ever returned, he'd be welcome back at Grace. I cannot imagine the hardships faced by Mr. R, but remain in awe of the dedication he demonstrated to our spiritual home. On an ordinary Sunday in February, I witnessed what it truly means to a steward to one's church.

Cynthia S. Brown

THANK YOU, CLYDE HICKS

Grace Church member, Clyde Hicks, is amazing. He is the quiet one that does so much and behind the scenes. He designs wonderful, historic Grace Church signage.

He reminds me of things that I would otherwise forget. He does an impeccable job leading and managing our sacred parish archives. He is deeply connected to and supporting of all facets of Grace Episcopal Church.

I could go on and on about the wonderful things that he does. Therefore, please allow this note as a sincere 'thank you' to this special member.



The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

You have heard the old saying:

SEEING IS BELIEVING

But

The Bible tells us instead that:

BELIEVING IS SEEING

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When God seems far away	call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring	call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful	call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical	call 1 Corinthians 13
For Paul's secret to happiness	call Colossians 3:12-17

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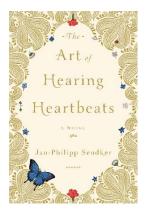
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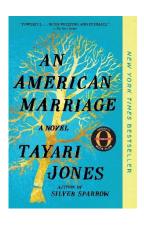
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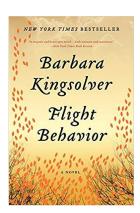
Trisha McGuinness, Gabrielle Parkinson (Mother's Day photos)

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Spend the Summer with the Book Club!







What are you doing this summer? Why not spend part of it with the Book Club, starting with our traditional end-of-season luncheon on Saturday, June 22, at 12:30 pm at Via Garibaldi, 1 N Broadway, White Plains. We'll discuss **The Art of Hearing Heartbeats** by Jan-Philipp Sendker and **An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones. Then, set aside some of your summer to savor Barbara Kingsolver's novel, **Flight Behavior** that we'll review when we resume in the fall. The novel explores the effects of global warming set in the context of "domestic disharmony." Watch for the exact date for our first fall meeting. Until then, happy summer, happy reading!

Submitted by Karen Odom (karenodom@yahoo.com)



Elevator Returned to Service

After more than two years, on May 7th, the elevator was placed back into operation. From the initial cost estimate of \$325,000, the net cost to Grace/La Gracia will be \$30,000 or only 9.2 percent of the original estimate.

This accomplishment was the result of a dedicated team effort by the Elevator Team (Michael Heffner, Chairman, Bill Biles, Linda Gallo, Carlos Muñoz, Nate Hogan and Walter Simon), and at the initiative of Carlos Munoz, the follow up of Fr. Chip, Joe Gallo and Carlos Munoz, the efforts of Anahiata Kotval, CEO of Lifting Up Westchester, and the Cappelli organization's architect and engineers who redesigned the project to a less costly, simple and effective alternative.

For those who require the assistance of the elevator, they will once again have access to the second-floor, the location of the church office and classrooms. Access to the third-floor shelter also becomes available. An added benefit is that LUW is no longer facing the possibility of losing their certification as a handicapped accessible shelter provider.

I thank all who contributed to the return of our elevator to service, especially the generosity of our neighbor, Louis Cappelli.

Walter Simon

Grace archives: new life

Clyde Hicks, Chairman of the Archives Committee

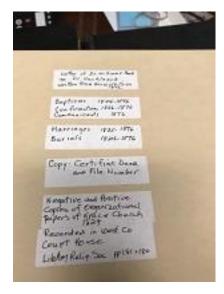
After decades of safe keeping in large bank vault boxes, Grace's oldest records and history are getting attention for continued preservation and new thought for responsible sharing of these treasures in the parish and greater community. Consistent with church practices, Sacramental Records, such as baptism, marriage, communion, deaths and key Vestry records are intact from 1824, the founding of Grace Church after starting out as a mission of Christ Church, Rye, around 1724.

Last summer when Warden Joe Gallo and Pastor Lee shared an announcement that a parish bank of over 100 years was closing, it gave a wakeup call for the parish records strategy. With the help of Chase, church leadership and a small committee, plans were made to safely transfer our oldest records back to church offices. Thanks to air conditioning and fire prevention systems, added in recent years, church storage is more reliable.

While the committee took inventory and inspected records it became clear that the parish is indebted to so many over 195 years for their faithfulness and good stewardship in maintaining the records and history of this church. One latter day church steward, Mary Anderberg, was one diligent custodian in the late 1990's, leaving behind her gloves and other clues of her care, inspiring those who would follow.

The committee recommended to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry to move our oldest records since 1824 to the NY Episcopal Diocesan archives. The Diocese will provide professional care and safekeeping and respond to all informational inquiries, while ownership continues to be with Grace Church White Plains. This transfer is in progress. The Diocese has expressed gratitude to Grace for the good care that has been given for these records.

The Grace archives effort now shifts toward building a working strategy for parish records and history. Current times require consideration of computer records of the last 20 or so years, social media history, and technological backup tools, especially digital. Irene Alves, Mary Baker and



Clyde Hicks will work to shape a course with the parish, share updates and some insights, and invite helpers where needed in the coming months.

Photo: file box notes for first register, believed to be from Mary Anderberg

Lifting Up Westchester 2018 Essay Contest

Sponsored by Hannah Nelson, LUW Board of Directors

Most of us are aware of the strong impact Lifting Up Westchester makes on our Westchester community. We know the history of its early beginnings on the part of the Grace Church congregation. We applaud the work it is doing on behalf of those in our local area who need our help and support on a daily basis.

You may not know, however, about another lifting Up Westchester venture sponsored by Hannah Nelson, who is a member of the Lifting Up Westchester Board of Directors. She created an essay contest for youth in memory of her beloved sister Beth Massey Rubens, who was an educator and lover of language. The contest this year was on the topic "Why 2nd Chances are Important." There were three categories: 7th and 8th grade, 9th and 10th grade, and 11th and 12th grade. There was a prize for the winner in each category.

Angelus readers can greatly profit from reading what these young people have written. Rather than printing all four essays in this issue, the 11th and 12th grade winning essay and the 7th and 8th grade winning essay will be printed. There was a tie for the 9th and 10th grade winning essay, and those two essays will be printed in the Fall Angelus. The last Angelus of the year will include information about how students can enter the next year's essay competition.

Below is the first-place winning essay from Julian Chavez, 12th grader from Dobbs Ferry High School. His essay is entitled "Why are Second Chances Important?" That is followed by the first-place winning essay from Katie Chong, 8th grader at the Valhalla Middle School.

Julian Chavez 12th grade DFHS

Why are Second Chances Important?

As a child, I knew very little of what my mother did at her job only that she helped a lot of people get their life on track from being incarcerated for many years. Due to this, I was surrounded by many unique people and had many interesting experiences but one of the most powerful and moving ones was my first encounter with The Welcome Home Ceremony when I was ten years old.

The ceremony took place in the reception hall of a run-down church in South Central Los Angeles. As we entered the parking lot, I immediately noticed the number of people that had shown up, twice more than I anticipated. After we all assembled into the hall and helped set up various food, tables, and chairs, a circle was forming which meant the ceremony was getting ready to begin. My mind was overwhelmed with curiosity, anxiety, and nervousness about where we were and what was going to happen. As I slowly and cautiously walked behind my mother, who was leading the ceremony, I noticed a room full of middle-aged men who had looks on their faces of long, tough lives.

As my mother began the ceremony introducing herself and her young, shy son, I looked around at all these men staring at us and I felt a feeling of happiness and gratitude from them, almost as if we had done some great act by just standing there and introducing ourselves. We were all asked to stand from our chairs and to look towards the men who I had not recognized before because they were the most recently released from prison. They began to stand in a line and in front of them was a small, thick 3-foot stick held up on both sides by string and two staff members, almost as if to stop them from walking anywhere. My mother began to speak again and at this moment I finally knew why we had all gathered there that day. My mother said that this 3-foot stick before them represented the last obstacle they had to face after doing life in prison. In order to start the next chapter of their lives, they must cross over the stick however way these choose. Some of the men asked to lower the stick to simply walk over it, others chose to raise it and jump over it almost like children jumping over a fence or rope, and then some knelt down and prayed and danced their way to the other side. As each and every one of them crossed over, we all cheered and hugged them. I felt a sense of immense euphoria for these men as we celebrated this huge achievement.

I learned later that night that many of these men that were present during this ceremony got out because of their perseverance and determination to change their ways and that was the reason they had made it to this place today. As my mother said during the ceremony, "You have faced death and have chosen life." I would later learn that the stick that they crossed had been beautifully hand-carved by a previous participant who engraved barbed wire on one side and flowers on the other with the word freedom.

After this experience, I saw a new type of determination in people and in myself which I had not known before. It taught me that if these men could do something as powerful as to make

themselves worthy of getting out of prison, that whatever unsurmountable and tough situations that I might face in life, that I could get through it and have hope that whatever I wanted to achieve in life is possible.

The Welcome Home Ceremony not only showed me a lot about what it means to be given a second chance in life but it also helped me see why second chances are important. Most people who have spent a lot of time away from society, like formerly incarcerated individuals, come back and try to blend in like they have never been gone. This is a tragedy because it speaks volumes about us as a society and how we view people who have made a terrible mistake, have paid the price, and then have come back only to be forgotten. This small, symbolic gesture of The Welcome Home Ceremony not only acknowledges what these men have been through and how they turned their lives around, but it tells them in a very concrete way that they have been missed, that they count.

Without a community of compassionate, understanding, and forgiving people to surround yourself with like *Lifting Up Westchester* and *The Francisco Homes* (where my mother worked) and experiences like The Welcome Home Ceremony, you are much more vulnerable to relapsing by feeling isolated and without support. These organizations not only help people get back on their feet with jobs, housing, re-unification with family, and support services but they provide a sense of belonging and acceptance. It has been statistically shown that recidivism is greatly reduced the more services someone receives. At this event, I witnessed the most amazing display of true positivity and kindness and this changed my life and perspective as a young boy forever.

Katie Chong Valhalla Middle School Grade 08

"Sometimes all you need is a second chance, because time wasn't ready for the first one." -Unknown

Second chance: a powerful and meaningful term. Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines this term as "an opportunity to try something again after failing one time." Almost everyone has the option to try to change the course of their life, however, not everyone is willing to. People who are willing to change their life must have the courage and strength to do it. In order to do so, they may need supporter(s) who will stand by them through the good and, especially, bad times. I once knew someone who had a bright and loving heart, who would find all the good in bad situations, and whom I loved very much. Then she developed stage four breast, lung, and brain cancer. Her husband was someone who was there as support, battling cancer alongside her. He was her rock, her everything. He loved and supported her ever since they first met. Through all of these hard and difficult times, her husband seemed to be fighting cancer with her too. Sadly, she passed away at the young age of 52. This someone, who I loved tremendously and knew since I was a little girl, very much deserved a second chance at living. She deserved a

second chance at living because she was a positive and loving person who didn't have the right to pass away. She helped make the world a better place than it was before by volunteering in the community and giving back to people to giving them a chance to live a better life. When the word champion comes to mind, I think of someone acting like a role model. A role model is a person who someone can look up to. My role model is my dad because I believe in him and support every one of his decisions. He is a champion because he put himself through college and then got a bachelor's degree from John Jay College. When he was nineteen years old, he took the New York City Police Exam, which he scored 100% on. He then joined the New York City Police Department, becoming the youngest Detective in NYPD history, and spending a total of 23 years there. He then retired as the Commander of Terrorism after the attacks of September 11th, 2001. When the events of 9/11 took place, he was severely injured and was on the brink of death. But life gave him a second chance to continue helping civilians in need. When he retired, he was one of the highest decorated officers in NYPD history. He now works in White Plains, NY as the Public Safety Commissioner. As the Public Safety Commissioner in charge of both police and fire departments, he sees the best and worst in people as well as their potential, who they could be. Being in the police force can change someone's perspective on how life is. My dad never thought he was going to be a Police Commissioner in a million years; becoming one changed his life. My dad had always been colorblind and always viewed people equally. The best thing about my dad is that he has a loving heart and sees the best in people even when they are at their worst. My dad gives second chances to people all the time. His role, as the Public Safety Commissioner, is to regulate and supervise the discipline that police officers and firefighters enforce and the policies that the Public Safety Department follows. He controls what process police officers and firefighters follow, meaning it is him who decides when, where, and to whom second chances should be given.

An intermediary, as defined by Google, is "a person who acts as a link between people in order to try to bring about an agreement or reconciliation." We can find intermediaries in our everyday life. There are people all around us who are willing to help give out a second chance to individuals who can become a better version of themselves. Examples of intermediaries are guidance counselors, health teachers, etc. Guidance counselors go out of their way to help students who have become a little lost and find their direction back to the road of success. If the student has family issues at home, the guidance counselors help them communicate better with their parents/guardians. Ultimately, guidance counselors find ways to provide people with the skills of resolving conflicts which is a skill that they will need in their future. In seventh grade, I had a health teacher who would teach us life skills and how to communicate with ourselves and our peers. He also taught us life lessons that would further benefit us in life, such as knowing there are always consequences when you do not think things through. He made me realize that second chances are not free, but could be given to those who work for them and show that they are capable of benefiting from them. In summation, there are always people around to help those who need help to find ways to form their own connections and become the person they want to be.

In conclusion, everyone is offered a second chance, some many chances. Second chances give them an opportunity to show they deserve forgiveness. Everyone receives a tomorrow, a new day to start over and start fresh. In order to live life to its fullest potential, there will hopefully be people who help you along the way such as intermediaries, champions, and supporters. Whether you get a second chance or more to further motivate yourself to be better as an individual, completely relies on you. You get to decide whether you walk the path of life alone or not. You can have people by your side guiding you to a better tomorrow and to a better you.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Early in his transition to Grace, Fr.Chip and I discussed the fact that we should be doing Inreach as well as Outreach within our church community. We have so many dedicated members who give tirelessly of their time and talent and we know little about them. It was decided that one way to get to know and honor them was to share their stories in the Angelus. And so when Charlotte Roberson, a fellow vestry woman, became ill and had to give up her duties, we chose her to share her story with us. I thought I would interview Charlotte but due to her illness decided it better to submit questions to her. She answered them so eloquently I'm leaving her words exactly as she submitted them to share with you.

Irene Alves

Charlotte Roberson

I lived in Manhattan and attended St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Harlem before attending Grace. I moved to Greenburgh in 1979. Nicole was 2 years old. Edna Coggins was my next door neighbor. She asked me to drive her to Grace Church on Christmas Eve, 1979. I drove her and stayed for the service. I was very impressed by the physical beauty of Grace, Father Draesel's sermon, the music sung by the choir, the organ and the warmth of the parishioners. I decided to return and find out more about Grace Church. The next time I attended I brought Nicole. She stayed for Sunday School. The teachers and children were very welcoming. In my first few months at Grace I heard about the many programs and involvements of Grace Church. I was especially impressed with what I heard about GCCC – the help for the homeless, addicted, etc.. I was also very curious about the connection between the English and Spanish speaking congregations. The more I learned about the history of Grace, the more I wanted to be a contributing member of Grace.

My first real involvement was as a Lay reader. Later I was inspired by Tom Watkins, Borah Hosten, Father Peter Larom and others to join the Board of GCCC. This was a very rewarding experience. In a short while I was asked to help with stewardship. This role helped me get to know many of the parishioners. I was then encouraged to run for the Vestry. I spent six years the first time and I am in the third year of the present Vestry. I also served on three Search Committees, Fr. Harmon, Fr. Kunz and Fr. Graves. So you can see one involvement led to the next.



I like the all inclusive nature of Grace Church. We have African American, Carribean, Caucasian, Asian, etc.. We support and encourage LGBT, homeless, and other populations. We support these populations with programs, forums, information, funds, etc. Our present connection with LUW and Downtown Music are also things that I like about Grace.

My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". His verse helps to remind me in good and in stressful times that with Christ in my life all is well with my soul. It reminds me to thank God regularly for all that have provided for me. When I am sick or just down I read this verse and feel renewed.

Grace Church supported my daughter and I during some very difficult situations. I will always be grateful for the love and support the Sunday School teachers gave to Nicole. I appreciated the support of our clergy when I remarried in 1993.

It has been an honor to serve on the Vestry of Grace Church.

The biggest challenge I faced as Stewardship Chair was creating an understanding that Stewardship is a year long process. We want to encourage our parishioners to give because it helps them and the church to prosper. The second challenge is to increase the number of volunteers on the stewardship committee. It is not a social committee. As such it may not seem as attractive as other committees. Being the Chair of the Stewardship Committee has been a labor of love.

I would describe myself as dedicated.

I am not sure what my greatest accomplishment is thus far. I will say I brought order to the stewardship process, increased awareness of the stewardship drive, and offered many the forum during service to talk about their personal stewardship story.

Addendum:

In her professional life Charlotte was a School Principal in Manhattan and then in the Bronx. She retired in 2002. Her daughter, Nicole is married, the mother of two boys and lives in Atlanta, Georgia.



The Episcopal Church Women are coordinating an outing to the Westchester Broadway Theater in Elmsford, NY to see "On Your Feet, the story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan."

Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 11:30am Cost \$85 per person, includes show, meal and gratuity. Deadline for ticket purchases Sunday, June 23

This is not a "ladies only" outing, **all are invited**. Bring your family and friends. Tickets are limited so reserve soon!

Reserve your tickets during coffee hour or RSVP to melaniejackson41@gmail.com or Audrey Taylor (aatay1218@verizon.net)

God.

Texting to thank you for the friends and family, the memories of good and survived, the hope in your tomorrow, the knowing that your space/time will envelop me in ways understood and to be determined.

It is my prayer that all, believers or not, will at some point realize they are loved, supported, empowered by something greater, by something beyond, by something ultimately holy, sacred and enduring.

Empower me to inspire/help/support those in need, want, deficit, depression, longing and without hope. You know that I don't have all the tools, but I have you, a mystery - both divine and human.

Please accept my gratitude, though always falling quite short of adequate; and furthermore, receive my incessant need for your loving guidance - past, present, future.

Amen.

(Submitted by Father Chip Graves)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Compiled by George O'Hanlon

Little Lambs PreK - Teachers Linda Gallo and Lyndsey Wall

The youngest members of our Sunday School program continued enthusiastically with their Christian education through crafts, stories and games.

Primary Grades 1-3 – Teachers Leigh Burton and Andrea Lacourciere MacLeish

The class members were active participants in the February and April "bread baking" events. The children hand made a batch of bread wafers for communion. This was a great activity and the students really felt connected to the larger congregation. In addition, during the Advent period the children completed a crossword puzzle while learning about the transfiguration.

Primary Grades 4-6 – Teachers Michael Heffner and Cynthia Brown

In the 2nd quarter of this year, the "Intermediates" continued to work through the Virginia Theological Seminary's curriculum with a particular focus on the "Reign of God". We tried to convey that the reign of God imposes serious responsibilities. That is why we enter, at Holy Baptism, into a binding Covenant. "We profess our belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And we pledge ourselves to a life of prayerful and loving service and advocacy among our neighbors." We just completed lessons on the Resurrection and Jesus' Ascension and will be shifting into a study of church history in the final months of this year with a focus on the following key concepts:

- The Church's worship holds to long-established liturgical forms.
- At crucial times, the Church undergoes reformation.
- The Anglican or Episcopal tradition play a significant role in early America.
- Christians have actively pursued justice, peace, and human dignity.

We'd like to mention that from February, we've gone "paperless" (using "Kindles" and electronic tablets to save trees and expenses) in the hopes of creating a precedent for the rest of the church. Additionally, we are happy to welcome Giovanni Green to the team as a substitute teacher.

Rite 13 (Grades 7-8) -- Teachers Donna Louis and George O'Hanlon



The Spring is a busy time for our Rite 13ers. The highlight was the Celebration of Womanhood (celebrants pictured above right to left) event for Jordan Acevedo, Priya Kumar and Vika O'Hanlon. We congratulate them on this milestone and wish them well as they move to high school and the J2A class next year. Reflecting the importance of service, Rite 13 participated in 3 fundraising events this Spring. In April, Rite 13 members helped raise money for Lifting Up Westchester, by working at the Annual OASIS of Hope Gala. Later in the month Rite 13 members also helped to raise money for Barbuda hurricane victims by helping J2A to sponsor the pasta dinner fundraiser. And finally, the Rite 13 members assembled two Easter baskets which the Church raffled as another fundraising event.

Journey to Adulthood (J2A: Grades 9-12) – Teachers Rudye Breach and Lauren Reid J2A has had an extremely busy Spring. Service has been the J2A theme, and consistent with that theme, J2A organized and held the second annual fundraiser for hurricane victims in Barbuda. J2A held the event at the Church, and many parishoners and friends attended, yielding a nice contribution for the flood victims. J2A also actively participated in the Lifting Up Westchester OASIS of Hope Gala, again helping to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. J2A will bid farewell to several students who are graduating from high school this year after many years in our Sunday school program. We will miss them, but we congratulate them and wish them well!

United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday June 2, 2019

On Sunday June 2nd we turned in the money from our United Thank Offering (UTO) Blue boxes. It will be sent to the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church. Submit a check for the amount of money in your blue box (make the check payable to Grace Church and put UTO in the memo). As an alternative, you may submit cash in the UTO envelopes which will be available in the coming weeks. The UTO uses 100% of the donations to provide grants for projects throughout the world, that transform the lives of people in need.

We have been participating in the United Thank Offering for several months. Through this ministry of gratitude, we are called to give thanks for our blessings, on a daily basis. We place coins in our Blue boxes in thanksgiving for our blessings from God. Our blessings become blessings for others through UTO grants.

How is it going? Are you recognizing your blessings small and large, on a daily basis? Are you giving prayerful thanks to God? Are you putting coins in your box for those blessings? Do you know where your blue box is?

I have to admit that recognizing my blessings on a daily basis has been and continues to be a challenge. Sometimes days go by and I have not taken the time to be thankful in a prayerful way-OUCH! That is a painful confession. When that happens, I ask for God's forgiveness and try to do better. I do recognize more blessings than I used to, and more often. I am thankful to God daily. I put coins in my box-on more days than I do not. I am making progress, but still have a long way to go.

So, we empty our blue boxes and place our donations in the collection plate on June 2nd. The money will become a blessing for someone in need. But what about us? Does God stop bestowing blessing on us? Do we stop recognizing our blessings on a daily basis? Is it no longer necessary to be thankful? Do we stop putting coins in the blue box? I think we all know the answers to these questions. We must continue to be thankful for God's blessings every day. We are called to a **lifestyle** of gratitude. Hold onto that blue box -for the Fall UTO Ingathering.

Melanie Jackson

Forum on Immigration

The Advocacy Committee (a growing team of church members) held a forum on the 7th of April designed to raise awareness of immigration issues through the sharing of stories. Guests included: Fr. Hilario Albert (Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's Port Chester), Jirandy Martinez (Executive Director of the Community Resource Center in Mamaroneck) and Grace Church/La Gracia members Daisy Calderon (Vestry) and Daniel Corsanego. The personal insights, discussions and recommendations from this panel on the threat of ICE and deportation resonated with all who attended (video of the forum is available on request) and set the stage for future conversations. The Advocacy Committee was very encouraged with the level of engagement and the strong interest from the congregation - a very good first step. The Committee will be meeting again on the 18th of June at 7:00pm in the library.

Michael Heffner & Sorraya Sampson

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

it's about the painting, NOT the frame; it's about the treasure, NOT the vessel; it's about HIS truth, NOT our opinion; it's about HIS glory, NOT our looks; it's about HIS love, NOT our niceness; it's about HIS purpose, NOT our plans; it's about HIS kingdom, NOT our agenda; it's about HIS reign, NOT our rights; it's about HIS life, not our efforts.

MEDITATION

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

By Roy Lessin – From "Meet Me in the Meadow"

Submitted to the Angelus by Maria Lewis

ETERNAL TRIPLE A'S AAA

Summer is fast approaching. It is often a time for a lot of vacation travel. We are often encouraged to make sure our travel AAA coverage is in effect in case of car problems. It is even more essential to make sure our Eternal AAA Coverage is in effect!

A = ADMIT you are a sinner and Christ died on the cross for your sin Romans 3:23

A = ACCEPT God's free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ Romans 6:23,

Romans 5:8

A = ASK God to forgive your sins and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart as Savior and Lord

Revelation 3:20

Updates from the Diocese of New York

Grace Episcopal Church / La Gracia is a member of the Diocese of New York which is comprised of parishes in the following counties: Bronx, Duchess, New York (Manhattan), Orange, Putman, Richmond, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

The diocesan offices located on the grounds of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Amsterdam Avenue, New York is the administrative arm of the church and is headed by our Diocesan bishop, Andrew M.L. Dietsche, (16th Bishop of New York). He is assisted by Allen K. Shin, Suffragan Bishop, Mary Glasspool, Bishop Assistant and James A. Kowalski, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The Council is the executive body mandated by the Diocesan Constitution and serves as an advisory group to the Bishop and Diocesan staff, overseeing the development of the Diocese's operating budget and prepares the budget that is presented at convention for approval. The Council also provides guidance and oversight for the Diocese between conventions, work with committees to support Diocesan staff, ministries and serves as liaisons to parishes in the Diocese.

Below are updates from the past two Diocesan Council Meetings:

- The Council developed a Resolution concerning Lambeth (dis-inviting same sex partners from attending Lambeth). The resolution will be presented at Diocesan Convention in November 2019. Lambeth will take place in 2020.
- Process for submitting committee budgets was presented. Budgets are due August 1, 2019.
- Committee Reports:
 - o *Social Concerns* this committee address issues concerning anti-racism, human trafficking, anti-domestic violence and sexual harassment.

- Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission this group provides a forum where
 ecumenical officers in their respective dioceses and ecumenical committee
 representatives can strengthen their collegial ties through dialogue on crucial
 topics like the inter-relationship between the Methodist Church and the Episcopal
 Church and/or the sensitivity issues between the Islamic and Jewish
 Communities.
- Christian Formation Plans are in place for the Summer Youth Conference at Incarnation Center, Ivoryton, CT. Information can be found at www.incarnationcenter.org. This group is also planning at Diocesan Mission Trip to Puerto Rico in August 2019. Information will be available shortly at https://www.ednyformation.org/.
 - The CFC is offering more Sunday School material curricula to be shared across the diocese. A complete list of information will be available in August. CFC has partnered with Storymakers NYC (https://www.storymakersnyc.com/) to develop Sunday School curricula in an open classroom /all ages format to be made accessible to parishes within the diocese.
- Leadership Development Committee Presented a draft list of candidates to fill
 open diocesan positions at Diocesan Convention in November. Candidates will
 attend at least on pre-conference meeting.
- Global Mission The Global Mission Fair will behold on Saturday, October 12,
 2019 at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. Application for the Sustainable
 Development Goals Grant is currently available online (diocesan website).

More detailed information on all the above committees and activities can be found on the Diocesan Website, www.dioceseny.org. ENS (Episcopal News Service), www.episcopalnewsservice.org. is another resource that provides information on what is going on in the wider Episcopal Church. Both websites are full of interesting information that helps us to stay informed.

Faithfully Submitted,

Sandy Gadsden-McAllister





Faces of Grace/La Gracia

Celebrating First Communion



Mother's Day at Grace





