



The Angelus

April 2025

From the Rector's Desk

For years, faithful parishioners have been gathering in our Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham to pray the rosary, pray intercessions throughout the week for the sick or hurting, lay hands on those who have special prayer requests, light candles as they turn to Our Lady for help in praying for needs. We have an annual pilgrimage to our Shrine, and the last few years over one hundred fifty people annually have attended. We've even had a wedding in the Shrine!

When I came to Grace, I was asked to help spread even further the knowledge about and increase involvement in the life of our Shrine and that is happening!

A huge development has been the start of the Guardians of the Shrine at Grace.

This is from the introduction to the charter of the Guardians I, and some others have drafted:

Through the ceaseless intercession of the Mother of God before her Son and the God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, the Guardians of the North American Proto-Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham are called to protect and increase devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham at the Proto-Shrine. The Guardians fulfill this call through daily prayer, and through the ministries of pilgrimage, healing, hospitality, and education.

The Guardians are composed of the Chapter, Oblates, Associates, and Episcopal Patron, while ultimately under the oversight of the Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

The Chapter is composed of people from Grace and from beyond Grace. The members of the Chapter are: Fr William Bulson as Master of the Guardians, Dcn Paul Aparicio, Dcn Nicci Beeck, Fr Paul Coey, Sara Pinno-Davis, Pat Ford-Smith, Jennifer La Porte, Jonathan Weyer, and Shannon Luckey-Mueller. The Chapter is gradually taking on responsibility for putting on the annual pilgrimage AND trying to increase involvement in the

Shrine and pilgrimage *throughout the year*. The Chapter members wear a Walsingham medallion with a blue ribbon.

The Oblates of the Shrine will live close to or within easy distance of Grace. I am the first Prior (leader) of Oblates; and there are two Oblate “probationers,” who have applied to be Oblates and are trying out the Oblate Rule of Life. The two probationers and I will give our vows as Oblates at the annual pilgrimage in October of this year.

This is from the Introduction to the Oblate Rule:

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we Oblates of the Shrine share a particular baptismal calling to a Rule of deep prayer and practical service. Our rule serves to nurture and protect the ministry of pilgrimage, healing, hospitality, and education at the Shrine, and includes living out the rule within Grace Church and at the Shrine itself.

The Oblate Rule is our means of dwelling with Our Lady in her Nazareth home, that is, at the Shrine itself. It is our means of witnessing to the deeper, healing closeness with Christ that comes through closeness to the Mother of God. It is our way of asking ceaselessly for her prayers and of constantly praying with her. It is our means of actively enabling those whose deep but perhaps still vague yearning for God the Holy Trinity prompts them into pilgrimage to Our Lady and her home.

Third is Associates of the Guardians. This is a group of people who want to share in the life of prayer and intercession at the Shrine but don't necessarily live near Grace or who don't feel called to make a huge commitment of time and focus as a primary ministry. Their Rule of Life and Prayer will be shorter but will be a serious commitment, too.

Over time, if things go as hoped and as God wills, the leadership roles of these three groups within the Guardians will go to various people who feel called to serve; the three leadership roles will not be filled only by the Rector.

And recently, our Bp Matt has given the Guardians permission to call a Bishop Visitor. We have invited the Rt Rev Brian Burgess of the Diocese of Springfield and he has gratefully accepted. A Bishop Visitor is someone who feels called to assist a committed faith group or community within the Church, like monasteries or oblates, to keep true to their spiritual calling, handle the organization well, offer apostolic approval and blessing, help ask questions or settle disputes, etc. You will see him at the annual pilgrimage and very likely before then.

Please thank all those parishioners in healing ministry in the Shrine at each Mass, all those who prayer the rosary in our Shrine, all those who offer intercessory prayers throughout the week and at each Wednesday Mass, all those who bring our young children into the Shrine to light candles and ask Our Lady for her help. Thank Dcn Paul for his leadership of rosary and for his faithful pilgrimages each year to Walsingham in the UK. Thank the

people you see with blue ribbons and medallions. Give thanks to Our Lady for her continued intercession for us and for the witness of Christ's healing love that pours forth from this holy place.

And I thank God and the Mother of Christ our God for YOU!

Peace,
WLB+

Holy Week

- April 13th Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – 8 & 10:15am
- April 14th Monday in Holy Week – 6pm
- April 15th Tuesday in Holy Week – 6pm
- April 16th Wednesday in Holy Week – 6pm
- April 17th Maundy Thursday – 6pm
- April 18th Good Friday, Mass – 12 & 6pm
- April 19th Holy Saturday, Service in Columbarium – 9am
- April 19th Easter Eve – Great Vigil, Mass – 6pm
- April 19th Easter Vigil Dinner – 8:30pm (Stefano's)
- April 20th Sunday of Resurrection – Easter – 8 & 10:15am

Easter Vigil Dinner

Stefano's Trattoria Saturday, April 19th at 8:30,

After the 6 p.m. Vigil service.

This is a fundraiser for the church.

The evening is \$60 per person, which includes beverages.

Meal selections are lamb, pasta, or fish.

Please sign up in the Narthex, by April 7th and indicate your meal preference.



Rector, Fr. William Bulson – Vacation

Father William will be on vacation from Wednesday, April 23rd through May 16th. May God be with him throughout his journey and prayers for a safe return. Supply priests:

April 27th Fr. John Throop

May 4th Canon Scott Leannah

May 11th Fr. John Throop

In Fr Bulson's absence, Fr John Throop can be reached for pastoral care. His number is 920-400-0356.

Please note: The Angelus will be on vacation in the month of May, but we'll be back in print in June.

Christian Faith, Science, and Technology (Continuing Education)

Our lives are deeply affected by scientific advancements and new technologies. There are great blessings—and great evils—in AI, robotics, social media and medicine. How do we as Anglican Christians find God in science and technology? Put another way: how is science and faith connected? Fr. John Throop leads this series for the five Lenten Sundays, March 9th – April 6th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions? Talk with him in person or be technological, and mail him at: drthroop@yahoo.com.



April 6th God's Future and Scientific Lilts

With all that scientific discovery and technological advancement has made possible inhuman life, where and how does God's future? How can we bridge the gap between Christian faith and the secular and godless forces in what the human mind can conceive?

A video of the session will be posted on the church website (<https://www.gracesheboygan.com/>) in the Christian Formation section. Click on Christian Formation to view the videos as they are posted.

The April 6th lesson concludes the 5-part Lenten Sunday Morning Series on Christian Faith, Science and Technology. A huge thank you to all who contributed to the success of this Adult Formation. There were several attendees, and it was a blessing to see the amount of participation.

Thank you, Father John Throop, for the informative, educational series, valuable lessons, and the time put in to bring us this unique Fellowship. We are grateful to you.



Participating in the National Day of Prayer
Theme: **“Pour Out to the God of Hope**

Thursday, May 1st

8AM Fellowship Hour

9 AM Prayer Hour

**Pine Haven Christian Community
220 Haven Drive, Sheboygan Falls**

Co-Sponsors:

Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis

Falls Clergy Fellowship

Questions: See Fr. John Throop
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**Kiwanis iPads for Autism
5K Fun Run/Walk * April 26th**

Help kids on the autism spectrum in Sheboygan County schools
schools unlock their learning potential Join the iPads for Autism at 5K Fun Run/Walk Saturday, April 26th at Rivere
Park, Sheboygan Falls. Family Run: 8:30 A.M; Community at 9 AM..

Go to RunSignUp.com and enter Sheboygan Falls or visit
<https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/SheboyganFalls/FunRunWalkforAutism> for more details.

Or see Fr. John For more information.

Here is the Love INC update

It took only a few small everyday miracles and very willing and capable volunteers for Grace Church to provide the New Beginnings Community with a meal on March 20th. The change of date from the 27th to the 20th created a small time crisis but the Spirit was willing. That success was created by Jessica Ambelang and Connie and LeRoy Schneider making chicken spaghetti, Deb and Bill Gagin creating a whopping Oriental salad and Jessica Ambelang again providing four huge pans of varied brownies. We do not forget nor fail to appreciate the serving talents of Pat Ford Smith nor her clean up and dishwashing talents. Thank you all for your unfailing support of Grace Church's outreach efforts.



On March 25th the Church Ministry Coordinators of Love INC and several pastors met at the Love INC offices to hear Tandra Sbrocco discuss the past year's successes, trials and future events. Also discussed was the need to find better ways of communication for the CSRs and the 32 partner churches to help coordinate and fill in gaps of service in the community. Funding cuts for the Refugee Resettlement program were explained with acknowledgement given to the \$50,000 gift from the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin to cover expenses.

There will be a Brat Fry and Bake Sale on April 12 in Oostburg at Mentink's Piggly Wiggly from 10am to 2 pm with all proceeds benefiting Love INC. This event is hosted by six churches from Oostburg, Hingham and Cedar Grove.

The 9th Annual Mini Golf Outing, Putt Fore Love on Saturday July 19th from 10 to 6pm at Harbor Pointe Miniature Golf at 322 S Pier Drive in Sheboygan. Churches are encouraged to provide sponsorships ranging from \$50 to \$200.

Connie Schneider

Church Ministry Coordinator for Love INC at Grace Episcopal Church



Grace Walsingham Project CHAPEL RETRO-FIT



For some years now we have discouraged the use of the two chandelier candle holders. Reason Liability. Each weigh between 50 to 100 pounds and have offsetting counterweights so as to lower and raise them for candle changes. To do this one must stand directly under the chandelier and pull it down, to change candles, then push it back up. The cable and pulley assemblies have been there since the 50s (so I've been told). The retrofit includes tying off the counterweights, readjust the height, make permanent the fixtures, and while we are at it, electrify the chandeliers to candle lights and put these new lights on dimmer switches. The project will require taking

down the chandeliers, securing the counterweights, retrofitting the chandelier holders at the electricians' shop, making sure support chains are in good shape then re installing and making permanent the chandeliers, then wiring for service. All wiring, including existing wiring to other floods, would be painted to match the coloring of the nave interior.

Bill Gaglin



Photo 1: Three technicians bringing down alter chandelier. One holding the fixture, one cutting chain assembly, and one holding tension on offset weighted pulley system.



Photo 2: Disconnecting front door chandelier. One technician cutting chain assembly, one holding the chandelier, and one holding a tension line to the weighted offset.



April Birthdays

Jay Maki 4/5
 Alexandra Hammes 4/5
 Charlie Burgett 4/8
 Gracie Burgett 4/8
 Jasmine Palmer 4/11
 Steve Gallimore 4/19
 Karl Mueller 4/22
 Clifton Bartels 4/23
 Joyce Wessel 4/25
 Jon Fischer 4/25

April Anniversary

Pat & Wayne Sather 4/2
 Anne & Bob Hanlon 4/8
 Beth & Cory Bouck 4/16
 LeRoy &
 Connie Schneider 4/16

May Birthdays

Art Imig 5/9
 Lisa Masbruch . 5/9
 Angel Kilizing 5/11
 Brenda Burgett 5/14
 Sarah Clabots-Kim 5/22
 LeRoy Schneider 5/23
 Dale Massey 5/29
 Leona Aparicio 5/30
 Jack Britton 5/30
 Jeff Krueger 5/30
 Tasha Crouse 5/31

May Anniversary

Bob Wood 5/12
 Mary Tasche 5/14
 John & Louise Davis 5/16
 Robert Beech &
 Jean-Margret M.-Beech 5/25
 William Bulson
 & Tomomi Kanemaru 5/31

Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A Gunter, *Bishop*
 The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Rector*
 The Reverend Paul D. Aparicio, *Deacon*
 Clayton Logue, *Organist-Choirmaster*
 Crystal Lopez, *Parish Administrator*
 Greg Allen, *Sexton*

The Vestry

The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Chair*
 Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*
 John Davis, *Junior Warden*
 Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
 Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*
Vestry: Sarah Bernhardt, Jack Britton, Fr.
 Jack Connelly, Tasha Crouse, Jane
 Hanson, Doug Jenkins, Robert McMillan,
 Tim Miller, and Steve Weinert



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