Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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Hi everyone!

Ready for a great September? I am!

Lots of elves have been hard at work behind the scenes in July and August to help us launch a fantastic, new start to the program year (Sept.-June). We shall start, as I understand is traditional at Grace, with a Welcome Back Sunday on September 10th at Grace's St. Paul's campus. Great! But—we've added some delicious Louisiana hot sauce to spice it up a bit.

"What do you mean?" you ask.



Well, to start, this year we are inaugurating the first annual BBQ component to the Welcome Back Sunday so that we can launch the year together in Grace style of togetherness, fun, food, and fellowship. I'm very grateful to Jim and Elaine Blair who are sponsoring the grilled portion of the BBQ (hamburgers and hot dogs), and you should know they are sponsoring this as one of many ways of saying "thank you" to the generous and magnificent support they received and felt from the Grace community during Jonathan's funeral and afterwards. This is a small token of their love in return. Given that we have the grilled food covered, be sure to sign up to bring a side dish so this can become a proper Grace feast.

Which means, of course, bring friends. Lots of friends. This will be a great day to introduce people to Grace worship and food fellowship afterwards. And here are some other reasons why you should come and invite others...

- As part of our Welcome back BBQ Sunday, we shall also inaugurate a new "backpack blessing" for all those involved in education or supporting education in any way: teen or adult students in any formal or informal program, administrators, and support staff, etc. Bring something to put on the altar as we bless you for a powerful year of growth and education.
- 2. September 10th (and this time of year generally) is also Grandparents Day, so we shall do a special blessing for all grandparents. Bring friends who are grandparents, and they'll be blessed, too!
- 3. We shall say a special blessing for all of us at Grace as we begin our first program year together, moving Grace forward in concrete ways as we discern together God's will for Grace and us.

- 4. If you haven't attended services in August, then you haven't heard the fantastic musical abilities of our new music director, Suji Jung. She is great and is a delight to be around. Our choir will be back, and that always means excellent music. So come and enjoy both. (And, in case you forgot, bring friends.)
- 5. Also come meet our new deacon, Jean Marie Angelo. Yes, we have a new deacon! Deacon Jean Marie will be trained by me and Deacon Dorothée until Dorothée's retirement on October 8—another big bash coming with Bishop Shin as the celebrant, but more on that later—and then Deacon Jean Marie will continue with us. Come meet her. She is great!
- 6. We shall also hold a Ministry Fair on September 10th so you can learn about all the ministries at Grace and sign up for those you would like to learn more about and possibly join. All are welcome to join all the ministries at Grace, and, as you can see from the Grace Ministry booklet all shall receive on the Welcome Back BBQ Sunday, there are a lot of great ministries going on at Grace!

Wow! Grace is on the move! What a great Welcome Back BBQ Sunday we have planned! Come, bring a side dish if you can, and bring friends. It is going to be a GREAT day!

Be sure to read the other reports for more details of what's going on at Grace. It's going to be a GREAT year together!

"Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 126; Ephesians 3:20-21).

With gratitude, love, and prayers,

Fr. Hal+

The diocese has started weekday an online morning prayer service at 8:00 AM via Zoom. The 30-minute service will offer an opportunity for us to join together daily in shared prayer— the foundation of our Anglican tradition and our lives as Christians. The service will use the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Rite II Morning Prayer liturgy and will include different leaders as officiants and feature diverse voices to offer brief daily reflections.



Click here for the zoom link. You'll be invited to register when you join.

Everyone's invited! Bishop Matthew Heyd hopes Morning Prayer will widely engage voices from across our diocese and will be intercultural in its expression. He'll support the service along with postulants and candidates preparing for ordination in our Diocese and thanks Canon Victor Conrado for helping imagine this new service and Alito Orsini for coordinating.



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

September 3	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 17
September 10	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 18
September 17	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 19
September 24	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 20

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/UCP1qGAuJllxWU82 ucCKEGA Grace's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/graceossining/





Evening Grace is a new bi-weekly lay-led spiritual service based on quiet meditation and alternate forms of worship including movement, chanting, walking meditation, etc. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Our next gathering will be September 13th, 7:00–8:00 PM at our St Paul's campus. We hope you join us! Questions? Contact us at eveninggrace@graceossining.org

DEACON BEACON

Have you wondered lately why I've been wearing the beautiful orange stole exclusively? It was a gift from Bill Cruse. But though I cherish it for that reason alone, there's a deeper meaning. Why orange?

On January 21, 2013, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her



life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 43,000 Americans that are killed with guns and approximately 76,000 more that are shot and wounded every year.

I have worked in prison ministry since before I was ordained in 2006. Gun violence and the death penalty are offshoots of this passion for me, and I believe these three things are closely tied together. Last June when I put my orange stole on, I thought, "what if I wear this orange stole every Sunday until we have sensible gun laws in our country?" And that's how it began.

Besides the stole being a gift from Bill, and all it stands for regarding gun violence, I love the children represented on it. I believe we must all be outraged by gun violence and work to end the murder of innocent people by guns, and especially we must remember the children who never had the chance to grow up as the result of gun violence.

Yesterday in Jacksonville, Florida, a white man shot and killed three black people before killing himself. This gunman was held by the authorities in 2017 for a psychiatric evaluation. He was released. He bought the guns he used in this weekend's shooting this year, legally. Our laws are very broken. Until our lawmakers make the changes we demand, this kind of senseless murder will not end. Say what you want about our mental health issues in North America, but this person should not have had the ability to legally purchase assault weapons or any gun for that matter.

We can, and I believe we must, make our outrage known. Besides the mental health issue in the recent murder, it was a racially motivated attack. OUTRAGEOUS.

There is so much to do to make the dream of these United States come true. The children being raised today are the future of our country, we must model a different way for them so they can make better choices for all of us. And for that to happen, they must stay alive. It's our responsibility to protect them and ourselves, not with guns but with sensible laws.

I am wearing orange in honor of all who have died needlessly. And to let the outrage I feel carry me forward to action.

See you in church.

Deacon Dorothée

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEACON, JEAN MARIE ANGELO



I am excited about joining Grace as deacon. I was ordained a deacon only last year and am very eager to learn. In terms of my discernment and call to serve, I always say that pastoral care is my first love. I also have a contemplative prayer practice which continues to inform my faith.

I was received as an Episcopalian just a few weeks after 9/11 in the year 2001. These were fraught times in our communities, and I was so grateful to have the church and its community. While a parishioner at various Episcopal churches, I have enjoyed singing in the choir, being on the welcoming committee, serving at coffee hour, doing morning prayer, and serving on the vestry. I have had a long affiliation with nonprofits, including volunteering and leading the board of the LOFT, the LGBT community services center in White Plains. I continue to volunteer for the LOFT's

peer support grief group. I am also an active member of the LIONs, an international community services organization.

My day job is being a Creative at Apple, where I help to train and advise staff and customers. And, yes, I will help you with your tech questions.

I live in Mount Vernon with my spouse, Ann Post, and our dog Rex. Ann is Christian Education Director of St. Paul's Riverside, and a professional artist, and continues to guide me to materials, books, lessons, and activities that can enrich the church experience for students of all ages.

Peace,

Jean Marie



WE WELCOME SUJI JUNG, OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR



VESTRY REPORT

It's been a busy summer at Grace. We're grateful to so many helpers... Whenever you get a chance, thank your vestry, Buildings & Grounds committee (Darryl Moy, Chair; John Houghtaling, Milton Kerr, Mark Monroe, Sue Monroe, Kate Pendzuk, Steve Pendzuk, and Roger Rowe), the Music Director Search Committee (Mark Monroe, chair; Carolyn Black, Dennis Parker, Kellie Ishmael, and Hal Roark), and the Hospitality Team (Tam Hernández, Chair; Linnet Baker, Jean Bonito, Fran Houghtaling, Emerica Jusu-Davies, Barbara Mahlau, JoAnn McGrath, Sue Monroe, Elfreda Okyne, Maribeth Osgood, Karen Pauline, Beth Pollack, Melanie Rowe, and Bev Vaillancourt). We are grateful for everyone's service.

- Work has progressed on the Potter Hall floor with the installation of temporary shoring. Next steps include fixing and cleaning the gutters, leaders, and underground plumbing to remediate potential water damage before completing the permanent shoring of the floor (Kate and B&G)
- The organ at our Trinity campus had a malfunction (blower) and new parts and electrical work are scheduled so we'll be all set for Lessons and Carols come December (Kate, B&G, and Vestry)
- July's 5th Sunday special gathering was called Art & Action. This inaugural event attracted many like-minded community members; new connections were made, especially with the Bethany Art Community. (Kate, Hospitality, and Hal)
- Suji Jung, our new music director, started in August. Please welcome her if you haven't had the chance and enjoy her musical talents (Music Director Search)
- The Old Mill Singers will once again be rehearsing at St. Paul's starting in September. Please consider making time to sit and enjoy their energy and musical talent during one of their concerts.
- Might we have a new deacon? The Rev. Jean Marie Angelo attended our August 27th service...more to come (Hal and Dorothée)
- Columbarium (Joseph's Garden) expansion is underway with new plots available for your estate planning (Kate, B&G, Vestry)

Now on to our Fall programming...

- Welcome Back Sunday and Picnic is September 10th. Come and celebrate Grace! Did you miss June's end of summer picnic? Don't miss this one!
- The vestry retreat which was scheduled in August has been rescheduled to September 9th.
- Our cooking angels will be serving our Loaves and Fish guests on September 9th. Grace
 is looking for a new liaison to replace Jo McGrath. (No, you don't need to be a cook.) The
 liaison communicates with L&F to schedule our quarterly dates. Please contact Jo if you
 are being called.
- Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is in the works, more to come.
- Did someone say "wreaths"? Yikes!

Blessings,

Wardens: Darryl Moy (2024) darryl.moy@gmail.com

Cecilia Quintero (2025) cquintero 1506@gmail.com

Vestry Members:

Sarah Davis (2025) <u>songbird0606@outlook.com</u> Kellie Ishmael (2024) <u>kellieishmael@gmail.com</u>

Milton Kerr (2024) mkdj46@yahoo.com

Maribeth Osgood (2025) mosgood@optonline.net
Jo Ann McGrath (2026), mosgood@optonline.net
Kate Pendzuk (2026) treasurergraceossining@gmail.com

THE BOOK CLUB



September 2nd was a tentative date for our next meeting and people have noted that the holiday and family conflicts would make this a bad choice for a meeting to discuss *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. Let me (cquintero1506@gmail.com) know which Saturday would be better for you, September 30th or October 7th?

TRUST by Hernan Diaz, a 2022 Booker Prize winner and NYTimes bestselling novel. This creative work looks at the history of a powerful and wealthy family in the 1920s via four different written accounts in a novel, autobiography, memoir, and diary. Which version is their true origin story? Who is the reliable narrator? I am looking forward to taking a deep dive into this beautifully written work. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

COACH HENRY BLACK'S ENSHRINEMENT INTO THE E. E. SMITH SPORTS HALL OF FAME From Carolyn Black:

The weekend of Memorial Day was extremely busy and important to members of my family. My oldest daughter, Dawn Lynette, traveled to Fayetteville, NC. to represent the Black family as her grandfather, Henry Andrew Black, Sr., was inducted into the E.E. Smith Athletic Hall of Fame. All the accomplishments of my dad were done under Jim Crow laws. I also grew up under those laws and so did my husband and brother. Many folks today think the laws are not enacted or enforced today, but racism is still with us in many forms. Dawn made a wonderful speech and met many of the men whose lives my father touched. She was so proud of his



accomplishments especially since she learned of them very recently. He will be inducted into two other Halls of Fame in 2024. And here is Dawn's speech:

On behalf of my grandfather Coach Henry Black's family, I express sincere appreciation to the E. E. Smith Sports Hall of Fame for his enshrinement into the Hall, along with the other distinguished members of the Class of 2023. And congratulate those athletes, members of my grandfather's 1937, '38 and '39 state championship teams, and their families.

Coach H.A. Black, or Granddad as I called him, was born in Tarboro, NC. He was a 1929 graduate of Shaw University where he is one of the few to letter in four sports: baseball, track, football, and basketball. He was captain of the 1927 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championship basketball team, inducted into the Shaw Hall of Fame in 1981, and the CIAA Hall of Fame in 1982.

My granddad coached football and women and men's basketball at E. E. Smith from 1929 to 1940. His men's basketball team won 46 straight games from 1937 to 1939; 3 state championships; 3 tri-regional championships and competed for the nation high school championship in 1939. The late, great Coach D. T. Carter, a member of E. E. Smith's Inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2022, was captain of that team. Granddad then coached basketball and football at Fayetteville State University, where his basketball and football teams won back-to-back conference championships in 1940 and 1941.

In 1943, he became one of the first Black postal clerks in Fayetteville. For 15 years, he served as local president of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, a union established in 1913 to safeguard and improve the employment of Black postal

employees. He retired from the Post Office in 1972. My granddad was a proud Q, having organized the Beta Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and served as its Basileus for two years. In 1977 he was chosen as its Man of the Year. Granddad was a trustee of Evans Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church and was selected as its Man of the Year in 1981. He was an active member of the Black Free Masons, and President of the Fayetteville Chapter of the Shaw University Alumni Association and, organized the Negro College Fund Chapter in Fayetteville.

My granddad was married to Madeline Black, who taught 8th grade math at Washington Drive Jr. High School, for 43 years. They had two children, my mother, Carolyn Black Hightower, Smith Class of 1963, and my late uncle, Henry Black, Smith Class of 1964. I am one of his grandchildren, along with my sister Jenelle and brother Todd Berrien, Kyle, and Brandon Black. His great grandchildren include Jordan and Julianna Piscitelli, Avery, Oliver, and Kate Black.

It is indeed an esteemed honor to the family of Coach Henry Black for the E. E. Smith Sports Hall of Fame Committee chose him to join its 2023 Hall of Fame Class to be enshrined into its Hall. We thank you, and the entire Smith Alumni Family, 1,800 Strong, for this wonderful testament to our father and grandfather's greatness. And a personal thank you to Oliver Melvin for all assistance he has provided including this speech!



LOAVES AND FISH
DINNER SERVED BY GRACE WITH GRACE!

Grace Ossining's Loaves and Fish Team, Jean Bonito, Allison Ford, Jo McGrath, Mark Monroe, Sue Monroe, Cha Moy, Darryl Moy, Elfreda Okyne, Joe Orfino, Ed Shultz, and Bev Vaillancourt will serve a home cooked meal to our neighbors in Potter Hall for the Loaves and Fish program on Saturday, September 9th, at 5:00 PM. Our menu will be pork loin roast, rice and beans, veggies, with bread and dessert donated by ShopRite in Croton. Grace provides this meal as a ministry to the greater community. Donations to support this ministry are gratefully appreciated.

Thank you to all our team members for their hard work and commitment to this worthy ministry. The team has served five sit-down meals over the past year. If you are interested in joining or

contributing either through working with us or contributing financially to the ministry, please contact the church office. Jo McGrath will be stepping down from her leadership role for this team. If you are interested in serving in this capacity or have questions about what is involved, please contact either of our Wardens or Jo.

Please join us as we build relationships within our congregation and into our community while doing God's work.



IDEAS FROM ANN VISCONTI

Mustard Seed Garden Reimagined?

At the Arts and Action event on July 30th, I got chatting with Tamarah Bridgewater, who is with ENUBUILDS, an organization involved in youth and community building events. I learned that they have a community garden that helps to supply fresh produce to food pantries, including our own Ossining Food Pantry. She indicated that more space would allow them to increase the amount of produce to share with our neighbors. They can provide some of the people that would be needed. I was thinking about our garden at St. Paul's campus that was providing produce to the Children's Center, until COVID. I asked Fr. Hal how he felt about partnering with ENUBUILDS by offering our space to share in expanding local gardens. He asked that I reach out to you to put this info into our newsletter. So I am!

Grace Outings (GO)

I mentioned the possibility of getting a group together–small or large–to attend the Christmas Show at Radio City. If there is interest, I will contact them regarding ticket prices, including group rates, if available. There are matinees on Sundays and Wednesdays at 2:00 PM, as well as at some other days and times.

I'm happy to be the point person for both of these.

Email: avisconti63@gmail.com Call or text: (914) 260-2415

Ann



EfM is a four-year Christian Formation program founded and administered through the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee. Through study, prayer, worship, and reflection, EfM seminar groups journey together through scripture, church history, and theology.

A seminar group consists of one or two mentors and up to twelve participants. The group meets up to 36 times during the course of a year. Years 1 & 2 study the Hebrew Scriptures, the Gospels, and the New Testament. Year 3 looks at Church History. Year 4 reads systematic theology, developing and enhancing their own practice.

During a weekly online seminar, the group builds an intentional faith-seeking small group by doing these things:

- Check-in: How has the group encountered and responded to God since the last seminar?
- Worship: Participants lead worship
- Reflect theologically (TR): After agreeing upon a shared focus, the group examines tradition and culture, paired with experiences and beliefs, concluding with implications for action.
- Study coursework: Participants discuss insights, challenges, "aha" moments of assigned readings.
- Hospitality: The group spends time in fellowship.

I mentor this group with Lanning Taliaferro. We meet from 7:00–8:30 PM on Thursdays from September to June. Email me if you're interested, for more information.

Deacon Dorothée

deaconfee@gmail.com



Support Connection's Annual Support-A-Walk for breast and ovarian cancer is a 3-mile walkathon on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people living with breast, ovarian, or any gynecological cancer. Thousands of people come together for this uplifting community event. Family and friends come from near and far to celebrate or remember loved ones. Proceeds help fund Support Connection's FREE confidential breast, ovarian, and other gynecological counseling services, support groups, and wellness and educational programs all year long.

To learn about Support Connection, or donate to the Support-A-Walk, visit https://supportconnection.org/support-a-walk/ or call 914-962-6402.

We welcome you to form a team to show your support for people with breast, ovarian, and other gynecological cancers and to show your community spirit! For information on how to form a fundraising team, visit https://supportconnection.org/form-or-join-a-team/

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to email me or call (914) 962-6402.

Arianna Goggin, Communications and Development Manager

Grace in Grief



This is a confidential, safe, and welcoming grief support program that 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 September dates are:

September 9

September 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

for more information.





Anti-Racism Workshops

September 16 and 23
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (each day)
An in-person workshop on two consecutive Saturdays
Holy Trinity Church, Inwood
20 Cumming Street, Manhattan

Click here to register for the two-part in-person workshop in September in Manhattan

The purpose of the diocesan Anti-Racism Workshop is to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. It is required for diocesan clergy, laypeople holding diocesan offices, and is highly recommended for lay leadership.

Dialogue is the foundation of the workshop. We use group exercises and examine scientific and historical evidence concerning the origins of the concept of race and its legacy. Of the hundreds of workshop participants, more than 85% have found the workshop to be "very useful" or "extremely useful" in their work and daily lives.

Cost: Free for members of the Diocese of New York



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 9 Vestry Retreat (9:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 9 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 9 DeMatteo Baby Shower (rental) (2:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 9 Grace serves at Loaves and Fish (5:00 PM, Trinity Campus)
- 10 Welcome Back Sunday and BBQ Picnic (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 16 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus
- 23 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 27 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)
- 30 Robinson/Joseph Wedding (rental) (3:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amy Kitahata-Sporn	1	Elaine Blair	21
Helen Kamp	3	Darryl Moy	24
Tyler Moy	5	Charles Baker	27
John Osgood	5	Phelps Kip	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
Asa G. Barnes, Jr.	20	Ciara Monroe	30
Yahra Roman	20		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer and Michael Bomwell	13
Mark and Susan Monroe	14
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. Hal Roark, Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Dorothée R. Caulfield, Deacon The Rev. Jean Marie Angelo, Deacon

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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.