

Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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DO YOU HAVE EYES TO SEE? EARS TO HEAR?

Jesus (Matt 13:16)

You've heard me share this generic experience before, but this time was different. After I drop Lori off at the Ossining Train Station daily at approximately 6:45 AM so she can commute to Manhattan, I turn around down by the river and make my way back home to the rectory. I time it to pass Trinity every morning at 7:00 AM. On Thursdays, folks start lining up at 7:00 AM to receive food later in the morning at the Food Pantry, no matter the weather – rain, cold, snow, baking sun, etc. They are always there, that early, rain or shine, every Thursday.

Last Thursday, I drove by Trinity and saw the person in the photo and immediately circled around the block and drove back. I prayed (literally) for a good, anonymous photo of what I saw, and I took 5 photos in rapid fire from the device holding my phone on my dashboard as I drove by Trinity a second time. Three of the photos were terrible, capturing nothing but granite wall. One was okay, but too distant. The last one was perfect. Thanks be to God. It's the one you are looking at now.



Look closely at that photo. A Central or South American person whose identity is concealed is wrapped in an American flag. Above them is an anonymous person, and down to their right is a person hiding in the bushes with their black boots sticking out by their turquoise bag. There's the American predicament right there, right in front us, right in that photo, right at Trinity. The symbolism is astounding, and prophetic. "Do you have eyes to see?" Jesus asked. "Do you have ears that hear?" I believe we do.

I'm proud of Grace for many reasons. When we heard about the Ossining Homeless Program not having a place to house and care for the homeless for Holy Week 2024, we volunteered again to share our space so folks wouldn't be homeless for Holy Week. Even before this photo, we were looking for ways to provide even more support to the Food Pantry ministry, and Loaves and Fish too. We recently brought together Jewish, Muslim, and Palestinian Christian groups in a prayer circle, and we are planning to do more of those peace efforts this spring. We brought our commercial realtor back for a walk-through of our St. Paul's space and have begun to make improvements to our campus so we can rent more space, becoming more financially viable and stable. We recently signed a 12-month lease with a state program called Living Resources that works with developmentally delayed adults. We will share our St. Paul's kitchen with them now every Friday from 10:00-12:30 PM so these adults can learn cooking skills, cleaning skills, and socialize with each other in peace and fellowship. We are seeing. We are listening. We are responding. Thanks be to God.

Lent is a time when we take a hard look at ourselves individually and corporately, and we make hard, necessary adjustments. We are making hard, necessary adjustments. Be sure to join us for our Holy Week services at the end of the month. We are going to have a joyous Holy Week and Easter together. Also enjoy some of the many ministries and programs promoted in this March newsletter. There's always a lot going on at Grace now. Enjoy it. And don't forget to invite friends.

Lenten blessings,

Fr. Hal⁺



Weekly Bible Study is a new Zoom ministry on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. The Gospel to be discussed will be listed in the Friday and Tuesday email messages, as will the Zoom link. You can learn what that is weekly by visiting www.lectionarypage.net. Bookmark it!

Led by Fr. Hal, we will ask questions such as:

- What do you like about the lesson?
- What makes sense to you?
- What do you dislike?
- What doesn't make sense?
- If you had to preach on this scripture, what would the theme be? Why?

Some great features of this Bible Study are that one is never behind. if you miss a week, it's a different lesson next week and it's never cumulative. No knowledge of the Bible needed; just curiosity and a desire to learn more. No special translation needed, either.

Btw, the link will also be sent in Tuesday's message. Come check it out!



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

March 3	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	The Third Sunday in Lent
March 7	7:00 PM	Evening Grace Meditative Service (Trinity Campus)	
March 10	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 17	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21	7:00 PM	Evening Grace Meditative Service (Trinity Campus)	
March 24	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Palm Sunday
March 28	6:00 PM	Eucharist, Potluck Dinner, Play, Foot-washing, and Stripping of the Altar (St. Paul's Campus)	Maundy Thursday
	9:00 PM	Vigil at Altar of Repose (St. Paul's Campus)	
March 29	Noon	Good Friday Liturgy and Stations of the Cross (St. Paul's Campus)	Good Friday
March 30	7:00 PM	Great Vigil of Easter (All Saints' Briarcliff)	Holy Saturday
March 31	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Easter

All Sunday services are live streamed to our YouTube channel. And you can also find them there and on our Facebook page after the service is over. The links are:

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

Grace's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/graceossining/>

VESTRY REPORT

February was a short and busy month for Grace. Grace is ready to leap into Spring!

- Grace hosted the homeless shelter for 3 weeks at our Trinity campus, with several parishioners delivering meals or making donations. Thanks to those who graciously provided for our guests.
- The Annual Meeting was held, setting the stage for 2024. Thanks to all who attended and contributed.
- Our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Event was eventually held and yes, we let the good times roll! Thank you to our Kitchen Angels and all who came to the party!
- Our Loaves & Fish Cooking Angels did it again, read Alison's report and consider joining the team.
- Grace has graciously offered to host the homeless shelter during Holy Week, March 25 - April 1, at our Trinity campus. This is what God calls us to do.



And a special acknowledgment:

For those who attended the cold Sunday service the day of our Annual Meeting, you may or may not have noticed Kate Pendzuk scurrying in and out of our session. There was no heat in the sanctuary! Thanks to Kate, she called our heating contractor during service, met them to check the boiler, and made sure the boiler was working before our Annual Meeting ended.

Wait, there's more. On Friday, the 16th, the boiler wasn't working in our Parish Hall and Educational Wing. Once again, she called our heating contractor to assess and fix the boiler. At 10 PM on Saturday, not hearing back from the heating contractor, she and her husband Steve drove up to the hill and turned on the faucets in our kitchen and bathrooms to ensure none of our pipes froze during the night. And Kate was back on the hill meeting the contractor to ensure there was heat working for church and coffee hour.

This is only one of the many tasks that Kate and Steve do on a regular basis. Please join me in thanking Kate and Steve for their continued support and love for Grace.

Grace needs you. What are your talents, known and hidden? Grace wants you. Many hands make light work. Please share your thoughts with Hal and your vestry.

Wardens: Darryl Moy (2026) darryl.moy@gmail.com
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Kate Pendzuk (2026) katependzuk@gmail.com

SHROVE SUNDAY

Sadly, we had to postpone our Shrove Tuesday dinner because of very bad weather. But that didn't keep us down! We just moved it to the less-well-known holiday, Shrove Sunday.

A note from Charlie: Please join me in thanking Grace's Kitchen Angels! Y'all delivered yet another delicious dining experience. Special callout to Angel Beth for setting up the Parish Hall in Mardi Gras fashion, and for all the prep work to make cooking and serving go smooth as silk. And we also thank our cooks and providers who made this possible. And thank you to all who stayed and I hope y'all appreciated the delicious food.





**MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROLYN BLACK
RECIPIENT OF THE 2024 HESTER BATEMAN SPENCER HINES
DISTINGUISHED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

- Ms. Black earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC and her Master's Degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in Music Performance.
- Ms. Black was active in the Ossining Women's Club and hosted a concert with the Ossining High School Acapella Choir.
- Ms. Black was the recipient of the Human Relations Award presented to her by The Westchester Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice in 1999 – an award given to students and teachers who raised the level of awareness related to cultural bias and promoted social change.
- Ms. Black was the music director at St. Paul's on the Hill in Ossining for over 30 years.
- Ms. Black was founder of the St. Paul's Youth Music After School Program and Summer Music Camp.
- Ms. Black was one of 10 African American women to integrate the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- Ms. Black taught Choral Music and Theater Arts at Ossining High School for 27 years.

ALBERT (ALBERTO) F. MARTINS
March 14, 1937- February 19, 2023



Albert (Alberto) Martins, a resident of Briarcliff Manor, NY passed peacefully into God's loving arms on February 19, 2024. Albert was born in Costa do Valado, Aveiro, Portugal to Jack and Felicidad Martins on March 14, 1937.

He spent most of his childhood in Chicopee, MA. Immediately after high school, Albert enrolled in the Army so he could serve his country and see the world. He loved entertaining his family, especially his grandchildren, with many great stories about his time stationed in Germany.

The summer of 1959 was a big one for him. Not only was he preparing to head to college at the University of Texas, but he met the love of his life, Charlotte Ruscigno. After a 4 year long-distance relationship, they married on July 6, 1963 and settled down in North Tarrytown, NY.

Albert was a beloved History teacher at Ossining High School from 1963 until his retirement in 1994. He impacted the lives of so many students and was fondly remembered by them. Not a week of his retirement went by without Albert running into a past student who greeted him with a fond, "Mr. Martins, I remember you!"

Albert will be remembered for his quick wit, his steel-trap memory for anything history-related, his willingness to help others and his unrivaled sense of humor. He always had a kind word for a stranger, helping them immediately feel like friends.

He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be missed beyond words.

Albert is survived by his wife of 60 years, Charlotte, his daughter Lynn Lange (Dan) and his grandchildren Jacob (Maria), Katrina, and David Lange. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph Martins (Lillian) and his son Darrell Martins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation to:

The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry - Serving our northern Westchester neighbors since 1991

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?id=1&name=E253703>

FROM BETH POLLACK

You'll find a few changes in the kitchen on the hill:

- The sink has a new faucet with a button for spray option.
- The pilot light has been fixed on the griddle. You will notice a caution notice that neither the wood panel, microwave, nor anything other than cooking food belongs on the griddle.
- The dishwasher was checked out. I found an on demand water heater in the “cabinet” where the phone resides. Repair is doubtful.

And Kate stayed hours while the plumbers worked and waited for them to return with a new vanity for the little bathroom with the shower. Goodbye cracked sink!



EVENING GRACE



Evening Grace is a bi-weekly lay-led spiritual service based on quiet meditation and alternate forms of worship including movement, chanting, walking meditation, etc. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at our Trinity campus.

We hope you can join us! Questions? Contact us at eveninggrace@graceossining.org.

LOAVES AND FISH



On Saturday February 17th, we served 71 dinners, 44 seated in and 27 to go. The menu was baked Ziti, steamed broccoli, and assorted desserts. Teenagers Quincy, Jocelyn, Jay-lin, and Marcus were very good servers and support staff. Those who would like to contribute to the Loaves and Fish program at Holy Name of Mary, you can click on the link below.

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/07042e70-0907-4113-8017-c34479646cba>

Alison Ford, Chair

Grace in Grief



This confidential, safe, and welcoming grief support program meets bi-monthly from 10:00-11:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month in St. Paul's Campus Family Room. Open to people of all faiths, seeking support for the loss of a loved one. Our November dates are:

March 9

March 23

This is open to all who may be grieving in our Ossining/Briarcliff community! If you, or someone you know, may be seeking a group to help you process, live, and learn from a supportive community please, have them contact Fr. Hal hal@graceossining.org or Cecilia Quintero cquintero1506@gmail.com

THE OSSINING FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP!



Currently, the Ossining Food Pantry is looking for someone to respond to inquiries about volunteering with the OFP. Phone and email messages are directed to the appropriate team leader after initial screening. This Volunteer Coordinator job can be done from home but does require computer access. Please consider donating your time to assist this vital community organization.

The Pantry also needs volunteers to help out with food distribution, particularly from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesdays. An ability to speak Spanish would be a real plus!!

If you're interested, please contact Tam Hernández or Sue Monroe for more information. You can also email OssFoodPan@gmail.com or call 914-762-5510 to leave a message.

REPAIR

**Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes
Action on Inclusion and Race**

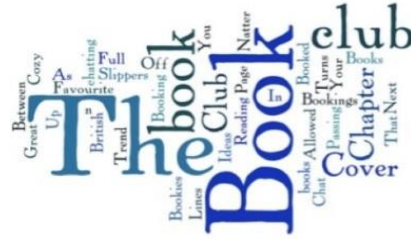
The Continuing Battle Over "Equal Protection" and the Rights of Americans



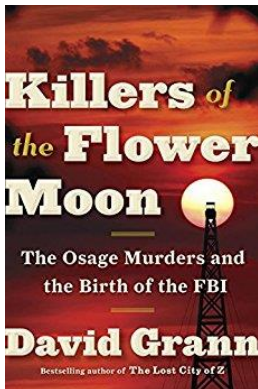
On Thursday, February 22, civil rights attorney and REPAIR organizing leader Dennis Parker (known to us for his wonderful voice in our choir and his baking expertise!) spoke to an audience of some 50 Rivertowns residents (in person and online) about one of the most controversial portions of the U.S. Constitution—the 14th Amendment, passed in the wake of the Civil War to guarantee citizenship to formerly enslaved Americans.

As Parker explained, the meaning and application of the amendment has been a bone of contention since its passage—and today, it is at the heart of issues ranging from affirmative action and voting rights to President Trump's place on the 2024 presidential ballot.

If you missed this intriguing REPAIR presentation, you can [click here](#) to view it on REPAIR's YouTube channel. When you check it out, you'll also find links to videos of other past REPAIR gatherings.



*You are cordially invited to
TBC's Annual Champagne Toast & Pre-Oscars Party
Date: March 10
Time: Noon (after the Sunday service)
Where: St Paul's Campus Parish Hall*



Since we read David Grann's bestselling book in 2018, we can finally get together the day of Oscar Night on ABC to discuss how well we think this Oscar-nominated film told the story, how it portrayed the characters, and treated the book's ending. Did you like it? Or do you prefer the book?

Sooooo, if you read the book, only saw the movie, or are just curious, please join us! Think about your 2024 Annual Toasts...and don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour!

All Are Welcome!

For more information: email Cecilia Quintero cquintero1506@gmail.com

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17TH BISHOP OF NEW YORK



Westchester & Rockland **REGIONAL GATHERING**

W/ BISHOP MATT HEYD

We pray for members from
all the congregations in
Westchester and Rockland
counties to join in this event
as we celebrate renewal in
our Church!

**Many threads,
one fabric**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
1-3PM**

**1 PM- HYMN SING AND PRAYERS
EXPRESSING THE DIVERSITY OF
OUR CONGREGATIONS WITH
REMARKS BY BISHOP HEYD**

**RSVP TODAY AT
[TINYURL.COM/REGIONALGATHERING](https://tinyurl.com/REGIONALGATHERING)**

**2 PM- LIGHT RECEPTION &
CONVERSATIONS ACROSS
CONGREGATIONS**

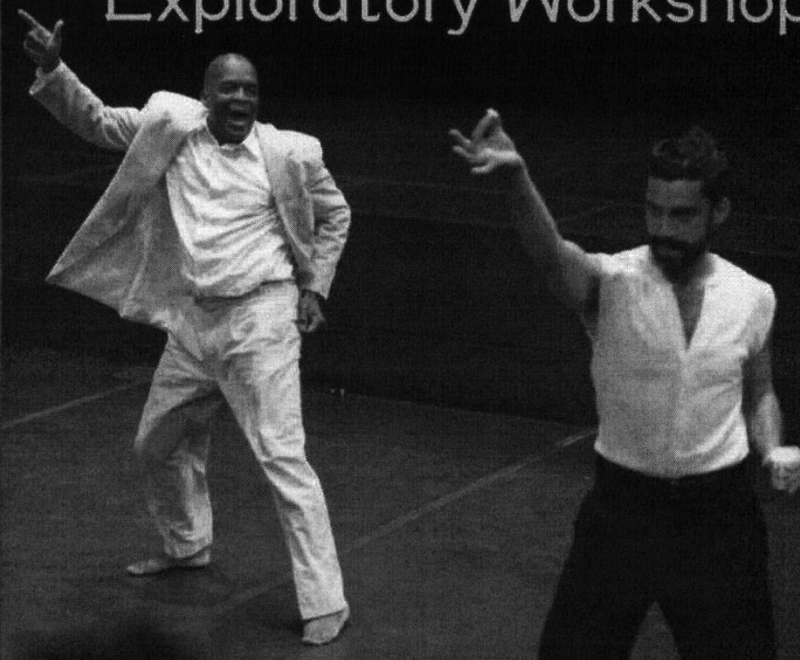
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Praise! Exploratory Workshop



Praise! is an immersive event exploring self and spirit through a child's experience of Church. *Praise!* opens the door into a conversation around body, queerness, and sacred celebration in a way that takes nothing for granted.

Join Artists-in-Residence, Vincent E Thomas & Gabriel Thom Pasculli, to explore the material of *Praise!* as it is being developed. The performers and participants will engage in viewing and experimenting with prepared material from *Praise!* and in collective dialogue.

Sunday March 10, 3-5PM
Bethany Arts Community
40 Somerstown Road, Ossining
FREE! Community Program



Register at QR Code or visit bethanyarts.org

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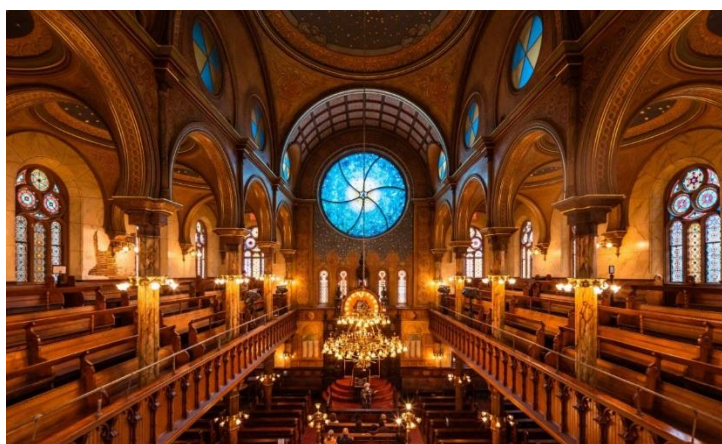


The
Episcopal Diocese
of New York

Visit to the Museum at Eldridge Street

Followed by Lunch and Discussion
at the Church of Our Savior

Tuesday, March 5, at 10:30 AM



Organized by the
Episcopal-Jewish Dialogue Group
of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission
of the Diocese of New York

Cost: \$10 (including lunch)

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

The Museum at Eldridge Street is located at 12 Eldridge Street
between Division and Canal Streets on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.
The Church of Our Savior is located nearby at 48 Henry Street.

Asia Sacred Music Concert Church of the Incarnation

March 11th , 6:00 pm

Ticket price: \$30

You are invited to the Asian Sacred Music Concert
of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

Join us for beautiful music for an important cause!

The concert supports the
Li Tim-Oi Celebration Service in May
and the Asian missions of the diocese.

This concert is a celebration of
Asian-American Musicians in
the Episcopal-Anglican Church,
Asian-American composers and
World Premiere of new hymn.



Jie Yi



Janet Yieh



Sungmin Cho



Fan Yang



Tomoko Masur



Noriko Suzuki



Shoji Mizumoto



Ben Larsen



Michelle Lie



Liuh-Wen Ting



Kae Nakano

For more information, please contact Rev. Kyrie Kim,
Missioner for Asian Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
kkim@dioceseny.org

SAVE THE DATE

Honor & Celebrate AAPI Heritage & Ministry

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The 10th Anniversary

The consecration of

The Rt Rev Allen K. Shin

Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of New York

Friday, May 17th 2024

6 - 8 pm

The Cathedral Church of
St John the Divine
New York City





The
Episcopal Diocese
of New York

The Episcopal/Jewish Dialogue Committee of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission of the Diocese of New York presents a series of Educational Forums on

Facing Christian Anti-Judaism: Recognizing and Understanding Interreligious Implications in the Revised Common Lectionary and Hymnody in the Church

On five Thursday evenings in 2024 7:00-8:30 PM Via Zoom



The Lectionary

Session 3

Thursday, March 14

Sacred Music and Hymnody

Session 4

Thursday, March 21

Preaching: John's Passion Gospel

Session 5

Thursday, April 18

A Peace Proposal for Jews and Christians

[Click here for more information and to register for the Zoom webinars](#)

HUDSON CHORALE

David Baranowski, Artistic Director

Singing through Time

Sacred music across the centuries

Hildegarde von Bingen (c.1160)

 erotin (c.1200)

Salamone Rossi (1623)

Franz Joseph Haydn (1775)

Hubert Parry (1902)

Gerald Finzi (1946)

S. Kvoschchinsky (2005)

March 23 and 24 at 3 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church

8 Sunnyside Avenue

Pleasantville, NY

TICKETS



<https://bit.ly/HCMarchConcert>

<https://hudsonchorale.org>



MARCH EVENTS

- 2 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 9 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 10 The Book Club Champagne Toast and *Killers of the Flower Moon*
(Noon, St. Paul's Campus)
- 23 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 24 Palm Sunday (10:30 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 27 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)
- 28 Maundy Thursday (6:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 28 Maundy Thursday Vigil (9:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 29 Good Friday (Noon, St. Paul's Campus)
- 30 Holy Saturday (7:00 PM, All Saints' Briarcliff)
- 31 Easter Sunday (St. Paul's Campus)

3/25-4/1 Homeless Shelter (Trinity Campus)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alexander Pollack	1	Terri Roman	19
Sarah Brewster	4	John Joseph Dias IV	21
Helen Ishmael	5	Brenda Dias	22
Liliana Rose DeOliveira-Scappaticci	10	Fr. Hal Roark	24
Salvatore James Triano	11	Steven Pendzuk	25
Robert Brocchi	13	Maxwell Ishmael	26
Margaret Morse	15	Max Gulian	30
Lily Roark	16	David Kamp	30
Sean Docker	17	Christopher Boswell, Sr.	31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



CLERGY

The Rev. Hal Roark, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Jean Marie Angelo, Deacon

VESTRY

Darryl Moy, Warden Cecilia Quintero, Warden
Jo Ann McGrath, Clerk

Sarah Davis Maribeth Osgood
Kellie Ishmael Kate Pendzuk
Milton Kerr

STAFF

Beth Pollack, Treasurer
Tina Farrell and Tamsen Hernández, Parish Administrators
Suji Jung, Music Director
Katherine Pendzuk, Verger
Anthony Sena, Sexton, St. Paul's Campus
Pablo Montoya, Sexton, Trinity Campus

MISSION STATEMENT

To love God is a call to action. Strengthened by prayer, worship, and study,
Grace Church embraces and serves all people, the earth, and every living thing.