

Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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April is here, at last! Spring, showers, flowers, warmer weather, and hints of summer. What a blessing to be now emerging from winter and slowly entering Spring!

We are also about to enter one of the greatest blessings: the journey into Holy Week. Join us as we celebrate the climax of God's acts of love in Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. We at Grace offer a feast of services to celebrate all the events leading to the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, and there is something for everyone. See the Holy Week schedule on page 4 for service places and times. Come, partake, and bring family and friends. There will be Easter eggs for the kids (and the kids at heart, too).

Also note that we have a very special guest visiting us on the first Sunday after Easter, April 27th: Bishop Mary Glasspool. Bishop Mary is the Bishop Assistant in the Diocese of New York. From our diocesan website, one learns:

"The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool has been a pioneering leader in the Episcopal Church, known for her deep commitment to faith, inclusion, and social justice. Since 2016, she has served as Bishop Assistant in the Episcopal Diocese of New York, bringing wisdom, compassion, and a steadfast dedication to ministry. Previously, she made history as the first openly lesbian woman to be consecrated a bishop in the Anglican Communion, serving as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles from 2010 to 2016." You can learn more here: <https://dioceseny.org/bishop-glasspool/>

When a bishop visits, it presents the opportunities for even more blessings. For example, would you like to be received as an official member of The Episcopal Church if you have never done so? It's simple! Bishop Mary would say the following prayer over you and, after that, you are a recognized member of The Episcopal Church! That's it.

"N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen." (BCP, p. 310).

If you feel you have strayed from the Church and want to reaffirm your faith and journey, the Bishop will say this prayer over you:

"N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen." (BCP, p. 310).

If you might want to be received or to receive the blessing of reaffirmation of your faith by Bishop Mary, email tina (tina@graceossining.org) and she will give you some more information to help you make your decision. Lori and I were received into The Episcopal Church when we decided to officially join, and it is a quick and meaningful blessing and experience. I encourage all for whom it applies to consider it.

I close this April reflection with the beginning words of the Great Vigil of Easter:

"Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death."

Come share in Christ's victory over death every week, and especially in Holy Week, as we leave winter behind and celebrate the joys of our faith together.

Thanks be to God!

With love and prayers,

Fr. Hal+



EASTER PEOPLE IN A GOOD FRIDAY WORLD

My headline sums up my feelings about our Christian life together and our particular Episcopal Church take on things. I wish I could claim to be so clever as to have come up with it on my own. I actually spotted it while reading a rector's message written several years ago when we were in the heat of the COVID 19 pandemic.

We certainly knew then the challenges of suffering and loss. We were living Good Friday every day. Our current political climate has forced so many other types of losses and anxieties. Just today I met with a writer friend with whom I worked years ago. We covered education for various publications. She has just lost her job. Other teachers are being laid off. Professional researchers, aid workers, and administrators are being laid off by the thousands. All aspects of society are being challenged: rights, freedoms, education, free speech, social services, veterans' benefits, libraries, and cultural institutions.

Yet, my faith helps me to hang on to my hope. We are an Easter people. I don't know about you, but I could use a Resurrection right about now. The things that help me keep renewal alive in my life are my contemplative prayer practice, reading (of scripture and other writings), positive action, and community. You might not realize the part you play in keeping the Resurrection story real for me. But you play a key role. Every time we show up for each other I see the body of Christ at work.

We will soon be in the Easter season. We are ever called to balance our very real losses and challenges of this world with the knowledge that renewal and new life is the promise of our faith.

Call to Action: When the Social Action Committee met for our book discussion in mid-March, Ed led us in a discussion about creation care and environmental concerns. With Earth Day coming on April 22 and Bishop Glasspool's visit the following Sunday, several of us expressed willingness to clean up our grounds and plant some new bulbs and trees. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer for a morning in April at our St. Paul's campus.

We also have more long-range goals for reducing use of plastic and more recycling. More to come!

Yours in peace, Deacon Jean Marie



HOLY WEEK

OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

April 6	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Fifteenth Sunday in Lent
April 13	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Palm Sunday
April 17	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner & Service (St. Paul's Campus)	Maundy Thursday
	9:00 PM	All-night Vigil (Trinity Campus)	
April 18	Noon	Good Friday Liturgy (Trinity Campus)	Good Friday
April 19	7:30 PM	Easter Vigil (All Saints' Briarcliff)	Holy Saturday
April 20	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Easter Day
April 27	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Second Sunday of 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/>



WARDENS' REPORT

- Signs of Spring are definitely appearing outside and indoors at GRACE! Forsythias are looking bright and beautiful now and when you step indoors at either of our properties there are signs of Spring Cleaning. We have the B&G team, Beth, Kate, and volunteers to thank for a cleaner choir loft. The leaning courtyard brick wall at our St. Paul's campus is now gone and the vintage debris which was in a section of the Trinity campus basement is now being tagged. Our goal is to have this space cleared and clean this month.
- We will soon be testing the St. Paul's campus to be sure it's safe, too!
- Vestry is gearing up for a half-day work session, facilitated by Graham, on Saturday, April 12th, to brainstorm and plan our next steps for 2025.
- As we are attracting new interested parties who wish to use Grace space for events or meetings, we are updating our lease agreements to better reflect our expectations and their obligations in our relationship. We are currently giving our long-term partners a look at the new agreements.

The vestry has started off strong to keep Grace Episcopal clean, safe, and
WELCOMING TO ALL! Thanks for your faith & support!

With gratitude, Cecilia & Graham

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Vestry Members:	Ann Barringer Spaeth (2027) abspaeth55@gmail.com Alison Ford (2028) alisonford@msn.com Milton Kerr (2027) mkdj46@yahoo.com Jo Ann McGrath (2026) mcgrathinator@gmail.com Maribeth Osgood (2028) mbosgood@outlook.com Kate Pendzuk (2026) katependzuk@gmail.com

MARDI GRAS THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Kitchen Angels, thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the delicious food, loving community, and our Pre-Lent event.

Darryl Moy, AKA Charlie!



AND LENT BEGINS...WITH ASH WEDNESDAY...

Fr, Hal and Deacon Jean Marie distributed ashes at the Ossining Train Station to all who wanted them.

THE REV. CANON JOHN A. OSGOOD

September 5, 1948 – March 24, 2025

John Osgood, 76, of Nyack, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 24, 2025, at home. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Maribeth; his three step-daughters: Jennifer, Lauren, and Allison; three grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Andrew, and Penelope; his sister Jayne, her late partner Carla, and their son Tristram; two sons-in-law: Douglas and Anthony, as well as a sister-in-law, brother-in-law, six nephews, and one niece. John was predeceased by his parents, Norma and Albert, his sister, brother, two nephews, and a niece.



John accomplished much in his 76 years. He graduated from Nyack High School and Union College and earned a Master's in Theology from the University of Birmingham. He was ordained a Deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and a Priest at Christ Church in Suffern.

John served as the curate at Christ Church, Suffern, Chaplain at Rockland Community College, and Rector at Christ the King, Stone Ridge. He went on to become the Chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee, a tutor at General Theological Seminary, Rector at Grace Church, Middletown, and a member of the EDNY Standing Committee. John also established a soup kitchen at Grace Church, which became a model for other clergy and churches in how to serve and minister to the hungry.

John concluded his career by serving as Canon to the Ordinary for three Bishops at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine before retiring in 2014.

Above all, John was a deeply prayerful priest, known for his reverent and calming presence. He brought humor and love into every endeavor. Throughout his 50-year pastoral career, John was a trusted confidant to many priests who sought his counsel and encouragement. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A service will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 5:00 PM. John's ashes will be interred in the columbarium at the Cathedral.

GRACE GRIEF GROUP

Saturdays: April 12th & 26th at 10:00 AM
in the Family Room on the St. Paul's Campus

BE GENTLE I'M GRIEVING

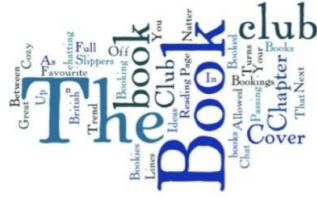
Understand that my loss
has brought me to my knees
I need you to be
gentle with me please.
It is difficult to
even get out of bed
Let alone deal with
what is going on in my head.
My heart has never
known such pain
and I will not
ever be the same.
Please, be gentle
I am grieving
it takes all I have
just to keep breathing.

SHARYN MARSH

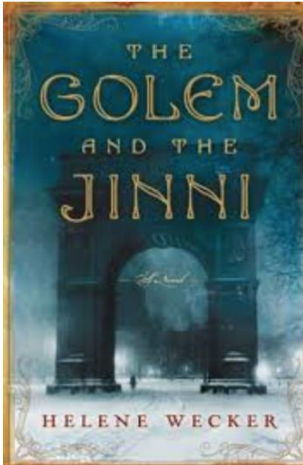
Leave Her Wild



(*Leave Her Wild* is Sharyn Marsh's FB Group)



Thanks to all our awesome members for the food, discussions, and good book selections and ideas!



The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker is a debut novel written, published by Harper in April 2013. It combines the genre of historical fiction with elements of fantasy, telling the story of two displaced magical creatures in 19th century New York City and was a huge bestseller! It is 485 pages long, so maybe we schedule a June/July date for this pick? [Click here](#) for the Goodreads review. (Shop This Series on the lower left will give you options to get a copy.)

MANY HAPPY RETURNS, CHRIS BOSWELL!





BAC'S 2ND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 11AM-3PM

Free admission. No registration needed - come on by!

Learn more here: <https://bethanyarts.org/calendar/openhouse25/>

Throughout the Day: "Sing Down the Walls" with BAC's 2025 Poets-in-Residence, A Painted Memoir: Works by Dyan Rosenberg Exhibit Open, Open Studios with BAC Studio Artists, Belly Dancing in the Dance Studio, Cold Reads - Shakespeare Style! with River's Edge Theatre Company, Art Buffet, SWA-YAY (Start with Art!), Arts & Crafts for all ages, Faces of Ossining photoshoots, Sculpture & Building Tours, Hudson Holes, Lawn Games, and more!

Join us on April 5th and discover the magic of Bethany Arts Community.

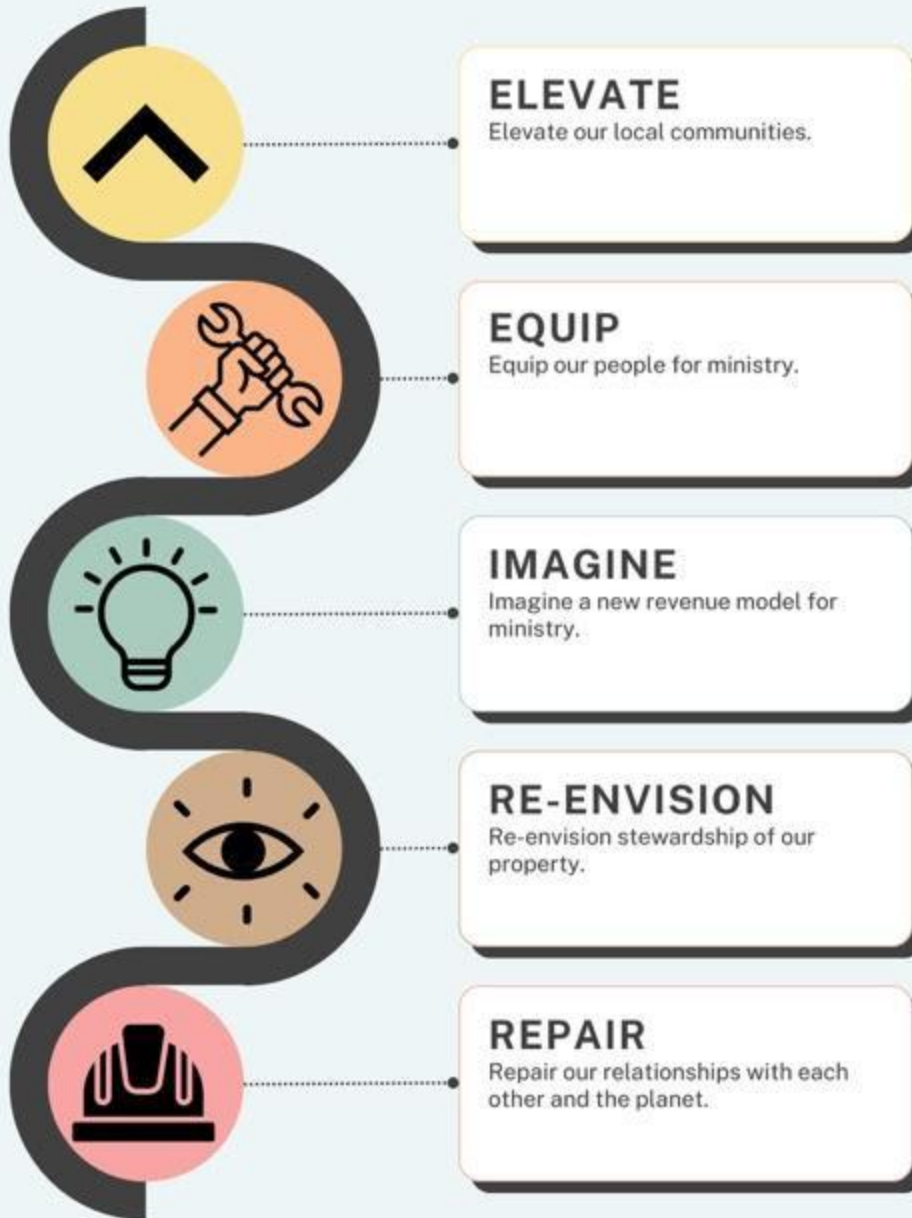
FACES OF OSSINING

Have you ever wanted to see yourself captured in a one-of-a-kind portrait? Now is your chance! FACES OF OSSINING is a unique art show at Bethany Arts Community celebrating the heart of our community— YOU! Artist Jack Berkowitz will take photographs of participants, then create original drawings of the people who make Ossining unique: shop owners, parents and children, teachers, seniors, cultural leaders, and more. He'll be coming to our Trinity campus after the service on May 4th, so it will be easy to participate! Or to schedule a photo session with Jack, email Julia Schonberg at julias@bethanyarts.org or call BAC at 914-944-4278

Whether you've lived here for generations or just arrived, your story is part of Ossining's rich tapestry. Don't miss this chance to be drawn and celebrated. Get involved! Become part of something unforgettable.

Faces of Ossining will be on view at Bethany Arts Community in November 2025. Stay tuned for more information. Visit us: www.BethanyArts.org

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The Holy Spirit Moves at Ground Level



The Episcopal Diocese of New York

ANTI-RACISM IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

This in-person workshop will take place on two consecutive Saturdays
(May 3 and May 10) from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

At Trinity St. Paul's Church, New Rochelle, 311 Huguenot Street

The diocesan Antiracism Workshop is a key initiative of the Antiracism Committee. The workshop's purpose is to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts ALL our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. We generally conduct three workshops a year in the fall, winter, and spring. All workshops require pre-work which includes viewing videos and completing online exercises. Dialogue is the foundation of the two-day in-person workshop. We use group exercises and examine scientific and historical evidence (video format) concerning the origins of the concept of race and its legacy. There is no cost to register and attend for members of our diocese. At our in-person workshop, continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Of the hundreds of workshop participants, 98% have found the workshop to be at least "moderately useful" with a great majority indicating it would be "very useful" or "extremely useful" in their work and daily lives.

Approximately four weeks before the date of the first workshop session you will get an email with the subject: Time Sensitive Information regarding the EDNY Anti-Racism Workshop. This email will ask you to confirm attendance and will provide logistical information on the location and the pre-work to be completed before the workshop. We ask everyone to reconfirm within a week of receiving the email so that we can open slots to anyone on the waiting list.

If you want to attend, you should register immediately, as information will be sent in the next week or so. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.



Our Common Beliefs

Please join us for an Informative & educational VIRTUAL event on:

Prophet Jesus & the Virgin Mary in Islam (Pbut)

*Sunday,
April 13th, 2025
3pm-4:30pm
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Scan QR code to register and purchase ticket.

**Sister Ola Nosseir,
Presenter**

10% of ticket sales donated to Islamic Relief USA

www.ourcommonbeliefs.com
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(Pbut): Peace be upon them

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APRIL EVENTS

- 5 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 12 Grief Group at Grace (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus Family Room)
- 13 Palm Sunday Procession and Passion of Christ (10:30 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 17 Maundy Thursday Dinner and Eucharist (6:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 17 Maundy Thursday Vigil (9:00 PM, Trinity Campus)
- 18 Good Friday Liturgy (Noon, Trinity Campus)
- 19 Holy Saturday (All Saints' Briarcliff)
- 20 Easter Reception and Easter Egg Hunt (10:30 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 26 Grief Group at Grace (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus Family Room)
- 23 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)
- 27 Bishop Glasspool's Visitation (10:30 AM, St. Paul's Campus)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Michael Bomwell	2	Liam Houghtaling	16
Katrina DiLoreto	3	Marta "Marti" Bowen	18
Ellie Houghtaling	3	Warren Dyckman	18
Leslie Blatz	4	Kara Pauline	19
Graham Gulian	7	Arlene Lazaro	20
Robert Pauline	7	Lisa Rosenbloom	20
Dorothee Caulfield	8	Charlie Gulian	23
Karen Otten	8	Scott Hunt	24
Sheryl Muth	9	Synara Okyne-Aryee	26
Kayla Skylar Nixon	13	Frances King	26
Ann Visconti	13		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Donna and Neville Harvey	12
Kate and Steve Pendzuk	24



CLERGY

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

VESTRY

Graham Gulian, Warden Cecilia Quintero, Warden
Jo Ann McGrath, Clerk

Ann Barringer-Spaeth	Maribeth Osgood
Alison Ford	Kate Pendzuk
Milton Kerr	

STAFF

Beth Pollack, Treasurer
Tina Farrell and Tamsen Hernández, Parish Administrators
Suji Jung, Music Director
Katherine Pendzuk, Verger
Megan Whalen, Bookkeeper
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.