

# Grace Notes

*Reporting from the Campuses of St. Paul's on the Hill and Trinity*

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I don't know about you, but this seems like it's been a very long year. For me, the month of August has been unbearable. July ended well, with a beautiful wedding for my youngest child Sean on July 29th. I had shoulder surgery on August 5th. My first week of recovery my sister-in-law Penny dutifully took care of me, as I live alone. On the day she was due to leave, she tested positive for COVID having been sick all week. Rick came down from upstate New York and took me back home with him. A week of recovery in beautiful Central New York left me feeling ready to start PT and return to work slowly. Lo and behold, after one PT session and two rides to work by my boss I tested positive for COVID on Sunday last week.

Bishop Mary's letter that follows is about trust. (The photo above is from her letter.) I trust that I will continue to recover not only from COVID but from my shoulder surgery which was much needed. As a church, Grace is faced with trusting that God has a plan for us in the near future. We have to hang in and believe. I know I do because I know the love that all of you have for each other, for our community, and for the world. And that is what God wants for us. So I know God's plan for us is a good one.

See you in church,

Deacon Dorothee

## AN UNOFFICIAL LETTER FROM BISHOP ASSISTANT MARY GLASSPOOL

The Collect for this coming Sunday is about trust: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who boast in your mercy. Amen.

I find the concept of trust to be an exceedingly difficult one. The Oxford Dictionary definition of trust (as a noun) is “firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.” And then it gives as an example: Relations have to be built on trust.

Trust seems hard to come by these days. Too often people whom we had thought were reliable behave in an unreliable way, and then, we say, they have betrayed our trust. This set up is a fragile one. Common expression of how this works is that it takes quite a while to build trust between two people. In contrast, trust can be completely broken in a relatively brief amount of time—and then it takes a lifetime to restore—if that is even possible.

There’s a wonderful article on How to Build Trust in the Workplace by Maggie Wooll. In addition to basic definitions, Wooll offers the following ten ways in which to build trust: 1. Value long-term relationships. 2. Be honest. 3. Honor your commitments. 4. Admit when you’re wrong. 5. Communicate effectively. 6. Be vulnerable. 7. Be helpful. 8. Show people that you care. 9. Stand up for what’s right. 10. Be transparent. She elaborates on each of these ways (i.e. Communicate effectively includes listening as well as speaking) and concludes with “Building trust doesn’t happen overnight.”

Much of what I have learned about trust has come experientially and perhaps no more intensely than in the Hurricane Island Outward Bound course I participated in during the summer of 1975. Outward Bound is a kind of survival/wilderness experience that is meant to help individuals as members of a group or team to develop skills in self-reliance and trust. One exercise we had to do (which some people actually thought was fun) was to belay down 60 feet of sheer rock cliff over the pounding surf of the ocean—Otter Cliffs (yup - that's it in the picture)—and then, even worse, we had to climb those cliffs all the way back to the top. The one thing you're supposed to remember when you rock climb is to do it with your fingers and toes and body stretched out away from the rock. Rappelling down was fine (I couldn't see how high up I was). Climbing back up, the first 20 feet I did all right...but then I looked down and I froze. I clung to the rock. I couldn't even feel my fingers and toes, much less move them to climb. I was stuck there for what seemed like hours, with other members of the team all trying to tell me what to do. I couldn't even hear what they were saying. Then I finally heard one voice out of the cacophony. Mary! she said calmly. It was my favorite instructor. Do not be afraid. Listen to me and I will talk with you while you continue to climb. Just don't look down. Trust me. As far as I was concerned, it was the voice of God. I did as she said and was soon safe at the top of the cliffs.

Barbara Smith, black feminist author and advocate, wrote “Trust is to human relationships what faith is to gospel living. It is the beginning place, the foundation upon which more can be built. Where trust is, love can flourish.” As we move into a challenging and exciting fall season, I pray that we will trust in God with all our hearts, and from that foundation continue to build relationships of trust with one another, so that where trust is, love can flourish.

With love in Christ,

+Mary



### OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

September 4	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 18
September 11	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 19
September 17	2:00 PM	Jim Decruze's Funeral (St. Paul's Campus)	
September 18	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 20
September 24	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 21

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

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

YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z\\_ucCKEGA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA)

On Friday at 7:00 PM, Carolyn Black leads a service of Compline on our Grace Ossining Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Thank you, Carolyn!

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### WELCOMING SUNDAY

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize our return from summer vacations and lazy, hazy weekends! Pastor Carole will be officiating at our service of Holy Communion, which will be followed by a potluck fellowship picnic in the courtyard. We will provide burgers and dogs and are hoping that you will bring your signature picnic item (side dish/salad? dessert? beverage?) There will be a signup sheet at St. Paul's this Sunday so you can let us know what you'll be bringing. And, of course, you can email us at [churchoffice@graceossining.org](mailto:churchoffice@graceossining.org)



## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your Search Committee has continued to work throughout the Summer. We have reviewed and interviewed two candidates and have invited one of them to visit Ossining. The visit will occur this month and, when decisions have been made whether to move further in the process with the candidate, the vestry will share their decision. We do have one additional applicant to review. It is possible that this candidate may be interviewed via Zoom and invited for a visit. It is also a possibility that we will have to repost our profile and job offering both locally in the diocese, state and nationally. We await feedback from the Diocesan Office of Transition Ministry. (It seems August is a month of vacations!) The committee is encouraged by the activity we have seen despite the summer months.

We are confident that God will bring us the spiritual leader that we need. We continue to work on behalf of the people of Grace Ossining to find the best person for our future. Our profile and all necessary documents are linked to our fabulous website, [graceossining.org](http://graceossining.org), ready to be seen by all candidates. If necessary, we will continue to review and interview applicants in an effort to bring a priest to Grace as soon as we can.

We are confident that we will accomplish the task that we have been given and ask that you continue your faith in us and join us in our prayers that God will bring us the priest that we need. Please join us in this prayer for success in finding the priest God is leading to us:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who will choose a Priest in Charge for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for us and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## VESTRY UPDATE

September is here, the unofficial end of summer is upon us, and your vestry has worked through the summer.

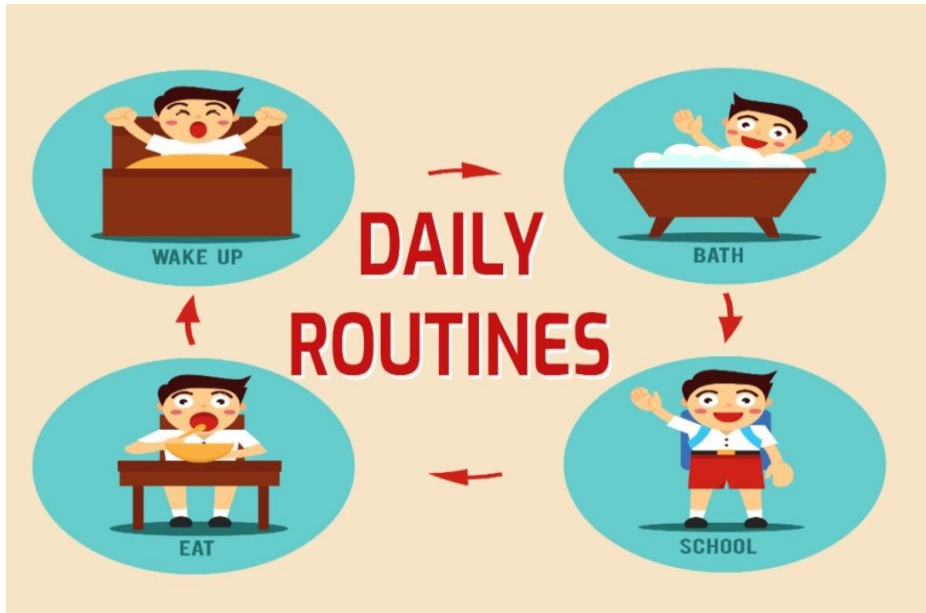
- The vestry continues to seek parishioner support and participation in Grace's Hospitality Committee. Please contact Tam with your interest and availability. Thank you in advance.
- Our Search Committee has provided the vestry with a priest candidate, whom we will meet later this month. Please continue praying that the right candidate for Grace will accept our call. See the Search Committee update in this issue.
- The Old Mill Singers are returning for another year of rehearsals starting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank them for continuing to rent our St. Paul campus space. Please consider attending one of their future concerts.
- Deacon Dorothee has verbally agreed to a new covenant which needs to be signed by all parties. We thank Dorothee for her continued presence and spiritual guidance. (And continue to wish her speedy healing!)
- We begin a new season on September 18<sup>th</sup>, with Holy Communion followed by a fellowship picnic. Please make every effort to join us and celebrate with your church family.

As always, please share your comments, thoughts, and prayers with the wardens or any vestry member. We need your input to ensure we are meeting your expectations.

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At the memorial for Bob Rosenbloom, his son, Phillip, stood in front of the large crowd to read the following about his dad and what we could do to continue to honor him. Please read carefully and try living with these wonderful suggestions.

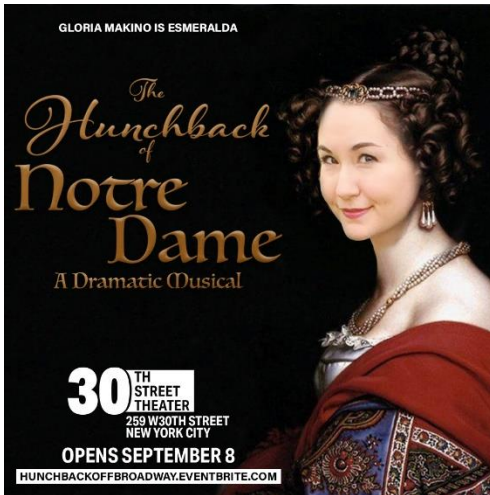
As we made all the plans for this day to remember my dad, I also spent some time thinking of things we can do after today to honor his memory and keep him in our lives. Before we leave here, I have five to recommend to you. Four of them are easy and the last one is more difficult.

- Become a regular at a nearby public walking trail. Appreciate it at all times of year.
- Sing along to your favorite albums while you wash the dinner dishes.
- Then after you're done with the dishes, go out for an ice cream cone.
- Plant marigolds in containers on your porch.
- Then the last one: really make an effort to think about what a just world should be like and push in that direction whenever you can. Lift up from the routines of life to find a new opportunity to volunteer, make an extra donation, to welcome the stranger, to treat everybody ethically even in small matters, to build a community that cares for everyone.

I know my dad would be really proud to have that be part of his legacy.



FROM SARAH DAVIS



As many of you know, my husband John is a musician, composer, and writer who has composed over 20 musicals. His works have been performed at various levels over the years, but many people feel that John has not achieved the degree of recognition that he deserves. John's latest production, his original version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, is a bona fide Off-Broadway production, the highest level he has achieved so far. Although many versions of this story have been done, John's version is true to Victor Hugo's novel, and those who have seen the rehearsals think that the music is fabulous.

The musical runs from September 8-October 16- at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Theater, 259 West 30th St, NY, NY, 10001. Tickets can be ordered at [hunchbackoffbroadway.eventbrite.com](http://hunchbackoffbroadway.eventbrite.com) We would love to have your support! And thank you so much!



We're excited to share that there are currently TWO exciting new jobs open to lead and support church-wide racial justice, reconciliation, and healing ministries. Please consider for yourself and also share with your networks. View both listings here or click the direct links further down:

MANAGER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES

The Manager will serve as staff convener and manager for Episcopal Church work of racial reconciliation, justice and healing, guiding strategic efforts to inspire, mobilize, form, gather and celebrate Episcopalians engaged in the ministries of racial justice, healing and reconciliation. Aligned with the Church's vision for Becoming Beloved Community, the manager will bring special focus to racial justice, public witness and action, truth-telling about our churches and race, and repairing the breach.

Location: Remote

Application Deadline: September 22, 2022

ASSOCIATE FOR RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE

The Associate will be responsible for a range of administrative, financial and communications tasks supporting the Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care, as well as the staff in Racial Reconciliation and Social Justice. The associate will work closely with the team of associates who support other departments in the Canon's purview.

Location: NYC

Application Deadline: September 16, 2022

For more information, contact Rev. Melanie Mullen, Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care for The Episcopal Church at [mmullen@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:mmullen@episcopalchurch.org)



**BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY**

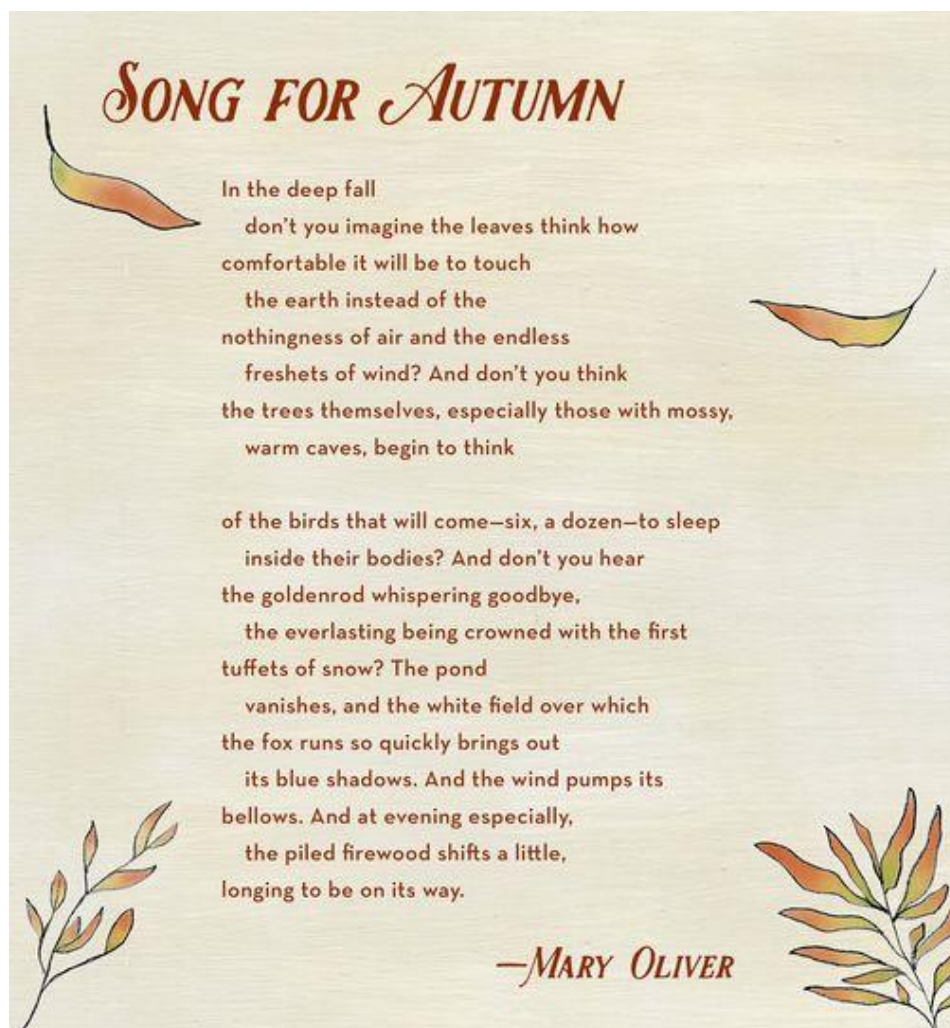


## LOAVES AND FISH TEAM SCHEDULED TO SERVE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29!



As you all may know, the Loaves and Fish program serves about 50-60 free family style meals every Saturday night in Potter Hall on our Trinity campus. Several teams take turns serving the meal which includes generating a menu, cooking the meal, setting the tables, waiting the tables, assembling meals-to-go, and cleaning up the hall and kitchen. Jo McGrath has taken the lead this year for the Grace Church Team. The other members of our current team are Mark and Sue Monroe, Darryl and Cha Moy, Elfreda Okyne, and Melanie Rowe. The team believes in the “many hands light work” philosophy! Please contact Jo or any of the team members if you would like to help by cooking, serving, setting, cleaning, donating or all of the above. Working together to share our gifts is the best way to share God’s Grace!

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## The Episcopal Diocese of New York

### Lay Eucharistic Visitor Online Training

Monday, September 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

The Eucharistic Visitor is a bishop–licensed lay ministry in the Episcopal Church. At the conclusion of Sunday worship, those who have been authorized to serve as Eucharistic Visitors take communion to fellow parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Has your priest, deacon or warden identified you as a member of the congregation who is called to serve as a Eucharistic Visitor? This two–hour online training will teach you about:

1. Spiritually preparing to make a visit;
2. The materials that you will need for a visit;
3. What to do once you arrive;
4. The worship/liturgical content of a visit;
5. Writing up a visit for clergy or warden; and
6. What to “do” or not do after a visit.

There is no charge for this online training.

(We're sorry, but there is no in–person training option at this time.)

[Please click here to register for the Sept. 19 online training](#)

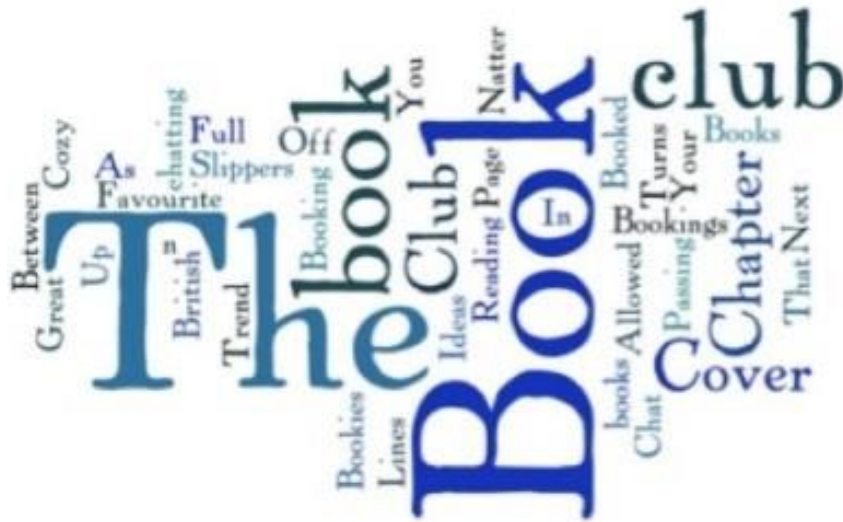
Instructions for joining the Sept. 19 training via Zoom  
will be sent well ahead of the day.

#### Questions?

Arlene Bullard

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Our last meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> was intimate and memorable for a few reasons, check out the summary on the next page at your convenience. ♥

FYI: TBC's next books are a pair recommended by Carolyn Black. She knows the author of the first book and she is also mentioned in this work! (Both books are available on Amazon.)

*Moore Street: Growing Up In The Era Of Jim Crow* by Donald W. Lahuffman (58pgs) is a compelling firsthand account of the author's boyhood years growing up in Fayetteville, North Carolina during the era of racial segregation, circa 1942-1960.

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/moore-street-donald-w-lahuffman/1141467539#>

*Sooley* by John Grisham is his 36th novel for adults, and while a great deal of the action takes place on a court, it is not where attorneys work their magic—it is a basketball court where college athletes dribble, shoot, and score. It tells the story of Samuel Sooleymon, a 17-year-old South Sudanese basketball player who journeys from his African homeland to the United States to participate in a tournament against national and international opponents.

<https://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/sooley>

## SUMMARY OF THE BOOK CLUB'S AUGUST DISCUSSION



*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee was a compelling and complex story of a Korean's family (4 generations) history over 80 years (from 1910-1989). The author was so gifted in capturing the perspective of an adolescent finding her way in life, living with the lifelong consequences of her actions and doing her best for her family to ensure that future generations would survive and do better in the world. This book used some universal themes which touched on gender, shame, honoring deceased

ancestors, being marginalized based on one's cultural origins and economic status, plus the gifts/"superpowers" which come with, education, being fluent in other languages, and having personal knowledge of other cultures in the world.

IMHO, *Pachinko* on Apple TV had a cast of actors who were chosen for their good looks. Any physical scars/deformities were not noticeable, and sections of the book were either skipped or replaced by new episodes which were not part of the book. However, the production did honor the migrant story as they recorded dialogues using both Japanese and Korean as the characters would in the book.

For those of you who also watched, or may be curious about the series on Apple TV, here is the review I found in the NYT: [K-Drama American Style](#)

Speaking Of Family! Terri Roman officially opened our Zoom session with the happy news that the family was back in Ossining and that Yahra was making progress at home. I warned her that when TBC meets in person, she should get ready for many heartfelt hugs & kisses XOXO

We ended the meeting with readings about surviving life's challenges & accepting grace from others:

"Trials, temptations, disappointments—all these are helps instead of hindrances if one uses them rightly. They not only test the fiber of character but strengthen it. Every conquering temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before." James Buckham (from the book *Thinking Outside The Church, 110 Ways To Connect With Your Spiritual Nature*)

*Kindly Light* by Eugene F. Thalman, MM

"I get much satisfaction from helping others, especially here in Hong Kong. However, I am not comfortable receiving help from others. Still, the kindest thing I can do for others is to let them do something for me. People bring me fruit, cookies, and awful tasting medicine for my ailments. Sometimes they give me a red packet and say, "Buy something to eat." These gifts come from people who are certainly much poorer than I am. But it would be devastating to tell someone, "You are too poor to give me a gift." I need to let people love me and then later figure out how to redistribute the gifts they have given me." (from the book *The Way of Kindness, Readings for a Graceful Life*)

Wishing You All A Wonderful Labor Day!



## OUR CAMPUSES THIS SUMMER



A Grandmother and Grandson Visit



Crape Myrtle



### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

16 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jim DeCruze's Memorial Service
18 <sup>th</sup>	Welcoming Sunday
21 <sup>st</sup>	REPAIR meets
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Altar Guild Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup>	Vestry Meeting



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Norma Brown	1	Jack Shedden	18
William Hunt	1	Asa G. Barnes, Jr.	20
Amy Kitahata-Sporn	1	Yahra Roman	20
Catherine Cucurullo	2	Elaine Blair	21
Helen Kamp	3	Darryl Moy	24
Christina Brocci	5	Charles Baker	27
Tyler Moy	5	Phelps Kip	27
John Osgood	5	William Shullenberger	27
Kellie Ishmael	8	Brandon Moy	28
Ronald V. Lazaro	8	Marilyn Barnes	30
Tamsen Hernández	10	John Anton Nieto Cullen	30
Jack Davis	12	Betty Ann Frank	30
Miguel Hernández	14	Amy Monroe	30
Rob McGuire	16	Patrick Monroe	30

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Bea Gormley	4
Mark and Susan Monroe	14
Robert and Susan Brocchi	16
Terri and Michael Roman	16
Cecilia Quintero and Dennis Parker	18
Roland and Barbara Rose	25
Ed Shultz and Jennifer Ward-Shultz	28





## CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Supply Priest  
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon

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Kate Pendzuk, Treasurer

Kellie Ishmael  
Milton Kerr

Maribeth Osgood  
Ed Shultz

## 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.