



Grace Episcopal Church Honesdale, Pa.  
Founded 1832

# Grace Notes

of GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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## EASTERTIDE 2011

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### PARSON'S CORNER

### ANGELS UNAWARES

A Stranger on the road, talking with two minor figures.

A Ghostly Figure breaking bread with fearful Disciples, not yet turned into Apostles.

Men dressed in white appearing to the Apostles as Christ Ascends to Heaven.

Welcome the Stranger. For therein many have entertained angels - and Christ - unawares.

A parishioner recently told me a strange tale. I wish they would write a short story in the Flannery O'Connor tradition of this late night encounter.

A woman ended up on their far-out road, traveling from one middle PA city to an Southeastern PA community.

She made a wrong turn on Route I-80. Yes, 80, not 81. And ended up in Northeast PA on a back road in the far north of Wayne County. Can you spell "lost?"

This parish family offered comfort, salvation in the form of freeing her vehicle, hospitality, and concerned setting along the way to the southern realms. They even wondered if they should call the police to check up on her after she left. Sometimes, though, you have to let the butterfly go.

"You are angels" the woman proclaimed in thanks to this family. Yet I question, was this "lost" soul maybe not the angel experiencing the love and Christian commitment of this one family.

Jesus appears to us on our dusty roads of despair. (Check the story of the Road to Emmaus.)

Jesus pops into our locked fear-filled rooms to break bread and offer nourishing refreshment. (Check the post-Easter appearances at the end of any of the Gospels.)

Angels appear to question our questions. (Check the story of the Ascension of Christ in the Acts of the Apostles.)

*Father Ed*

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2011

At its recent meeting, Vestry:

- + Discussed a request from the Treasurer for her to be added at Dime Bank with permission to gain information only on the various accounts we hold with them. The names of signatories on several accounts and the Safe Deposit Box need to be updated as well. It was noted that several other vendors' lists should be checked and updated as necessary.
- + Reviewed plans for the Vestry Retreat at Forest Lake Club Fri-Sat. May 13-14.
- + Discussed plans for the Easter Brunch as well as the possibility of a stand at Roots & Rhythms.

The question to move Vestry meetings to Sundays after the 11:00 service has been raised. We will continue to discuss this, possibly starting with the May meeting.

We continue wondering if the late service, especially during the summer months, could be moved to an earlier time, perhaps 10:30, moving Church School to 9:30; or during the summer months when there is no Christian Education classes moving to 10:00 AM. The congregation will be polled for their opinion.



## You say You're What Kind of Catholic ? ! ?

ANGLO. *ANGLO* - CATHOLIC.

There are a number of Romans who are curious about the Episcopal Church. You may have heard about the 500 Anglicans who are being received at Westminster Abbey into the Anglican Ordinariate of the Roman Catholic Church - now, figure that one out! But not much is ever said when the road leads the other direction - from Rome to Canterbury.

For you "Romans" who have been visiting Grace Church, or have some connection to Grace Church, have been Episcopalian for many years and are still recovering, or are just curious about what the differences - and similarities - are, Sue and Fr. Ed are hosting:

**A ROMAN\* ENQUIRER'S DINNER**  
**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (Yes, it's a feast of Mary)**  
**at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**

\* We can't say, "Catholic" because Episcopalians are Catholic, too, as well as Protestant. Depends on the day of the week and the issue at hand. Just one of those things we'll talk about.

**The Episcopalian Slogan:**

**ALL MAY, NONE MUST, SOME SHOULD!**

# Spring Celebrations at Grace Church



## ROGATION DAYS

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

*"Ask and ye shall receive"* - The Rogation Days are those that immediately precede Ascension Day. Traditionally agricultural observances, a priest would "beat the bounds" of the parish and bless the fields which were about to be planted.

Is it any wonder that this has been such a hard and long winter? Rogation comes this year as late as possible! Don't plant before Rogation is sage advice. Does God know what she is doing by having Rogation so late this year?

## ASCENSION DAY

Thursday, June 2

40 days after Easter, Jesus gathered his Apostles, according to the Acts of the Apostles and as they watched, with final departing words, Jesus ascended into heaven.

We celebrate this major feast with a join service of Holy Communion at 7:00pm with our sisters and brothers from St. John Lutheran Church. Pastor Ken Buckwalter will Celebrate the Eucharist as we commemorate full-communication between the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches.

## The DAY of PENTECOST

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Literally, The 50<sup>th</sup> Day. In the Jewish tradition this was the day Moses received the gift of the Law on Mount Sinai. In Christian tradition, it is the day of another divine gift - the gift of Grace through bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the faithful. During Lent we have explored the discerning of God's gifts to each of us. We will celebrate Pentecost with a Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall.

## TRINITY SUNDAY

June 19<sup>th</sup>

A day we specifically remember that we proclaim faith in the blessed Trinity - God the Creator; God the Savior; and God the Sanctifier.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY & JUNE 2011

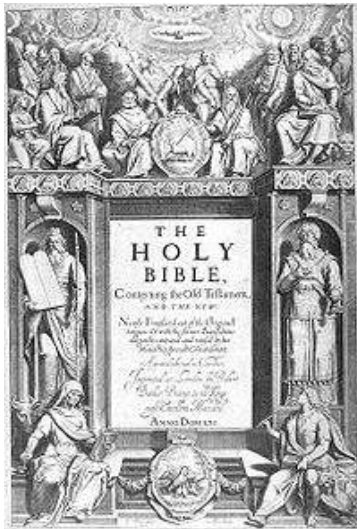
	May 1 <i>EASTER 2</i>	May 8 <i>EASTER 3</i> Mother's Day	May 15 "Good Shepherd"	May 22 <i>EASTER 5</i>	May 29 <i>EASTER 6</i> Rogation	June 5 <i>EASTER 7</i> Ascensiontide	June 12 The Day of <i>PENTECOST</i>	June 19 <i>TRINITY SUNDAY</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Susan Treanor	Fr. Ed	Fran Hlavacek	Bro. Carl	Fr. Ed	Fran Hlavacek	Bro. Carl	Fr. Ed
<i>Crucifer</i>	C. Carroll	A. Fink	Jordan Peer	D. Fink	E. Carroll	C. Carroll	A. Fink	Jordan Peer
<i>Acolyte</i>	Jordan Peer D. Foshay	O. Johannes K. Peer	E. Becker D. Foshay	G. Geinitz J. Hinds	H. Stephens H. O'Connor	G. Geinitz J. Hinds	O. Johannes K. Peer	E. Becker D. Foshay
<i>Lector</i>	A. Escalona	H. Stephens	K. Skinner	D. Pursch	J. Bunnell	T. Stephens	M. Corso	R. Stephens
<i>Intecessor</i>	J. Roskoski	J. Slate	J. Bunnell	S. Treanor	F. Hlavacek	J. Roskoski	J. Slate	J. Bunnell
<i>Chalist</i>	S. Treanor	J. Roskoski	J. Slate	J. Bunnell	V. Cheripko	F. Hlavacek	C. Hooker	S. Treanor
<i>Altar Guild</i>	E. Young J. Slate	J. Dohner J. Bunnell	J. Dohner J. Bunnell	S. Wilding S. Soden	S. Wilding S. Soden	E. Young J. Slate	E. Young J. Slate	J. Dohner S. Wilding
<i>Usher</i>	P. Mikulak R. Stephens	C. O'Connor BJ Clark	L. Erdman J. Merritt	E. Carroll C. Carroll	D. Hinds J. Bunnell	A. Hill T. Hill	P. Mikulak R. Stephens	D. Peer C. O'Connor
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	F. Hlavacek J. Merritt	N. Niles M. Niles	M. Wilson D. Lewis	J. Slate S. Clark	J. Roskoski P. Mikulak	C. Geinitz C. Smith	J. Bunnell S. Soden	R. Sampson D. Pursch
<i>Counters</i>	S. Wilding B. Bazewicz	J. Bunnell L. Erdman	K. Skinner J. Roskoski	V. Cheripko J. Bunnell	S. Wilding B. Bazewicz	P. Mikulak E. Young	J. Roskoski L. Erdman	E. Young P. Mikulak

If you cannot serve on a date you are scheduled for, please contact someone else on the list to switch - and call the parish office a week before(253-2760) so that we may make the change, too. *THANK YOU for all your help!*

### BIRTHDAYS - MAY/JUNE 2011

**O** God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

5/9 - Nicole Johannes 5/9 - Maria Zengion 5/15 - Cynthia Smith 5/15 - Marie Roskoski 5/19 - Kyle Peer 5/25 - John Sullivan 5/25 - Carol Schwartz  
5/28 - Jane Cable  
6/1 - Ed Coggins 6/3 - Samuel Pursch 6/10 - Curtis Sampson 6/11 - Nevaeh Becker 6/12 - Paul Mikulak 6/21 - Chauncey Stevens 6/26 - Jared Peer



## IT WAS IN 1611

## *The King James Bible*

James VI, King of Scotland and son of Mary Queen of Scots, became James I of England and Ireland upon the death of his first cousin Elizabeth I. Prior to his ascent to the throne of England, he had already met with Puritan Calvinists in Scotland about a new translation of the Bible into English. The first attempts under Henry VIII and Elizabeth had their flaws. Now that his is in England, James gathered 47 Biblical and ancient language scholars from both Oxford and Cambridge they painstakingly took 7 years in their efforts. (Never being nicknamed the King James Version until the 1800s, it is still officially, "The Authorized Version.")

Now here is a teaser - the Bible on your shelf - it isn't the King James translation, really!

Come to Adult Forum on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 and find out what it is! And more.

## MOTHERS' DAY

MAY 8<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget to Honor your Father and your Mother on the holidays designed to celebrate their love. No matter what, they are your parents. Those who are or were less than perfect can be offered a Christian expression of forgiveness and reconciliation. Those who were more than perfect deserve our best even our modeling after them. Then there are all those in between. They all require our love.

## FATHERS' DAY

JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>

## MEMORIAL DAY

We will follow the schedule of Community Events in downtown Honesdale and plan a special Memorial Service - at the Church? at the Grace Church Cemetery, right next to the Veterans Memorial in Dyberry Cemetery. Stay tuned as plans develop.

## ROOTS & RHYTHM Book Sale

Clean off your shelves and bring your old books to the Church for a book sale - especially the spiritual and religious books you've enjoyed and would like to pass on. We'll set up a table beside the Church.



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KNOWING  
JESUS  
IN A  
NEW WAY

The newest program of Godly Play begins on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00.

The motto of Godly Play is:

*I wonder*

I wonder how I can know Jesus in a new way. How about you?

## YOUTH GROUP

Meet together on May 15<sup>th</sup> for a fun activity and plans for the summer -

A trip to HersheyPark?

Confirmation Class History Lesson at the NY Renaissance Faire?

Wall-Climbing - challenge your faith?

30-Hour Famine Sleep-Over to raise money for the hungry in Kajo-Keji.

*What do you want to do on May 15<sup>th</sup> ?*

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