



# GRACE NOTES

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## FROM THE RECTOR...

As I write this on March 8<sup>th</sup>, I have just returned from my son's wedding in North Carolina where I also got to baptize my granddaughter. My Sabbath time has been a huge blessing, allowing me to ponder life, faith, and church, visit my kids and siblings, as well as to live full time with my wife and step-children.

I am deeply grateful for these gifts and hope to share the fruit of them when I return to work April 1<sup>st</sup>. Malia has kept me connected as you go through the busy round of personal and parish life. I know you are continuing your ministries to the poor and the powerless, the young and the sick, as well as the central work of the church: the worship of God in Christ week by week.

I also know that at Grace Church, as well as churches in the UK, the leadership is facing tough questions about sagging attendance, shrinking resources, and increasing expenses. In all the places I've worshipped there is a palpable sense of fear. Clergy and lay leaders are afraid of these depressing trends and fear the change that is upon them.

In England and Wales they're facing into this fear by getting busy and trying new strategies in worship, education, and new member recruitment. At St Paul's, Carlisle (just below the Scottish border) the clergy no longer wear vestments at Sunday worship and at the front of this large 19<sup>th</sup> century stone church is a 5 member praise team leading kid friendly worship as the congregation joins in singing songs projected on screens mounted on pillars. Even the glorious 11<sup>th</sup> century cathedral in the old Roman town of Chester in northwest England has a large screen behind the altar in the crossing. The worship at St. Deiniol's in Hawarden, Wales is more traditional in appearance but the liturgy is contemporary and newcomer friendly. The greeters are warm and attentive, the sermons Christ-centered and accessible.

It occurs to me, however, that **if** the changes we make or refuse to make are driven by fear we are not being led by Christ. When people say "we've got to change things to attract more members so we can meet our budget" they are responding to fear, not gospel. When they say, "We can't change our worship because we've always done it this way", they are acting out of fear, not the promptings of the Spirit.

Fear closes us down and makes us small. Who in their right mind would want to join a church closed down by fear? Visitors can tell when our smile doesn't make it to our eyes. Better to stay home than spend time with a group of desperate people. Fear is a sure sign that we have become disconnected from the fundamental message of Jesus, which may be stated simply as "God is."

To the disciples terrified of wind and waves Jesus says, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" For Jesus faith is the simple trust that God is, God is holding everything, God is present in all threats, and God is most certainly enough.

You may say, "Of course God is. We know that! We've believed that since we were kids when we learned the creeds and the Lord's Prayer. We look at nature and know there is a God." But I'm not talking about the religious ideas we hold in our heads. I'm talking about the experience of "God is". Imagine being home alone at night quietly reading a book when you hear a noise in the hall. Someone is in the house with you! Your body is now vibrating with energy, all your attention is focused, your whole being alert. "God is" is the experience of the Divine Intruder who may have been there all along but you had not noticed. Now

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you notice and you are transformed by this disturbing presence. Disturbing? Yes, not the presence of a sleepy grandparent but the intrusive presence of the Living God, whose presence undoes us and in doing so remakes us. Now there is the possibility of living a different story from the “I’ve been hard done by” one we usually tell ourselves. Now everything is possible because we KNOW that God is. Forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation with enemies in church and family are all possible. A new vision with new energy, even a new life is within reach because our minds are shocked out of their deadening ruts—all is possible because the Divine Intruder is.

“God is” means we can breathe and even relax in the face of our problems. “God is” means there is peace always for the taking. “God is” means I find myself not by getting what I want but by letting go of my stories about how deserving I am in my victimhood. “God is” means that neither my sins nor my approaching death are the most interesting thing about me. The most interesting thing about me is the space, the empty presence that holds me forever, willing my renewal and transformation. The lake is beautiful but the mountain holding it is what gives it shape, depth, and life.

As a parish operates out of the reality that “God is” fear subsides and wisdom rises. We judge everything we do by this standard: Does this current practice or will this suggested change strengthen our awareness of “God is”? If it does we do it with all our heart, if it doesn’t why bother? When we operate out of “God is” no change is too radical; when we operate out of “God isn’t” even the status quo will generate more fear.

God is. Jesus lives this every moment of his life. Because God is, Jesus is not afraid to touch the sick, love the enemy, and tell everyone not to worry about tomorrow. Because God is, Jesus can be himself, the Jew from Nazareth, even when hanging from a cross.

The parish that operates out of “God is” will grow and shrink, thrive and die, with the same peacefulness. Every church, like every individual, does all these things, without exception. Only God is eternal. What counts is what we choose to focus on: the fear of our challenges or the joy of being with Christ? Which is the more appealing to you?

Jesus was a man of immense charm precisely because his joy overwhelmed his fear. We are called to be that community that knows that God is bigger than the sad stories we tell ourselves, and much bigger than the anxiety we feel about keeping our money.

God is....The rest is details.

Bill

## From the Curate...

It seems like just yesterday we were getting clobbered with snowstorm after snowstorm. Next to my apartment is a small lot, where I park my car. I remember watching the snow get deeper and deeper. As soon as the snow stopped, the property manager’s snow-removers appeared. I’m not talking one or two people. I’m talking about a mini-army of shovel-wielding snow warriors. They would clear the spaces between and around the cars with shovels, and then the plow would appear at the end to pile it up. In no time, the whole lot was clear down to the pavement.

I don’t know if they saw their work as holy, but I sure did. For many years, I lived in Boston apartments with on-street parking. I was used to spending a good chunk of time with Amy unearthing our car. What a difference it made to have a whole community of people shoveling, rather than trying to do it alone! This team of snow-shovelers ministered to me, so I could easily get to Grace and minister with you. As I remember that group of people, I think of the words at the top of the new diocesan website: “Answering God’s urgent call. Together.”

It seems like just the other day, we were getting ready for Bill to start his sabbatical. I remember praying that God would give me what I needed to minister to you in his absence. Almost immediately, I saw how God was answering my prayer. It was encapsulated in one word: Together. Grace is blessed with wise, caring, dedicated people. In meeting after meeting, I sensed the Holy Spirit offering wisdom and guidance through the people gathered together. We answered God’s call...together.

Throughout the winter, United Interfaith Action groups across New Bedford have been buzzing with activity. All six UIA-affiliated congregations discerned a call to improve public education in New Bedford. Some of us went to Oakland, CA to learn what UIA’s sister organization did to improve public schools in that city. Some of us went to Boston, to see examples of thriving urban schools. Some of us have taken part in research meetings with the superintendent, school principals, and others in New Bedford. I have been excited to see so many people from Grace at various meetings... youth, dads, moms, retired folks, young adults, people from New Bedford, parishioners who live outside New Bedford. Then I marvel at the diversity of our citywide UIA meetings. Episcopalians, Jewish folks, Roman Catholics from many cultures: all answering God’s urgent call... together.

We live in a society where so many people are lonely or hopeless. We live in a world filled with division and conflict. In the midst of this, God is offering us a wonderful opportunity to be part of something big and wonderful and good.

What have you been waiting for? Let’s answer God’s urgent call...together.

In Christ,

Malia



## From the Senior Warden

*"...The Great and the Least,  
The Rich and the Poor,  
The Weak and the Strong,  
In Sickness and in Health,  
In Joy and Sorrow,  
In Tragedy and Triumph,  
You are ALL MY CHILDREN..."*

No, not a quote from the Bible....rather the words penned by Agnes Nixon, writer/creator of the television soap opera *All My Children*. Ellen Leventry, from the Beliefnet website tells us: "God and the Soaps: Adultery! Feuding heirs! Corrupting power! Battles over babies! They are all found in the Bible and in soap operas." Who knew I was getting all this extra bible-study time...over 40 years worth—and to think that EFM (Education For Ministry) was a mere 4 years!

Yes, I have watched *All My Children* from its inception in 1970, following in my mother's footsteps from two decades prior when she tuned into "Love of Life" (then a fifteen minute show back in 1951) known early on as a soap opera because of their sponsorship by soap and detergent companies like Proctor and Gamble, Colgate-Palmolive. And so I was hooked, thanks Mom!

Back in the day, Erica Kane, the main character of Pine Valley PA, was in high school...and if you follow the lives and loves of this fictional place (that somehow has a world class hospital, yacht club, oceans/lakes, universities) you may know that Erica has been married some ten times now, and the actress portraying her, Susan Lucci, remains the only original character still with the series. I guess you could say I grew up with Erica, growing older *gracefully*, and hopefully with wisdom through life's many lessons (I got the marriage thing right, but Erica still struggles with that). And all those life lessons---don't all our relationships in life, teach us more about ourselves? Certainly the Bible chronicles the relationship God shares with human creation and human creation with God... ever evolving and unfolding throughout the ages. How does Grace encounter and experience God? I suggest during this Lenten season we strive to find a happiness and peace with God and our fellow man that will allow us to be at one with ourselves. Inner peace: what a gift of grace! But slow down and inhale life along the way... yes, the joys *and* sorrows. The soap operas of life may suffer from SORAS (SOAP OPERA RAPID AGE SYNDROME) when children suddenly and miraculously become grown up overnight—but not us, we are a work in progress and our God is in charge of the construction...now that is good news!

Peace and blessings,  
Paula

## GRACE the BUILDING

-Ben Baker, Junior Warden

The Wardens, Vestry, and members of the Property Committee recently attended a briefing by a structural Engineer of the results of several inspections of the tower structure of Grace Church. Meeting in the North Room of Grace House, the presentation was illustrated by slides and photographs taken during these inspections.

The tower, built in 1879-80, reflects a design which incorporated a mix of masonry materials that were a somewhat different application than previous buildings built earlier than Grace. The main material is Granite, strong and impervious to the elements.

The tower has granite as its base and other materials as it goes up to the peak of the spire. There are stones, brick, brownstone, and slates included in the original structure. Later metal has been added to support the bells and roofing materials, under the bells, and wood in doors and trim. Some of these materials are not as strong as granite, but they are lighter. However, each material reacts to the environment, heat, light, and moisture in differing ways. Over the years the brick that gets the most sunlight has expanded. The grout between the rocks suffers when water gets in cracks and expands when frozen and then the water evaporates in the heat leaving a void which invites rain, snow, hail and it freezes some more and joints become loose and permit more moisture getting into the structure. The water travels down (gravity) following the routes that have grown over the years of freezing, expansion and evaporation.

The Belfry (where bells are located) and the shaft (the part of the tower under the belfry) are constantly going through some part of this cycle every day of the year. As water keeps going down, it has shown up after several days of constant rain as drops in the vestibule. Marks on the ceiling and walls show past evidence of this process. It was this leaking that led to inspections that have resulted in the Engineer's inspection.

The immediate serious problem is the separation between the outer wall and the inner wall in the northeast corner of the lower shaft. The repair would re-adhere these two walls. This repair is necessary to insure the structural integrity is maintained.

Structural integrity is very important while the remaining repairs are detailed and, where appropriate different approaches might be taken to complete the repair of the tower.

Work on the design of this repair and putting out to bid the work that makes the repair was approved by the Vestry and is underway. I will outline the progress at the Annual Meeting. This will include an outline of all work needed on Grace House and Grace Church. (I'll be brief.)

In the meanwhile there are many projects of maintenance that have their annual cycle. Many of these are done by members of Team Property. If you have an interest in helping, please join the Team. Open to all ages.

## LITURGY & LITURGICAL MINISTRY

*Jerré Croteau, Verger*

### April: Lent-Holy Week-Easter

Lent continues into the month of April. The first weekend in April is the **Fourth Sunday in Lent**. This Sunday is also called "Lætare Sunday". "Lætare" in Latin means "to be happy, to rejoice"; we rejoice because the waiting period of Lent is half over and Easter is coming. In our French Catholic Parish it was called *Micarême*. As a boy, I remember it being a Sunday when we could this one day eat the candy we had given up for Lent, a kind of midlent reprieve. In high church parishes there is a special color for this Sunday, rose instead of purple. April 9-10 is the **Fifth Sunday in Lent**.

The following weekend, April 16-17 is **Palm Sunday**, which begins **Holy Week**. Palms will be distributed at all services that weekend. The color of the hangings and veils changes to red. The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Eucharist reflects the changing mood of the day. It begins with a festival-like procession representing Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, and the procession of the people to receive the blessed palms. In the back of the church the palms are blessed and the procession proceeds to the front followed by the people. The Gospel is the Passion of our Lord, this year according to Matthew, but it will not be read until after the Eucharist. The service that begins in joy ends in sorrow as we begin the spiritual journey through Holy Week.

On **Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week** there will be a Eucharist service in All Saints' Chapel at 6:00 p.m. On **Wednesday** there will be the regular Eucharist and Healing service at 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday** the church will open at 5:00 p.m. the service will take place as usual at 7:00 p.m. The color at the main altar is white for this one service in commemoration of the Last Supper. The first Eucharist, includes the voluntary Washing of the Feet, as practiced by Jesus Himself, and is concluded with the stripping of the Altar in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. The veil at the High Altar is changed to black. For the Eucharist we will use Eucharistic Prayer D, a translation of one of the oldest Eucharistic Prayers. After the service the church will remain open for an hour-long **Vigil** until 9:00 p.m. The sacrament will be placed on the Cary Altar during that time.

**Good Friday** the church will be open for prayer and meditation at 9:00 a.m. and will remain open until 3:00 p.m. At noon the Good Friday Liturgy and the reading of St. John's passion will take place, with a modified Stations of the Cross in All Saints' Chapel for the children. The church will reopen at 6:00 p.m. with a Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Communion will be distributed from the Reserve Sacrament at both services. The services include the Veneration of the Cross. The cross we use for this ceremony is the charred cross that hung in the chapel before the fire. This heavily damaged and scorched crucifix is brought out from storage once a year for this purpose. It is a potent symbol of our loss, our undaunted faith and hope, and subsequent rise from the ashes. We hope to have brochures with meditations on the Stations of the Cross for use by those who wish to meditate in the church during the hours that it is open.

On **Holy Saturday, the Great Vigil** will take place at 7:00 p.m. This service begins in darkness. A fire is lit in the back of the church from which the Paschal Candle, representing Christ, is lit and carried ceremonially into the crossing of the church as the light of Christ is disseminated throughout to each member of the congregation. The service can call for as many as nine old testament readings, but we have cut the number to the minimum of three. It is the traditional service at which new members were baptized. After the readings, the first Eucharist of the Easter takes place. Christ's Resurrection is announced, bells ring, the candles are lit, and light floods the church to reveal joyful arrays of flowers, the disappearance of the gloomy veils, and an intense expression of joy.

April 24 is **Easter Sunday**, the day of the Resurrection. The eight o'clock Holy Eucharist will take place in the main church. At 10 o'clock there will be a Festival Eucharist. After the service many of the flowering plants will be sent to our shut-ins and other members who cannot attend. Easter does not end on this day, but begins a seven-week season. The color for this season is white.

On the **Wednesdays** of April, at the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing service, we celebrate **Martin Luther King, Jr** on April 6; **George Augustus Selwyn**, Bishop of New Zealand, on April 13, **Wednesday in Holy Week** on April 20, and **Easter Wednesday** on April 27.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

**After School Program:** *In memory of Jane Broughton.*

**Community Breakfast:** *In memory of Alex Mingola. In honor of Eric Jaikes. In thanksgiving by Norma Bosse and James Bisagni.*

**Food Pantry:** *In memory of Janice McKeachern, Metcalf "Buzz" Kingman, Edna Marsden, and Robert Corbett. In honor of M/M Leroy Schoonmaker. In thanksgiving by Grace Thrift Shop, M/M Donald Driesen and M/M Robert Huckabee.*

**Scholarship Fund:** *In memory of Judith Sylvia.*

**Discretionary Fund:** *In thanksgiving by Edward Mackler, Jr.*

**Memorial Fund:** *In memory of Metcalf "Buzz" Kingman*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### CHURCH SCHOOL

-Cynthia Barnum

**April 10** Annual Meeting – Child care will be provided in the Church School area for anyone interested in attending the Annual Meeting. The children will be in the Rite 13/J2A room on the left of the Church School Rooms, the large room with the bean bags on the floor.

**Palm Saturday (April 16)** – Palm Crosses - Please join the children and youth of Grace on **Saturday morning, April 16, from 9 am to 11 am**, when we will gather for our annual making of Palm Crosses. The crosses will be sent to our brothers and sisters of Grace who are unable to join us for worship. We will also be setting up and preparing for the following day's Seder. We would love to have you with us – let's make it a fun intergenerational event! Palm Cross directions are provided, and we promise you'll have a fun time! Please contact Caroline Blais with any questions.

**Palm Sunday Seder (April 17)** - Do you know what these words mean? Afikomen, Charoset, Dayenu, Haggadah, Karpas, Pesach. Find out by joining us for a special all-parish education event when the children of Grace Church School, the youth of the J2A & YAC programs, and adult education classes come together on Sunday, March 28, for our annual instructed Seder celebration. Bill Bradbury and Malia Crawford will lead us through the prayers (in English and Hebrew!), Biblical stories, and symbols of the Passover Seder.

Our Seder will run during Christian Education time, from about 11:15am -12:15pm. The Seder will replace the children's Sunday school class. All Children should go to Rodman Hall to experience the Palm Sunday Seder.

We are looking for assistance in gathering materials for our celebration – we will need matzoh crackers, grape juice, parsley, horseradish, and paper products. We also need volunteers to make Charoset, a mixture of apples, cinnamon and grape juice which is part of the Seder meal. A recipe will be provided. If you would like to help, please speak with Caroline Blais.

**Good Friday (April 22)** Children's Service/Easter Chapel - We will have our annual Good Friday Children's Service on **Friday, April 22 at 12 noon** in All Saints Chapel. Children, their families and friends are invited to join us for this special service including favorite music and prayers, and a Children's Stations of the Cross. Please join us as we "walk" with Jesus to the cross. We will leave our caterpillar prayers (from Ash Wednesday and Lent) with Jesus, and will wait with

anticipation to see what happens to them between Good Friday and Easter!

On **Easter Sunday (April 24)**, there will be a special Children's Chapel time during the sermon. Children will follow the Cross at the Gospel Procession into All Saints Chapel. Join us!

**No Church School Classes on Palm Sunday (April 17) and Easter Sunday (April 24)** - Church School classes will meet in Rodman Hall for Palm Sunday Seder and Church School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 24. Thank you!

**Offering Envelopes** - Church School children will be given individual offering envelopes and are invited to bring these in weekly to help the mission and ministry of Grace Church. These will be collected in Children's Chapel and presented at the Offertory by representatives of Church School classes, or may be placed in the offering plate during Children's Liturgy Sundays. If your child has not yet been given their envelopes, please let the Church School Teachers know.

### GRACE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We currently have 20 students enrolled in the After School Program. Homework is always first priority! This month's focus is about "How plants grow and how fast!" Students are charting their plant's growth! Take a look at our seedlings growing in our indoor garden!

To promote literacy, we have a "free" children's book Trading Post, where children may trade, donate or take a book for free. We are accepting donations of children's book all the time! (they do not have to be new).

If you are interested in enrolling your child in The After-School Program, please feel free to call Donna L. Pires at 508-961-1622.

**JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD***-Charles Morse, Youth Minister*

The big date is **Confirmation** on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Saint Gabriel's in Marion. Bishop Shaw will preside. We are to be there at 9:00 am and looking pretty.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** The sunrise is at 5:51 this year so if we all aim for 5:30 we might be there by 5:40 and have time to organize and sing in the rising sun and celebrate the risen Lord. Everybody's invited.

**J2A Pilgrimage Update:** Our housing in New Orleans is settled we will be staying in a house rebuilt after Katrina by the Episcopal Diocese. I have a contact there, Pete Prunnally, who is helping to organize our Table Ministry. I am looking forward to all the possibilities this will offer for spiritual inspiration and growth. We will be leaving on June 25 and returning on July 1

**YAC Mission Update:** If you have not heard much about this trip please check out these web sites: [www.faithfulservantmissions.org](http://www.faithfulservantmissions.org) is the group we will be working with in Costa Rica and [www.quintamama.com](http://www.quintamama.com) is the house belonging to my cousin which he has graciously offered for our use during the mission. We will be leaving on July 6 and returning on July 13.

The **Boston Walk for Hunger** is Sunday, May 1. A small team has already formed! To join the team as a walker or to make a donation/pledge to the team, go to <http://www.projectbread.org>. The Team name is Grace Church and Nina Catelli Vincent is listed as the leader. A modest goal for the team has been set at \$500. Grace Church should have no problem surpassing that goal! The Walk For Hunger supports the Boston Food Bank which assists our own food pantry.

The J2A youth group is once again collecting items for Easter Baskets to be donated to the Women's Center. We are looking for individually wrapped candy, small toys and games and trial size personal care items. We also need Easter "grass", baskets, plastic wrap and ribbon used to wrap gift baskets. We will be collecting items through Palm Sunday, April 17.

**MUSIC MINISTRY***Welcome new Youth Choir members!***Yunxin Gao and Emma Zinna**

New singers are always needed and welcomed to our Grace Church Choirs.

The Youth Choir rehearses each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm.

The Grace Church Choir, for older youth and adults, rehearses each Sunday morning at 8:30.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES  
AT GRACE****Palm Sunday***Saturday, April 16, 5pm**Sunday, April 17, 8 & 10am*

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

*Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am*

Instructed Seder

**Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week***April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm*

Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday in Holy Week - April 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Holy Eucharist

**Maunder Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00pm Holy Eucharist

8-9pm Vigil

**Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9 am-3 pm Church open for meditation

12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy

Children's Good Friday Service

7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday - April 23rd**

7:00pm The Great Vigil

**Easter Sunday - April 24**

8am &amp; 10am - Holy Eucharist

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.....**

Please consider volunteering to help deliver Palm Crosses following services on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Palm Crosses will be on the table at the back of the church in envelopes addressed to those who will receive them.

We also need help with Easter Flower deliveries. The flowers along with the names and addresses of those to receive them will be at the altar following the 10am service on Easter Sunday.

Thank you.

## FOOD PANTRY

*Norma Dyer*

The Food Pantry is beginning to pick up in volume with the snow and ice (hopefully) over, and many more families in need of food.

A reminder that the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million proportionately to hunger fighting agencies across the United States. Our Food Pantry is again participating from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. All monetary and food donations we receive will be counted and reported to the Feinstein Foundation. Please be as generous as you can.

## FRIENDS OF WILL & GRACE

*The Will to follow where the Holy Spirit leads  
and to accept the Gift of His Grace*

The Friends of Will & Grace is a small group for gay and lesbian members of our Church Family and their friends and families. We have been meeting every two months or so for the last two years. In addition to fellowship and the fun of sharing a meal, at our meetings we have reviewed passages of the Bible, had lively discussions about our roles in society and within our families, and explored ways to help with social and charitable endeavors within our church and in greater society. At our March meeting we shared stories about our relationships, and families.

The next meeting of the Friends of Will & Grace is tentatively set for Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m at Lyre Cottage, 163 Cottage Street, New Bedford. Dinner will be provided. All are welcome. A notice will be sent to those on our mailing list with the topic for the next meeting. If you are interested or have any question, please contact Mark Jeffrey [MJEFF22@aol.com](mailto:MJEFF22@aol.com) or [GTCroteau@aol.com](mailto:GTCroteau@aol.com) and we will be happy to include you on our mailing list.

## TOP OF THE HILL FELLOWSHIP

### *April in Paris*

Oooh La La! Please join the Top of the Hill Fellowship on Saturday, April 16th and stroll the cafe-lined streets as we celebrate April in Paris. Put on your berets and head to Grace's very own sidewalk café where you will dine on fine French cuisine. Embrace the street-life of Paris and enjoy our very own cabaret. Repondez S'il Vous Plait by using the sign-up sheets located in the narthex and on the bulletin board outside the library.

*Laissez les bons temps rouler et Bon Appetit!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**For the Grace of God's healing:** Collin Payant (Grandson of Betsy Fuller), Shirley Beck (Member), Mia (Friend of Pamela McNamara), Larry Moyer (Friend of Malia Crawford), Roland "Fred" Morgan (Father of Kristin Morgan), Alice Cote (Friend of Terri Nowell), Lisa Dunaway (Member), Brian Braley (Friend of Melinda Ventura), Rosalyn Alexander (Daughter of Priscilla Taylor), Fiona Sheehan (Granddaughter of Robbie Watkins), Leah Dackson (Cousin of Robbie Watkins), Julie DeTerra & Ted Conder (Friends of Jean Brown), Ann McInerney (Friend of Roberta Berry), Debbie Gautesen (Daughter of Irene Brayton), Nick Seavey (Nephew of Diane Doe), Iris Begley (Daughter-in-law of Ed & Eleanor Begley), Claire Morel (Member), Angela Hackett (Friend of Terri Nowell), Maria dos Santos (Friend of Tom Davis), Brenda Swain (Sister-in-law of Joan Swain), Dick Bordas and Alzira (Friends of Gerry Lopes), Jack Beatty (Nephew of Paula Cabral), Richard Chase (Bill Bradbury's Father-in-law), Catherine Wilbur (Sister of Harriet Shaw), Paige Gauthier (Friend of Sondra Reid), Irene Tunstall (Member), Liz Kelley (Friend of Nancy Mularczyk), Dolores Desroches (Friend of Paula Cabral), Yvette Gracie (Cousin of Terri Nowell), Marilyn Bradbury (Sister-in-law of Bill Bradbury), Michelle Lopes (Member), Scott Seavey (Brother of Diane Doe), Norman Lopes (Member), Kara Haney (daughter of Jack Haney).

**Deceased:** Dorothy B. Cruz, Virginia Romanski, Alice Weeden (Mother of Toni Weeden), Metcalf "Buzz" Kingman (Member), Philip N. Solomon (Brother of Eloise Pina, James Decker (Father of Allen Decker), Bethany Pacheco (Friend of many at Grace), Louis Mello (Member), Elijah Lopes, Lynne Rosewell (Niece of Mary Lou Garrett), and Doris Rowbotham (Aunt of Dottie Nelson).

**Pray for our servicemen and women....those who may be mobilized to the region around Iraq as well as those who are standing in at other international or domestic military installations.** Michael Luongo (Grandson of John Howcroft), Robert and John Gardner (Sons of Robert and Marie Gardner), Charlie Mulcahy (Brother-in-law of Karen Maciulewicz), Alex (Friend of Gerry Lopes), Jared Chongarides (Member), Aaron Patnaude (Grandson of June St. Pierre), Thomas Clark (Friend of Richard Fabio), Nathan Haws (Stepson of Dennis Beck, II), Shawn Souza (Member), David Monteiro (Member), Thomas Storer (Grandson of Ronald & Judy St. John), Craig McGregor (Grandson of Carl McGregor), Jorge Lee Vega, Dana Gilmour (Grandson of Peggy Fellouris), Sasha Knezevic (Nephew of Diana Ukleja)