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The Rector's Letter



There are some things that initially seem like opposites, but which need to be held together for either to function properly. One term for these things is “polarities”.

For example, take firmness, or consistency, as an important quality of leadership. We like our leaders to be firm. Parents need to be firm in their discipline. To be firm makes it possible to

continue through hard times and adversity. But firmness, without any room for flexibility, degenerates into rigidity.

Flexibility is also a quality we admire in leadership. Flexibility makes it possible to adjust to new situations and opportunities. Flexibility leads to innovation and creativity. Without some core of firmness, however, flexibility degenerates into chaos and disorder.

These two qualities always need to be held together in a kind of creative tension. We value tradition, but also seek to be innovative. We know change is necessary and inevitable, but do not want to lose our core identity.

Another set of polarities is objective-subjective. As individuals, we make countless decisions. Some try to be as objective as possible in making those decisions. They want to know facts and statistics and have measurable criteria. Others are more focused on the subjective experience a decision will evoke. How will it make them feel? Obviously, just because something feels good in the short run does not make it the right thing. On the other hand, a consideration of objective factors without any measure of the human costs involved will likewise not lead us to the right decision. Both should be held in tension.

Our Christian faith is full of polarities like this. Jesus is Divine; Jesus is human. Both are equally and fully true. We are all sinners in need of grace; We are all saints charged with helping to witness to God's Kingdom. We are grounded in this present world; Our true citizenship is in Heaven. God calls us to be obedient; God calls us to freedom. Faith is something we need to appropriate as individuals; Faith is always exercised in community.

Ultimately these polarities can never be resolved. They can only be balanced, always held in tension. Our lives are full of them: work and family, self-care and care for others, doubt and assurance, self-discipline and spontaneity, generosity and prudence.

During this Lenten time of self-examination and repentance, I would encourage all of us to look at the polarities in our own lives. How can we bring them before God in order to live as Christ would have us live? Where are the places in which we tend to wander too far toward one side? The Holy Spirit is present to guide us in each decision, so that, whatever the circumstances or choices we are given, we can choose the way that leads to life. May we all find, in that guidance, whatever qualities we need to grow into the people God wills us to be.

(Spanish Translation of the Rector's Letter)

Hay algunas cosas que inicialmente parecen como opuestas, pero que deben mantenerse juntas para que puedan funcionar bien. Un término para estas cosas es "polaridades".

Por ejemplo, tener firmeza, o consistencia, como una importante cualidad de liderazgo. Nos gusta que nuestros líderes sean firmes. Los padres necesitan ser firmes en su disciplina. Ser firme hace posible continuar con los tiempos difíciles y la adversidad. Pero la firmeza, sin ningún espacio para la flexibilidad, degenera en rigidez.

La flexibilidad es también una cualidad que admiramos en el liderazgo. La flexibilidad permite adaptarse a nuevas situaciones y oportunidades. La flexibilidad conduce a la innovación y a la creatividad. Sin algo de firmeza, sin embargo, la flexibilidad degenera en caos y desorden. Estas dos cualidades siempre necesitan ser mantenidas juntas en una especie de tensión creativa. Valoramos la tradición, pero también buscamos ser innovadores. Sabemos que el cambio es necesario e inevitable, pero no queremos perder nuestra principal identidad.

Otro conjunto de polaridades es objetiva-subjetiva. Como individuos, tomamos innumerables decisiones. Algunos tratan de ser lo más objetivo posible para tomar esas decisiones. Quieren conocer los hechos y estadísticas y tener criterios medibles. Otros están más centrados en la experiencia subjetiva que una decisión evocará. ¿Cómo les hará sentir? Obviamente, sólo porque algo se siente bien en el corto plazo no lo convierte en la cosa correcta. Por otra parte, la consideración de factores objetivos sin ninguna medida de los costos humanos involucrados tampoco nos llevará a la decisión correcta. Ambos deben mantenerse en tensión.

Nuestra fe cristiana está llena de polaridades como esta. Jesús es Divino; Jesús es humano. Ambas realidades son iguales e igualmente verdaderas. Todos somos pecadores necesitados de gracia; Todos somos santos encargados de ayudar a testificar el Reino de Dios. Estamos enraizados en el mundo presente; Nuestra verdadera ciudadanía está en el Cielo. Dios nos llama a ser obedientes; Dios nos llama a la libertad. La fe es algo que necesitamos apropiarnos como individuos; La fe siempre se ejerce en comunidad.

En última instancia, estas polaridades nunca pueden ser resueltas. Sólo pueden ser equilibradas, siempre mantenidas en tensión. Nuestras vidas están llenas de ellas: el trabajo y la familia, el auto cuidado y el cuidado de los demás, la duda y la seguridad, la autodisciplina y la espontaneidad, la generosidad y la prudencia.

Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma de auto-examen y arrepentimiento, quiero animarles a todos a mirar las polaridades en nuestras propias vidas. ¿Cómo podemos llevarlas ante Dios para vivir como Cristo quiere que las vivamos? ¿Dónde están los lugares en los que tendemos a vagar demasiado hacia un lado? El Espíritu Santo está presente para guiarnos en cada decisión, de modo que, cualquiera que sean las circunstancias o las opciones que se nos dan, podemos elegir el camino que conduce a la vida. Que todos encontremos, en esa guía, las cualidades que necesitamos para crecer como el pueblo que Dios quiere que seamos.

EARTH DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein;

For he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.

-Psalms 24: 1 and 2

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,

We borrow it from our children.

--An American Proverb

Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays during Lent:

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

8:00 PM Lenten program

This Lent we will be studying the Enneagram, which is a tool for spiritual direction. Through it we can look at the dynamics of our own personality and the gifts and challenges those dynamics present for our spiritual lives.

La Gracia will be meeting in homes each Wednesday evening .Fridays La Gracia will be participating with other Latino congregations in a Lenten exchange. On March 24th they will be meeting here at Grace, looking closely at Stations of the Cross 7-9.

All are welcome!

FATHER ADOLFO MORONTA

We are pleased to welcome Father Adolfo Moronta as our new Associate Priest! Father Adolfo comes to us from a parish in Alexandria, VA. Father Adolfo is a cradle New Yorker. When he



was 12 his family moved to the Dominican Republic, and he spent his teenage and early adult years there. After graduating from college, he felt called to the ministry, and went to seminary. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. He received a Master of Arts in Theology

from Virginia Seminary in 2012. In 2015 he moved back to the US to work in the Diocese of Virginia.

Father Adolfo will be serving all the people of Grace/La Gracia. The Diocese of NY is helping to support us in establishing this position. In dialogue with representatives from the diocese, we decided to call someone full time who was bilingual and bi-cultural, able to care for the Spanish speaking congregation, but also able to help build the English speaking congregation. In the past, the diocese has provided financial support for a priest for La Gracia. They will still be providing that support, but have also given us a grant of \$25,000 to help with the costs of having a full time associate.

I am very pleased to be able to work with Father Adolfo. He is a person with a lot of ideas and energy, an engaging personality, a deep faith and a faithful life of prayer. He will be sharing with me in preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and all other aspects of the ministry. If you have not met him yet, please take the time to introduce yourself. I think he will be a great blessing to our parish!

By Father Kunz

The Value of Frozen Assets or My journey to Becoming a Volunteer

By Sylvia Simon

When our family joined Grace Church more than thirty years ago, what we liked most was how involved everyone was. In addition, we were welcomed and enjoyed being members of such an involved church.

I considered myself a good and responsible parishioner. I paid my pledge and I was cordial to fellow parishioners. I guess you can say I was somewhat smug. Then one day I received a rude awakening.

Irene Alves gave a mini-sermon talking about how she felt about Grace Church. She talked about the fact that her commitment required her to not only commit her money, but her talent as well. She also pointed out that we had many “Frozen Assets” in our church. She defined frozen assets as parishioners who may pledge and come to church, but they never volunteer to assist with the varied activities that enable the church to function effectively. It was as if she were speaking directly to me. I realized I was indeed a frozen asset. Gradually, I began to become more involved. First, I assisted Ella Fitzgerald with coffee hour and then I taught a Sunday School Class and gradually, I did varied jobs and discovered which I felt most comfortable doing. Today, I am fully involved and I am happy to discover that I enjoy making a difference. We must realize that the volunteers are the life blood of the church. Without these unfrozen assets, our church would cease to function effectively. So, I implore everyone to consider volunteering. Start small, you will find that you will enjoy it and the church will benefit from any and all volunteer contributions.

The list of volunteering opportunities are on the bulletin board in front of the Parish Hall.

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This was the closing of the Black History Sermon/ D.S. Brathwaite on February 26, 2017

Politically, morally and spiritually -- our voices and our actions are needed to heal this country and the world. Let's all pray together:

DEAR LORD –

I AM ONE – I AM ONLY ONE

I CANNOT DO ALL THINGS – BUT I CAN DO SOME THINGS

WHAT I CAN'T DO – WITH YOUR HELP - I WILL TRY TO DO

WHAT I DO KNOW - I WILL TEACH

WHAT I DON'T KNOW – I WILL LEARN

LET EACH ONE – TEACH ONE – AND TOGETHER WE WILL WIN THE BATTLE FOR HUMANITY.



Lord, help us to *Honor Our Past – Embrace the Present – Greet the Future* in a spirit of unity, a spirit of love, a spirit of humanity that will keep us connected to you – our Lord and Savior and Redeemer.

AMEN.

Questions and Answers about Buildings and Grounds

Exactly what do we mean when we say Buildings and Grounds?

Building and Grounds (B&G) not only encompasses the church and grounds, but it includes parish hall building and the rectory on North Street (the stone residence opposite White Plains High School). The budget for B&G is \$174,200 and accounts for almost 30 percent of our annual budget. The major cost components of the budget includes:

- All of the utilities for the buildings
- Insurance, municipal fees (sewer, etc.)
- Inspection fees and permits
- Cleaning and repair supplies
- Ongoing repairs and maintenance of the buildings and the grounds.
- Maintenance and repair contracts (air-conditioning/heating, appliances, etc.)

Why does it take so long to get some large items repaired? For example, it took many months to repair the sacristy ceiling and we still haven't repaired the elevator.

Large repairs can require a procedure which can include a lengthy insurance evaluation and securing the required funds. In the case of the repair of the elevator shaft, the vestry had to establish a capital fund to cover the estimated repair cost of \$80,000 to \$120,000. We hired a structural engineer and architect to prepare a bid package for the solicitation and hiring of a contractor to perform the repair. We are hoping to get the elevator back in service by mid-year.

Who makes regular repairs?

In addition to requiring professional assistance (roofer, electrician, plumber, etc.) for certain maintenance and repair tasks, God has blessed us with a talented sexton, Taurino Juarez who seems to be able to fix most anything. We sometimes take this for granted. He also maintains the church, the parish hall building, and is responsible for the upkeep of the rectory by conducting repairs and maintaining the grounds.

Who oversees Buildings and Grounds?

For years one person assumed the responsibility for Building and Grounds. It started with Harry Rogers, then Bill Biles, followed by Walter Simon. However, it was realized that responsibilities were too large for one person to assume. During Curt Constable's term as Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, responsibility was shared by a group of volunteers with the Chairperson focusing on coordination of activities. We now have several people who are responsible for specific areas.

Malik Bradford – Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds activities (Chairperson)

Bill Biles- Special projects

Arlene Grant and Stuart Madden-Walk of Grace

Michael Heffner-Special projects as needed and when available.

Nate Hogan-Rectory upkeep and special projects

Joyce Sampson-Management of projects Insurance

Walter Simon-On site monitoring of church and parish hall.

Taurino Juarez, Sexton – General repairs and maintenance

Lipton Scarborough-Special projects

Robert Soso, New member – Specific responsibilities will be identified

Current and Future Projects of Buildings and Grounds:

- Complete Elevator shaft repair

- Finalize stained glass repair recommendation for potential donor and vestry
- Continue the support of Walk of Grace (profits are used to enhance the grounds around the church).
- Replace roof top heater/air conditioning unit for the dining room of Samaritan House
- Upgrade our security monitoring system
- Handicap accessibility (removal of a front pew)
- Develop the cost for major repairs in the rectory
 - Window replacement
 - Exterior painting
 - Water proofing of the basement
 - Repaving the driveway

Building and Grounds Committee

Here Comes Summer!

Once again, through the generosity of Grace Church, the Brighter Futures Summer Campers of Lifting Up Westchester can hopefully thank us for helping them enjoy four weeks of laughter, fun, friendship and innocence.

As we know from experience, most of the campers in the summer camp live in either homeless shelters or meager living conditions. There is little if any family income set aside for the pleasure of attending summer camp much less purchasing a new bathing suit.

Because we have had a history with supporting the programs of Lifting Up Westchester, we know how much this program assists children who do not have some of the same opportunities of many Westchester children.

Beginning May 14th and ending June 18th, Linda Gallo (a member of the Lifting Up Westchester Board of Directors) will be collecting either gift cards or funds 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).

REMEMBERING OUR DEAR PARISHIONER LOUISE HOLSAPPLE

From The Rev. Herbert "Bert" Draesel, 12th Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, 1975-84



Louise (Holsapple) made this stole for me in about 1980. She was very supportive of my ministry and of all the things that were going on at Grace Church. I always wear it for weddings and funerals, and when I do I have fond memories of Louise and wonderful Grace Church. Much love to all of you, The Rev. Herbert Draesel



SAVE THE DATE

Oasis
of HOPE
Gala *Dinner & Silent Auction*

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH
6:00-9:30 P.M.

Leewood Golf Club, 1 Leewood
Eastchester, NY 10709

Honorees

Carlos Muñoz

Past Board Chairman

Paul Anderson-Winchell

Retiring Executive Director

Ticket Prices

\$175 each

\$1,600 for Table of 10

To purchase tickets contact Linda Gallo or Walter Simon
Or purchase online www.liftingupwestchester.org



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – YOUTH PROGRAM

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6***

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE: *Our 2016 Christmas Pageant Bringing a modern day flair interspersed with the traditional Christmas Story brought together all of our children from Pre-K through high school. Our actors and Cherub Choir did a marvelous job! Many thanks go to all the adults who assisted with this production, especially directors Elizabeth Carden and Amy Owens, as well as Dr. Anna Vinnitsky who assisted with the musical portions.*

RITE 13 GAME DAY: Rite 13 sponsored the 3rd Annual Game Day on January 29, 2017 while the Annual Meeting was occurring in the Parish Hall. Our Rite 13 members kept our younger parishioners busy playing board games, Twister and having lunch while the adults attended the meeting. Thanks go to the Welcoming Committee for funding lunch.



YOUTH RETREAT: On February 3, 2017 ten members of J2A and Rite 13 set out for a weekend retreat to Koinonia located on 1200 acres in the Catskill Mountains. Koinonia is a Greek word meaning “community” and the Koinonia mission “is where God transforms and prepares people in an outdoor environment to love and serve one another”. Our group enjoyed team-

building games, prayer and good old-fashioned fun as we grew in our own fellowship. The cold weather, 12 degrees when we started out Saturday morning, did not deter us from having a great time. Snow tubing, a bonfire, ice cream social, solving riddles, Sunday worship and a lot of delicious eating were the highlights of activities for the weekend. We even managed to find time to plan the Grace Church Family Service’s sermon for February and hold a mini-lesson for our Rite 13 celebrities in preparation for the Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood in March 2017. The Koinonia staff were exceptional and guided us on a wonderful retreat weekend. Upon returning home, our youth members wanted to know when we could go back...the sign of a successful trip! As an added bonus we shared the dining/common room with the Brooklyn Quilters Guild where we saw their creative works unfold throughout the weekend. Thank you to Lauren Reid for organizing the retreat weekend. Lauren has been participating at Koinonia since about the age of 8 as a camper, counselor and now a Board Member.



A LOOK AHEAD:

March 19 - Family Service 10am with Rite 13 Liturgy: Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood

Our 8th grade Celebrities are **Aaron Bradford, Anna Kristina O'Hanlon, Lawson Roach & Waverly Magnum.**

April 14 - Good Friday, 12pm service - brown bag lunch program for children. The children will be brought into the service for the Veneration of the Cross.



SAVE THE DATES!

End of August – Summer Youth Conference (SYC) - Episcopal Youth Ministry Summer Camp open to students entering 6 grade thru entering college

Gracias/Thank You

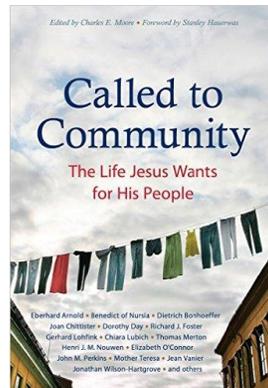
January 29th was a momentous day! The bilingual service set the pace for the highest level of appreciation. Participating in the service moved me tremendously. The entire atmosphere resonated with the feeling that Grace Church really welcomes everyone. There truly are no limits due to race, culture, language or ethnicity. All could rejoice as they recognized and accepted the differences and the similarities that bind us together.

Everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity to hear scripture read in their own language. The dual presentation of the sermon was awesome! Nothing else could better express the clergy's intent. They want us to realize we truly are one in our need for respect, loyalty, commitment, and solace.

Gracias for the spiritual strength that gets us through the day, helps overcome negativity and reinforces our faith. Thank you for the gift our clergy bestowed upon us that day!

Elsie Adams

Church Book Club



Join the Book Club in our Parish-Wide Read!

Explore the true meaning of community and the increasing need for sharing our lives in a time of disconnection and isolation during a discussion of the Book Club's parish-wide read of **Called to Community: The Life Jesus Wants for His People**, a collection of thought-provoking essays edited by Charles E. Moore, a pastor and member of the Bruderhof community. Join our discussion at coffee hour on Sunday, March 12!

Submitted by Karen Odom (karenodom@yahoo.com)

What Does God Say About Me?

It is True

He Loves Me

God's Delight
Zephaniah 3:17

It Never Changes

A Sweet Fragrance to God
2 Corinthians 2:15

Child of the one True King
1 John 3:11

Part of God's Family
Ephesians 2:19

An Ambassador for God
2 Corinthians 5:20

Safe with God
Jeremiah 29:11

Never Alone
Deuteronomy 31:8

Washed Clean
Isaiah 1:18

Have a Purpose
Exodus 9:16

God's Masterpiece
Ephesians 2:10

I am...



Hacia una Cuaresma de Transformación Personal y Comunitaria

Rev. Adolfo Moronta

La Cuaresma es el tiempo litúrgico de conversión, que nos prepara para la gran fiesta de la Pascua. Es el tiempo idóneo para cambiar lo malo por lo bueno y bueno por lo mejor. Dura 40 días y comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza (1ro de Marzo) hasta la Semana Santa.

La palabra Cuaresma viene del latín «cuadragésima», significa 40 días. En la Biblia, el número cuatro simboliza el universo material, seguido del cero significa el tiempo de nuestra vida en la tierra, seguido de pruebas y dificultades.

El numero 40 aparece en varios episodios importantes para nuestra fe. 40 días pasó Jesús en el desierto antes de iniciar su vida pública, el rey David reinó 40 años, 40 años duro la travesía del pueblo de Dios hasta llegar a la tierra prometida, 40 días duro el diluvio, a los 40 días de su nacimiento Jesús fue presentado en el Templo, y tras su crucifixión, el tiempo en el que se apareció a sus discípulos fue precisamente de 40 días.



El color litúrgico de este tiempo es el morado que significa penitencia, pero también se puede utilizar el azul. Es un tiempo de reflexión de conversión espiritual; tiempo de preparación al misterio pascual.

En la Cuaresma, Cristo nos invita a cambiar de vida. La Iglesia nos invita a vivir la Cuaresma como un camino hacia Jesucristo, escuchando la Palabra de Dios, orando, compartiendo con el prójimo y haciendo obras buenas. Nos invita a vivir una serie de actitudes cristianas que nos ayudan a parecernos más a Jesucristo, ya

que por la acción de nuestro pecado, nos alejamos más de Dios.

El programa cuaresmal de este año de la Gracia lleva por nombre: **Hacia una cuaresma de transformación personal y comunitaria**. Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma tendremos la oportunidad de visitar y compartir el Vía crucis con los hermanos de las diferentes congregaciones latinas de la zona.

El calendando es el siguiente:

- Viernes, 10 de marzo del 2017: **7:00PM-9:00PM**- Vía Crucis-Estaciones 1-3 Iglesia San Andrés, 22 Pot Street, Yonkers, NY 10705
- Viernes 17 de marzo del 2017: **7:00PM-9:00PM** – Vía Crucis-Estaciones 4-6 Iglesia St. Peter, 19 Smith Street, Portchester, NY 10573

- Viernes, 24 de marzo del 2017: **7:00PM-9:00PM** – Vía Crucis-Estaciones 7-9 Iglesia La Gracia/Grace Church 33 Church Street, White Plains, NY 10601
- Viernes, 31 de marzo del 2017: **7:00PM-9:00PM** – Vía Crucis- Estaciones 10-12 Misión Parroquial San Marcos/Christ Church, 43 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591
- Viernes, 7 de abril del 2017: **7:00PM-9:00PM** – Vía Crucis-Estaciones 13-15 Iglesia Santa Cruz/Holyrood Church, 715 West 179th Street, New York, NY 10033

Te invitamos a que te unas a las actividades cuaresmales durante todo el mes de marzo y parte del mes de abril. Durante la Cuaresma nos reuniremos a las 6:00 pm para desde aquí acudir a la congregación correspondiente.

Te esperamos!

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

A lot of church members who are singing ‘Standing on the Promises’ are just sitting on the premises.

We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them – He’ll clean them.

I don’t know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

A Stewardship Article for the Angelus

“Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by Worship. We bear witness to God’s love in Christ through our life together and our Service to the wider community”.

As I write my final stewardship article for the Angelus, I cannot help but reflect on what I learned attending the Cottage Meetings we held during the fall. I discovered that we are a parish of passionate individuals who have a deep love and affection for our church and what it represents. Many are steeped in tradition and cherish the richness of the traditional Episcopal liturgy, with all its rites, ceremonies, music, incense, etc. We have always and continue to live

out our mission, by being inclusive and open to all who enter our building. We practice stewardship to the wider community through a number of programs and projects and continue to provide our financial support through our pledge commitments. We rarely ask for anything other than to maintain our commitment to God's call that we keep him, liturgy and scripture as our focus. My hope is that the concept of holding Cottage Meetings will continue to be a part of the upcoming stewardship campaign.

While our stewardship campaign had a late start and pledge commitments came in slowly, parishioners really stepped up to the plate and came through with flying colors. We are still a bit shy of our budgeted commitment, but I am sure we will meet our commitment. As we traverse this period of change and uncertainty, I cannot help but refer to The Very Rev. Brownridge's analysis of how we can respond to God's grace and generosity. By living in the "**Key of G.**", which is to keep GOD as our focus for prayer meditation and support, we can continue to be good stewards in response to God's grace and generosity.

As a reminder, The White Plains Parking Authority 4-Hour Pre-Paid Holiday Parking Placards for 2017 are available through the Stewardship Commitment. The parking placard is valid on the following Holy Holidays:

- ❖ March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday
- ❖ April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday
- ❖ April 14, 2017 Good Friday
- ❖ April 15, 2017 Holy Saturday
- ❖ December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Stewardship Chair this past year. As Charlotte Roberson resumes as Chair of Stewardship, I am sure that you will continue to provide her with your support. While it was a challenging year, it was also a rewarding year as we used a new template for our stewardship campaign. The Rector, Warden and Vestry thank you for your financial support of our Mission and programs.

Faithfully Submitted

Sandy Gadsden-McAllister

(Spanish translation of the Stewardship Letter)

Un Artículo de Mayordomía Para El Angelus

“La Iglesia de la Gracia es una congregación diversa comprometida con una vida En común sostenida por la Adoración. Nosotros damos testimonio del amor de Dios en Cristo a través de nuestra vida juntos y nuestro Servicio a la comunidad en general”.

Mientras escribo mi artículo final de mayordomía para el Angelus, no puedo dejar de reflexionar sobre lo que aprendí asistiendo a las reuniones que tuvimos durante el otoño. Descubrí que somos una parroquia de personas apasionadas que tienen un profundo amor y afecto por nuestra iglesia y lo que representa. Muchos están llenos de tradición y aprecian la riqueza de la tradicional liturgia episcopal, con todos sus ritos, ceremonias, música, incienso, etc. Siempre hemos estado y continuamos viviendo nuestra misión, siendo inclusivos y abiertos a todos los

que entran en nuestro edificio. Practicamos la mayordomía a toda la comunidad a través de una serie de programas y proyectos y continuamos proporcionando nuestro apoyo financiero a través de nuestro compromiso de promesas. Rara vez pedimos algo más que mantener nuestro compromiso con el llamado de Dios, teniendo la liturgia y las escrituras como nuestro enfoque. Mi esperanza es que el concepto de la celebración de reuniones continuará siendo una parte de la próxima campaña de mayordomía.

Si bien nuestra campaña de mayordomía tuvo un comienzo tardío y los compromisos de promesas se presentaron lentamente, los feligreses realmente dieron un paso adelante hacia el plato y tuvimos éxito. Todavía estamos un poco tímidos con nuestro compromiso presupuestado, pero estoy segura de que cumpliremos nuestro compromiso. A medida que atravesamos este período de cambio e incertidumbre, no puedo dejar de referirme al análisis del Muy Rev. Brownridge de cómo podemos responder a la gracia y generosidad de Dios. Viviendo en la "Clave de G.", que es mantener a DIOS como nuestro enfoque para la meditación y el apoyo en la oración, podemos seguir siendo buenos administradores en respuesta a la gracia y generosidad de Dios.

Como su recordatorio, las tarjetas par el parqueo 2017 del "The White Plains Parking Authority 4-Hour Pre-Paid Holiday" están disponibles a través del Stewardship Commitment. El pase de estacionamiento es válido en las siguientes fiestas:

- ❖ 1 de marzo de 2017 Miércoles de Ceniza
- ❖ 13 de abril de 2017 Jueves Santo
- ❖ 14 de abril de 2017 Viernes Santo
- ❖ 15 de abril de 2017 Sábado Santo
- ❖ 25 de diciembre de 2017 Día de Navidad

Gracias por permitirme servir como la encargada de Mayordomía este año pasado. A medida que Charlotte Roberson se asume como Presidenta de la Administración, estoy segura de que seguirá brindándole su apoyo. Aunque fue un año desafiante, también fue un año gratificante cuando utilizamos una nueva plantilla para nuestra campaña de administración. El Rector, el Guardián y la Junta Parroquial le agradecen su apoyo financiero a nuestra Misión y programas.

Fielmente enviado

Sandy Gadsden-McAllister

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

THE TOMB IS EMPTY – AN EASTER MESSAGE

by Mary Baker

The guards who had been posted at Jesus' sealed tomb knew that the tomb was empty. They had experienced a violent earthquake and a terrifying encounter with a luminescent angel in white who rolled away the sealed stone. They "shook and fainted and became like dead men," as recorded in Matthew. However, this did not lead them to believe in Jesus' resurrection and that he was the Messiah. In fact, they were only thinking that they were in big trouble for allowing this to take place on their watch. After all, they had been posted at the tomb precisely to keep Jesus' body from disappearing.

The chief priests knew the tomb was empty because they heard all about it from the terrified guards. The priests were so worried that this story would leak out that they paid off the guards with a large sum of money to say that the disciples had come and stolen the body while they were sleeping. The guards were promised immunity if they kept quiet about what had really happened. The priests knew Jesus had said he would rise from the dead in three days. In fact, that is why they posted extra guards. Knowing the tomb was empty and hearing the report of the guards did not cause the priests to believe in the risen Christ as the Messiah.

The early morning visiting women knew the tomb was empty because they met the angel and saw it for themselves. The disciples who ran to the tomb knew it was empty because they, too, saw it for themselves. The fact that the tomb was empty did not make believers of them. They only knew his body was gone.

Believing in the risen Lord and Messiah came when each individual actually met Christ in person, alive and well, either in the garden, on the road, at dinner, or in the upper room, and spoke with him. One of my favorite parts of this astounding story is the account of Thomas, who had heard about the empty tomb, but was not convinced by the reports of his friends. He only believed when he, too, met Jesus in person!

I think Thomas has an important message for us. It is not only when we hear that the tomb was empty that we believe. We believe when we have an encounter with the living Christ in our own lives. I think this is just as true today as it was then.

The angel told the women, "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you." (Matthew 28:7.) In the days ahead, they all went on to meet him in person. That was when they believed.

The tomb is empty. Jesus is waiting to meet with anyone who seeks Him.

Downtown Music at Grace Schedule

March Noonday Concerts

1 NO CONCERT (Ash Wednesday)

8 The musicians of the Westchester Philharmonic - Deborah Wong, violin and Barbara Allen, harp, play the Saint-Saëns Fantaisie for violin and harp, and more.

15 Cellist Samuel Magill has been a member of the Met Orchestra since 1991. Praised by the New York Times for his "...unimpeachable reading" of the Poulenc Cello Sonata, he has had a rich and varied career as soloist and chamber musician. His first Naxos CD of the Vernon Duke Cello Concerto was hailed as "flat-out magnificent" by the American Record Guide. He is joined at the piano by Babette Hierholzer who has appeared as soloist with the Berlin Philharmonic and with renowned conductors Sir Colin Davis, Klaus Tennstedt, Leopold Hager and Semyon Bychkov. She made her American debut with the Pittsburg Symphony playing the Liszt Concerto No. 1. A Downtown Music debut.

22 Virtuoso flutist Maron Anis Khoury is principal flute of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. He has performed under the direction of maestros Daniel Barenboim,

Otto Werner Mueller, Christoph Eschenbach, and Michael Stern. We welcome his return to Downtown Music.

Sunday, March 26 at 5 pm. Young Artist's Concerto Concert

Mackenzie Melemed AND Angie Zhang, Piano

Downtown Sinfonietta, Vincent Lioni, Conductor

29 Cellist David Heiss is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and is principal cellist of The New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. Featured as a concerto soloist and recitalist in a wide range of repertoire, he plays a John Betts cello, dated 1789. He is joined by the pianist Warren Jones, a member of the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music and the Music Academy of the West, who is Principal Pianist for the exciting California chamber music group Camerata Pacifica.

REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 12th.

Move your clock forward.

Don't be late for church!

NEWS ABOUT OUR POST-COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE

It is always such a blessing to see our young people grow up in the church and move on as they fulfill their hopes and dreams as young adults. Since we often do not see them as frequently as we used to when they were youngsters in our Sunday School, we wonder where they are and what they are doing. We have caught up with a few of them now. And we remind them, and their parents, that they are often out of sight, BUT NEVER OUT OF OUR MINDS AND PRAYERS!



WHERE IS MATTHEW GALLO?

Since I've graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, almost one year ago, I'd like to think I've become a young professional. After receiving my Bachelors in Psychology, I went on to pursue a job at Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital in July of 2016. In the months since, I have taken a position at the Psychological Testing department within the hospital, and am currently assisting with a study regarding the therapeutic effectiveness of physical restraint on hospital patients. Furthermore, I was recently promoted to the position of Mental Health Activity Supervisor, and will be developing daily activity and therapy plans for patients within the hospital. My plans for the future include taking the GRE exam for

graduate school and ultimately pursuing a doctoral degree in Clinical Child Psychology, as well as hopefully continuing my research with Four Winds Psychological Testing department. Although my work schedule is demanding (and usually falls on weekends), I am hoping to see my Grace Church family again soon!

Where is William Heffner?

William Heffner graduated from Yale in May of 2016 with a double major in Economics and Film. He started working at Cornerstone Research last fall as an analyst working on legal economic research (long hours, but satisfying work). Grad school is coming... William is currently living in downtown Manhattan at 10 Hanover Square (a stone's throw from the NYSE) and is looking forward to seeing everyone at Grace during Easter.



Faces of Grace



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Mr. Stephen Gyetko



Mrs. Louise M. Holsapple



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