

Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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WE MADE IT TO JULY, Y'ALL!

As the poet Marge Piercy says in her lovely poem, *More than Enough*, it is the “season of joy for the bee.”

We have all been busy bees at Grace. As you will see during our September 29th mid-year report to the parish, we have already accomplished more than 50% of the 2024 goals we set out to achieve at our February annual meeting. Good job, everyone!

Now, slow down a bit—and enjoy the joy of the bee. What is that joy for you?

For Lori and me, it’s exploring the Catskills and Finger Lakes region more, reconnecting with friends and especially New Orleans family—who love to come to New York during the sweltering New Orleans summers. It’s enjoying the mountain coolness and the evening stars, and long, casual, catch-up talks on the phone with old friends.

Whatever your summer joy is, I hope you plan for it and make it happen for yourself. In joyful abundance. You deserve it. We all do.

Therefore, make sure you take advantage of this time TO BE before the Grace merry-go-round starts spinning again at full speed in the fall.

See you in August. With the joy of the bee,

Faithfully, Fr. Hal+

MORE THAN ENOUGH

By Marge Piercy

The first lily of June opens its red mouth.
All over the sand road where we walk
multiflora rose climbs trees cascading
white or pink blossoms, simple, intense
the scene drifting like colored mist.

The arrowhead is spreading its creamy
clumps of flower and the blackberries
are blooming in the thickets. Season of
joy for the bee. The green will never
again be so green, so purely and lushly
new, grass lifting its wheaty seedheads
into the wind.

Rich fresh wine of June,
we stagger into you smeared
with pollen, overcome as the turtle
laying her eggs in roadside sand.



DEACON'S CORNER

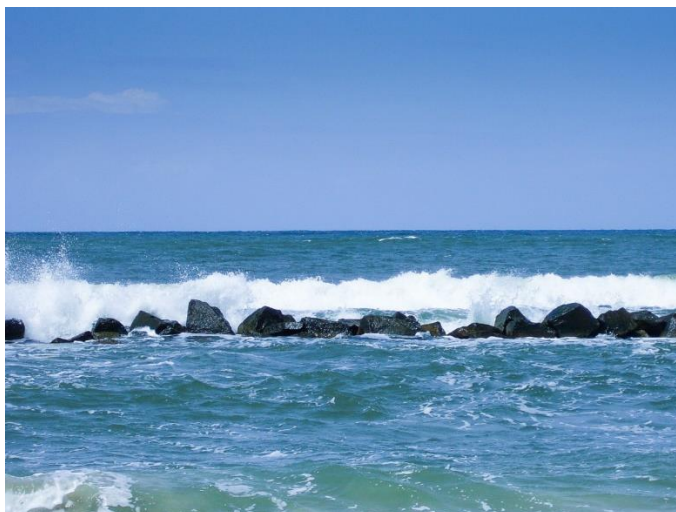
A few months ago, Father Hal sent me an email about Grace's Social Justice Group, which I know Deacon Dorothée led when she was with us. He asked if I was interested in working on this. The answer is "yes." I am very interested in keeping this going and have now had conversations with three Grace members who were very active. I also spoke to Deacon Dorothée about what the vision was pre-pandemic and post-pandemic. It was a great reason for us to catch up!

I believe we can easily weave our social justice initiatives into the many good works that we are already doing. In addition, we can help the many social organizations with which we already have relationships, such as Hope's Door, REPAIR, the Ossining Food Pantry, and Open Door. We can create a series of initiatives for taking collections, dropping off donations, doing outreach, and having educational events, throughout the year.

Would you like to join me in getting this initiative up and going again? Please give me a call at 914-318-0056 or send an email to jeanmarieangelo@gmail.com. I envision having an initial Zoom organizational meeting in August, to set a calendar for September 2024 through June 2025.

Peace,

Deacon Jean Marie



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

July 3	7:00 PM	Evening Grace Meditative Service (St. Paul's Campus)	
July 7	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Proper 9
July 14	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 10
July 17	7:00 PM	Evening Grace Meditative Service (St. Paul's Campus)	
July 21	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 11
July 28	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 12
August 4	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Proper 13
August 7	7:00 PM	Evening Grace Meditative Service (St. Paul's Campus)	
August 11	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 14
August 18	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	St. Mary the Virgin
August 21	7:00 PM	Evening Grace Meditative Service (St. Paul's Campus)	
August 25	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 16

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/>



On June 26th in Louisville, the House of Bishops elected the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe to serve as the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. He will be installed as Presiding Bishop on November 1 after Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's 9-year term concludes.

Bishop Rowe currently serves as the bishop of the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York. His election was confirmed by the House of Deputies. (Bishops Scott Barker, Daniel Gutierrez, Dede Duncan Probe, and Rob Wright were also nominees.)

In his first address as Presiding Bishop-elect, Bishop Rowe celebrated "experimentation for the sake of the Gospel." He called for restructuring church-wide resources around our local communities.

Local communities are also the focus of our new Diocese of New York mission priorities. He quoted from 20th century mystic Thomas Merton, who experienced a famous spiritual vision in Louisville:

In a time of drastic change one can be too preoccupied with what is ending or too obsessed with what seems to be beginning. In either case one loses touch with the present and with its obscure but dynamic possibilities. What really matters is openness, readiness, attention, courage to face risk. You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope. In such an event, courage is the authentic form taken by love.

Pray that our whole Church might together embrace our possibilities and challenges with courage, faith, and hope.

Please join us in praying for Bishop Rowe, his family, Bishop Curry and his family, and the other nominees.

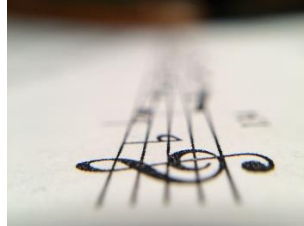
The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd
Bishop of New York

The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin
Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool
Bishop Assistant

WARDEN'S REPORT

"SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY..."



Wait a minute!? Stop the presses!

Grace continues to be busy as



- **June was crazy busy, Primary Election Day, Father's Day, Church Picnic, and Art & Action Sunday!** God Bless Jo for helping behind the scenes in getting the Election Day workers into SPOTH before dawn!! Thanks to all who supported & attended our events! Kate had the Art & Action Sunday's logistics all covered!
- We wish Fr. Hal and Lori some much needed rest and relaxation...for most of July.
- The diocese has asked Grace to host two events in July: the Warden's Conference (Saturday, July 13th) and a Collaborative Ministry Leaders Gathering (Friday, July 26th) both at our St. Paul's Campus.
- Grief Group will be meeting at a member's home on Saturday, July 13th due to a conflict with the Diocesan Warden's meeting. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cecilia Quintero for meeting details.
- We asked, you delivered, Hal followed up (yes he did), and the final bid was approved by the vestry to invest in our St. Paul Campus with new flooring (parish hall, kitchen, educational wing hallway, along with the first 2 rooms in the educational wing not currently being rented) and fresh paint (Church Office, Lantern Shop, and the first 2 rooms in the educational wing not currently being rented). The work will start this month and finish before September. Again, thank you to the Joan Hamshire estate for the gift which will support this project. Beth Pollack did a heroic job in getting the Attic Treasures Room ready for our contractor! Big Thanks to Beth!!!
- Grace's St. Paul's Campus Parish Hall Revitalization Team has been meeting and working on recommendations which will complement our new flooring. If you'd like to know more and participate, please let us know and we'll connect you.

- Our Campus Safety Team has been meeting and working on recommendations for Buildings & Grounds and vestry. See their report on page 8.
- Trinity Campus Kitchen Update: our new 2-bay sink is operational and our new commercial dishwasher should be running soon too. This is a great investment for our food ministries, especially Loaves & Fish. Well done, team! See page 9 for the L&F view!
- Last but not least, Reverend Hal spoke to our friend and former parishioner, Bill Cruse this month.... stay tuned.

Wishing our Grace Family a Cool and Restful Summer Season!

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 Kate Pendzuk (2026) katependzuk@gmail.com

ART AND ACTION SUNDAY 2024





GRACE PADDLERS!

Darryl, Beth, and Richard, recently supported the Sleepy Hollow Sprint Triathlon, providing water safety and kayak support for almost 300 swimmers on June 16th. This intrepid group has also provided support for the Lighthouse Swim, a 3-mile swim across the Hudson River from Nyack to Sleepy Hollow. We will be on or in (Richard) the water on September 8, 2024. For more information and to donate go to: <https://www.thelighthouseswim.org/> where much of the proceeds go to Feeding Westchester and other local organizations.

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 are now meeting on the 1st and 3rd **Wednesday** of each month so that choir members and others who could not join us on Thursday will be able to attend. During the summer, we will meet at our St. Paul's campus.

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

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 the St. Paul's Campus Family Room. Open to people of all faiths, seeking support for the loss of a loved one. Our summer dates are:

July 13

July 27

August 10

August 24

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



Grace Building Safety Team is continuing to gather information for six areas of building safety and access:

- Life Safety, i.e., Fire, egress, etc.
- Security for users and church office
- ADA accessibility
- Safety Procedures, i.e., Fire, Medical, Building Lockdown, etc.
- Safety Training, i.e., AED/Defibrillator & CPR, Narcan, Fire, Medical, Active Shooter, etc.
- Grant Research and Development.

If you would like to know more about what we are doing and or would like to help, contact Amy Kitahata-Sporn at: amykitspo@gmail.com or speak to one of our team members.

Team Members: Ann Barringer-Spaeth, Kelly Ishmael, Milton Kerr, Amy Kitahata-Sporn, Kate Pendzuk, and Steve Pendzuk.

We will be having a meeting in mid-July, date to be determined.

Amy Kitahata-Sporn, Coordinator



FROM LOAVES & FISH

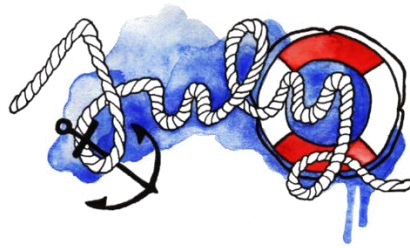
I love, love, love the new sink. Thank you SO much. What a joy it was to clean up at yesterday's Loaves & Fish. The double bay was a brilliant idea (I was using one to rinse and one wash) and I am crazy about the size of each bay. I fit the pots in there with room to spare. (I'm thinking of all the slightly-greasy equipment that I can now go and wash squeaky clean.) As for that magnificent spray arm—wow! It's so easy to wash the big things now.

Thank you for the very generous investment that Grace has made in Loaves & Fish. Please pass on my thanks to all the members of Buildings & Grounds who worked on the project.

Fiona Matthew, Loaves & Fish Coordinator

A LOVELY AWARD GIVEN TO GRACE FOR HOSTING LIVING RESOURCES





JULY EVENTS

- 6 Grace serves at Loaves and Fish (4:00 PM, Trinity Campus)
- 13 2024 Wardens' Conference (9:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 13 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 27 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Crawford	1	Lia Beaudreault	20
William R. Losee	1	John Farrell, Sr.	20
Donna Chadeayne Harvey	2	Edward Aryee	21
George Holsten	2	Peter Flihan	21
John Deuel	4	Kathryn Howard	21
Brian William Plank	4	Catherine Kamp	21
Bill Cruse	10	Peter Madison	22
Joan DiLoreto	11	Karen Kamp	23
John Houghtaling	12	The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer	23
Robert Belcher	13	Alexa Shaw	24
Joe Scappaticci	16	Dennis Parker	26
Roland Rose	17	Stephanie Kip	30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Sam and Barbara Bethea	2	Dhalya and Adam Wagner	17
Jim and Elaine Blair	3	Jan and Tom Greene	20
Tamsen and Miguel Hernández	12	Ian and Janet Robertson	23

AUGUST EVENTS

- 10 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 17 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 24 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 28 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Emma Flihan	1	Barbara Olivier	13
Laura Vookles	1	Marian Schneckner	13
Lisa Gibson	2	Gene Micklas	14
John Muth	3	Luis Barceló	15
Juliet Blair	3	Barbara Hunt	17
Rebecca Ray Barceló	6	Julia DeOliveira-Scappaticci	18
Richard Chesnut	6	Ann Skidgell Farrell	19
Sara DeOliveira-Scappaticci	7	Alexander Frederick Kip	20
Christopher Noye	7	Trevor Pasieka	20
Alison Mahlau	10	Lori Kennedy	22
Jack Kouloheris	11	Barbara Mahlau	23
Jim Blair	12	Victoria Pollack	25
Nils Blatz	12	Kari Ann DiLoreto	28
Sally Evans	13	Maribeth Barnes Osgood	29
Tina Farrell	13	Barbara Bethea	30
Susan Monroe	13	James Michael Liberti	30
Timothy Noye	13	John William Liberti	30

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Kara (Pauline) and Neil Prahue	4	Beth and Grant Pollack	22
Karen and Robert Pauline	14	Jack Kouloheris and Ken Shepard	23
Thea and Randall Moeller	18	Leslie and Nils Blatz	25



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
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.