

Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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Happy October, everyone!

I want to start by thanking everyone for the successful implementation of our Fall Mid-Year Report to the Parish last Sunday. If you missed it, there is a summary of the meeting on page 6. I've heard from many people after the meeting face-to-face, over the phone, by text, and by email, and if I were to summarize the general response, it would be: "Most of us have been aware of these issues since before the merger, Hal, and it is important to get updates on where we are now and to proceed with this together in a positive, faithful manner that is solution-focused and will ensure Grace's success." I couldn't agree more. Thanks again to all who helped make this hard but important meeting a successful start.



October starts our Stewardship season. Prayerfully discern how you can share your time, talents, and funds to support Grace as we continue to navigate together to a more financially secure and missionally powerful future for Grace. More to come in the mail soon.

Monday, October 7th, marks the one-year anniversary of the bloodshed in Israel and the increased trauma it unleashed in the Middle East. Some of the local Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and secular leaders that I have been meeting with for over a year will participate in a Community Silent Vigil this Sunday, October 6th, at 3:00 PM at Market Square in Ossining. Prayers will also be read from the different traditions, and I will be reading the prayer below from our *Book of Common Prayer*. This vigil is free and open to all, so come and invite friends. We are praying for peace and justice for all and an end to the bloodshed and a return to non-violent diplomacy.

Finally, on a happier note, we have the Blessing of the Animals this Sunday at Trinity. Come and bring your animals. They are very welcome to be with us in the sanctuary during our 10:30 AM worship service and we shall bless them in the courtyard afterwards or Potter Hall if there is rain.

Here's a prayer I've been saying a lot of late from our Prayer Book for our national and international needs (BCP, page 823). I invite you to do likewise in the days and weeks ahead:

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen indeed!

With love and prayers,

Fr. Hal+



DEACON'S CORNER

NAVIGATING THE CROSSROADS OF RELIGION AND POLITICS

The year was 2000 and we were facing what we then thought was the most contentious, divisive presidential election of our lifetime. It was George W. Bush versus Al Gore. At the time I was an acolyte and choir member at the other Grace Episcopal Church, the one in White Plains. This was the place where I came back to an active faith life and was so warmly embraced by a diverse, dedicated, and loving community. That Grace so often reminds me of our Grace in Ossining. You have a lot in common.

It was the Sunday before Tuesday's elections, and our rector, Mother Janet, gave a sermon that has always stayed with me. I am quoting from memory. She reviewed the passage of Luke, Chapter 4, where Jesus is in the synagogue and reads from the scroll of Isaiah.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Isaiah affirms that he cares for the poor and the oppressed and is telling us that the messiah to come will care for the poor and the oppressed. Then Jesus sits to teach the people and tells them that this prophecy—this reading—is fulfilled upon their hearing him. In other words, I am the one to fulfill this prophecy and I, have come for the poor and the oppressed.

They did not like this. They ran him out.

Mother Janet continued to note that it is not an easy go to continually stand for the poor and the oppressed.

As clergy it would be completely inappropriate for me to declare who you should vote for. It would be completely wrong to claim that you would be a good Christian if you voted for one candidate instead of the other.

What I can ask you is this: Who do you think shares Isaiah's and Jesus's care for the poor and the oppressed? Who do you think will help the poor and the oppressed?"

That is all I can ask of you. Voting is one crucial way for us to work toward making ours a more perfect union. Choosing the candidate that aligns with our social gospel is an important act.

We all know that there are many who feel otherwise. It isn't a secret ballot in some churches. People are told who to vote for. They are shamed and harassed if they do not agree with their pastor or congregation on candidates or issues. This is spiritual abuse, and also flies in the face of nonprofit status, and so many other norms.

We are seeing the increasing rise of Christian nationalism—the belief that America is ordained to be only a Christian nation that would largely favor the white race. Men would certainly be in authority. There are forces at work to abolish the separation of church and state. They are sometimes fierce, threatening, and destructive. This is when I say my prayers and ask God to guide my words and my actions. I may be scared, but I will not be silent. I will be gracious and I will work for peace. But I will not abandon Isaiah and Jesus.

To that end, there are some resources:

Protecting Religious Liberty and LGBTQ Rights
October 5, 2024, 12 - 3:30 PM

<https://eds.edu/programs/protecting-religious-liberty-and-lgbtq-rights-with-the-rev-dr-patrick-s-cheng-and-elizabeth-reiner-platt-esq>

The Sin of Christian Nationalism

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Webinar marking the publication of the new book *The Crisis of Christian Nationalism: Report from the House of Bishops Theology Committee* of which Bishop Shin is a member.

https://actionnetwork.org/events/essential-conversations-the-sin-of-christian-nationalism??clear_id=true

Learn more here:

<https://www.eds.edu/programs/being-church-leading-and-caring-for-our-communities-through-the-2024-election>

Rev. Carter Heyward's new book, *The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism*, is supported by numerous talks and lectures by her that are available on YouTube and Vimeo, including the Hobart Lecture given in our diocese earlier this month.

I plan to read her book and watch the lectures. Please connect with me if you would like to have a discussion in the Parish Hall or over coffee at a cafe somewhere in Ossining.

It is important, at this time, that we be a loving community and there for each other.

In peace,

Deacon Jean Marie



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

October 6	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	St. Francis Day
October 13	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 23
October 20	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 24
October 27	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 25

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/UCP1qGAuJlxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

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

EVENING GRACE



We are putting our lay-led Evening Grace meditative service on hiatus as we consider its place in our worship going forward. This service has been successful, providing an alternative worship experience that some obviously appreciate. We are very grateful to Ann and Graham Gulian, Amy Kitahara-Sporn, and Cecilia Quintero for their leadership. If you have thoughts about this service, please contact us at eveninggrace@graceossining.org.



WARDEN'S REPORT

Welcome Back! *We're back in the saddle again...and off to the races we go!*

Important Reminder! Ok, raise your hands, how many read the article on internet security? How many put a freeze on your credit? If you haven't done so, 'git er done'. If you have questions, let us know so we can help point you in the right direction. And while you're at it, maybe change your passwords too.

Church Welcome Back Picnic was a great success...as always! Thanks to all who made this the best picnic ever, especially our grillers, set up and clean up team, and the hospitality crew. Thanks to everyone on the green and behind the scenes!

The Mid-Year Update, September 29th, was well attended. Extra meeting documents (including the slide presentation, treasurer's reports, and investment summary) are available if you weren't able to attend. Please contact Tina (tina@graceossining.org) for a copy. The goal of the meeting was to inform the parish of Grace's progress to date and open the discussion on how Grace can reimagine its future and reach its goal of being successful, sustainable, and mission-driven. See more on the meeting highlights on page 6. You can also view the video recording of our meeting on our You Tube Link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/WESI79OX6Us?si=6ZDnfPITm16oautK>.

(Video 2hrs 18 minutes running time / start @8min 35sec mark)

“Discern what God is inviting us to do, be, or change so that we can become successful, sustainable, and mission-driven”

(The Aspirational Goal from our Holy Currency 2020 Team Work)

Wreaths! Yes, it's that time of year...see more on page 10.

Thanks from your wardens and vestry.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

“Discern what God is inviting us to do, be, or change so that we can become successful, sustainable, and mission driven.”



Below is a brief summary of our 2024 Mid-Year Report to the Parish which occurred Sunday, September 29th at Grace’s St. Paul’s campus after the 10:30 AM worship service. The event was livestreamed and recorded. To watch it, click [here](#). (Video runs 2hrs:18 minutes / the meeting starts @ the 8mi: 35sec mark)

You can also download the slide presentation for the event by clicking [here](#):

It was an important and challenging meeting. It is no surprise to any of us who were part of the original merger of St. Paul’s and Trinity into Grace that there was a budget deficit that preceded the merger and that has also continued after the merger. Both sites are large, beautiful, expensive to maintain, and are financially valuable properties. Managing both continues to put a significant strain on Grace financially, in addition to our parish volunteers who struggle to generously volunteer their time and talents for Grace. The goal of this semi-annual parish meeting was to transparently share the details of this financial information, review and discuss it, so we all know, together, in real time, where we at Grace stand.

As of September 2024, after a year and a half of Fr. Hal’s focused work and partnership with Grace’s leadership, we now know for certain that we cannot eliminate the budget deficit through the standard traditional pledge drives, stewardship campaigns, membership growth targets, budgetary “belt tightening,” special appeals, and other old customary measures.

The \$210,110 budget deficit is too large, the number of our 35 pledgers is too small, Grace cannot grow the number of pledgers fast enough to offset the deficit, and the donations required on an individual basis to balance the budget exceeds the financial capacity of most of our members. We must therefore continue to fill the gap by borrowing over a hundred thousand dollars a year from our endowment. Please note, our total financial portfolio today is \$2,861,774, based on the combined total of our endowment/investments. While those withdrawals will not drain the endowment for approximately ten years, we will eventually deplete it, and that is a reality none of us are willing to accept because it effectively destroys the long-term viability of Grace as a vibrant parish and perpetual source for good works in Ossining.

Thus, we must eventually make some hard choices about what to do with our expensive and valuable two campuses. Fr. Hal shared that the vestry's feeling on this matter, decided at its August meeting, is that we are not ready to make any momentous decisions at this time. Fr. Hal agreed. The vestry believes we need to gather more information and hard data about our options, the costs of maintaining both campuses, the financial value of both campuses, and more, before we can, as one Grace community, discern together those important facts and make our decisions.

All of our speakers sought to share this information in a way that was clear, honest, and urgent, but without panic. Why no panic? Because when Grace either sells, rents, or some combination thereof regarding one or both of its campuses, it should be able to leverage the resulting net financial gains into an already large financial endowment which thereby secures its future in Ossining. As Fr. Hal; Darryl, and Cecilia, our wardens; Beth, our treasurer; Richard, our investment chair; and other speakers consistently repeated, while this is hard information to hear, it is not bleak. Indeed, our future is very bright, if not assured, if we responsibly update our strategy, do not deplete the endowment, and do not continue overextending ourselves to maintain two campuses that risks burning out our people and exhausts our limited savings. The vestry will gather more detailed information on the deferred maintenance at both campuses, the costs, the campus property values, Grace's options, and more, so we will have that information for the parish in five months at our February 2025 Annual Meeting. Until then feel free to contact me, your wardens, and/or members of the Vestry with any concerns or suggestions you may have on this matter. I value and appreciate the trust and faith that you all have shown me during my year and a half here during this critical time in Grace's history.

With faith and hope,

Fr. Hal

“May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.”

ST. PAUL'S CAMPUS PARISH HALL REVITALIZATION TASK TEAM

A team consisting of Amy Kitahata-Sporn, Jo McGrath, and Lisa Rosenbloom met on June 6th, charged by the vestry with the task of evaluating the St. Paul's Campus Parish Hall in order to create a simple, uncluttered room allowing for the Parish Hall and immediate surroundings to be attractive to a broad range of people. The meeting resulted in several recommendations including but not limited to: removing EVERYTHING from the walls, cleaning the overhead exhaust fan vents, investigating presentation/projection set up with a goal of providing easy access for future rentals, cleaning the surfaces of both sideboard cabinets, bench, and louvered screens, donating the hutch, and extending any painting/brightening of surfaces to the kitchen including flooring.

The results of the committee's recommendations are obvious as you enter all the spaces in the Parish Hall, kitchen, and ancillary rooms in the adjacent hallway.

Many of the recommendations were easily accomplished with volunteer labor, some were more difficult and required financial expenditures and some were tabled for a later date. These pictures show what has been accomplished to date.

Many thanks to Amy Kitahata-Sporn and Beth Pollack for giving so generously of their time and talents to get these tasks done. Thank you also to Manuel Contracting (Manny and his son Edwin) for their work in the July and August heat to meticulously lay the flooring and troubleshoot some unexpected complications. Thank you to St. Paul's late member Joan Hampshire for her generous donation which allowed for the new and improved flooring.

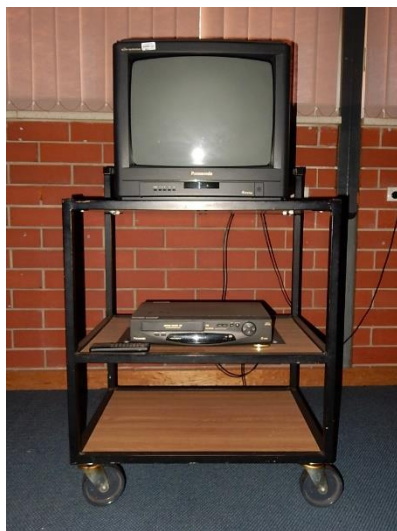




LOAVES AND FISH

On Saturday August 31st, Grace's Loaves and Fish team served 34 dinners in-house and 14 dinners to go. The menu was gazpacho, grilled chicken, cold bean salad, bread, and assorted pastries (courtesy of ShopRite in Croton). Three cheers to ShopRite!

We had a new volunteer join us that evening, and we always welcome more. Volunteers help out on occasional Saturday nights for 2.5 hours, setting up, cooking, serving, or cleaning up with a great gaggle of volunteers! To give a hand, please contact: alisonford@msn.com



Grace now has media capability at the St. Paul's Campus: an AV Cart with large screen monitor/TV and camera/speaker/microphone for computer hook-up. This allows anyone to display presentations, videos, etc. on a large 54" screen or Zoom effectively with a group of up to 16 participants. This was made possible by a donation and assembly and installation by Amy Kitataha-Sporn. If you would like to use it for a meeting or class, please schedule with [Tina Farrell](#) in the Church Office. Instructions on use accompany the cart. If you have any questions, contact: [Beth Pollack](#), [Father Hal](#), or [Amy Kitahata-Sporn](#).



WREATHS! ROPING! WREATHS! ROPING! WREATHS!



It's beginning to look like Christmas... Maybe not today, or even tomorrow, but soon. Yes, definitely before the ghosts and goblins arrive...

Yes, it's time to place your wreath and roping order. We need your order by Sunday, October 20th.

And please share the attached order form (same pricing as last year!) with your friends, neighbors, and family, and help make this a fabulous fundraiser. Last year our wreath sale raised almost \$1,600 and it would be great to beat that.

Thanks in advance from your holiday elves!

Christmas Wreath Order Form

Grace Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 108, Ossining, New York, 10562
914-941-6627
tina@graceossining.org



Order your un-decorated double-faced balsam wreaths and White Pine Roping today!
Wreath measurement is the Outer Edge-to-Edge Dimension, estimated.

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total Payment
22 inch wreath	\$20.00		
26 inch wreath	\$25.00		
30 inch wreath	\$30.00		
36 inch wreath	\$50.00		
Roping – 25 yards	\$55.00		
TOTAL			

Please enter quantities and total payment due, and submit completed form to the church office, tina@graceossining.org by **Sunday, October 20, 2024**.
Payment (cash or check) is appreciated when ordering. Check made out to Grace Episcopal Church.

All orders **DUE Sunday, October 20, 2024**. Order pickup TBD. **Questions:** please call the church office at 914-941-6627 or email: tina@graceossining.org

Thank you and make it a blessed holiday.

Please **Print** Legibly

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Total Payment Due: \$ _____ Paid: \$ _____

Make Checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church. Thank you in advance.

Check the box if you would like to be added to our friends email distribution list to receive our monthly Grace Notes newsletter and future event notices. Thank you for your support.



ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

"I often say that a vote is a kind of prayer for the world
we desire for ourselves and for our children."

—Senator and Reverend Raphael Warnock, Georgia

This year Election Day falls on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. We will be voting for the 47th President of the United States, as well as for United States Senator, Representative for the 17th Congressional District, and a variety of state, county, and local offices. On Election Day, the polls are open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. As per the New York State Board of Elections, early voting will also be available from October 26, 2024 - November 3, 2024. In order to vote, you must be a registered voter. <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> is a voter database maintained by the NYS Board of Elections. It can help you determine your polling location, voter district information, and whether or not your voter status is "Active". If it is not "Active," you need to contact the Westchester County Board of Elections at **(914) 995-5700**.

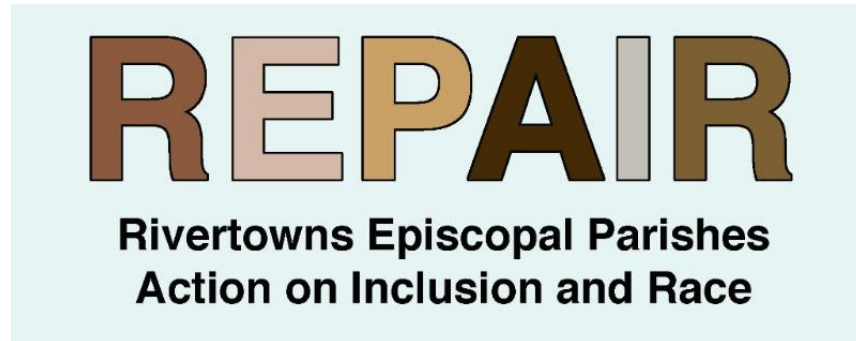
If you are not already registered, you **MUST** submit a completed, signed, and dated Voter Registration Form that is received no later than **October 26th**. The form can be found online at <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote>. If you are unable to print the form or have difficulty completing the form, Ed Shultz will be available Sunday, September 22nd between noon-2:00 PM to assist with completing the form. In addition, you can contact the Westchester County Board of Elections by phone or visit in person during normal business hours. The Westchester Board of Elections is located at:

**25 Quarropas Street
White Plains, NY 10601**

They can assist you with any questions you may have, such as obtaining an absentee ballot if you will be away during the election or how to obtain an early mail ballot."

— Ed Shultz and the Social Concerns Committee

“Some of us gave a little blood for the right to participate in the democratic process.”--John Lewis



**JOIN US ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Election Day and Beyond**

For millions of Americans--and for people around the world--this November 5 is being anticipated as a crucial decision point. Many are feeling deeply stressed, torn between hope and fear, wondering how the verdict of the voters will be registered and enacted in the weeks and months to come, and seeking wisdom on the best ways to respond to what may be some difficult times.

People of faith, of course, are leaning on prayer in these days of challenge--but it's also helpful for us to join in community to share our thoughts, feelings, and plans. Join us on the evening of October 22 at All Saints Church in Briarcliff Manor for an open, mutually respectful exchange of views and concerns. Mother Claire Woodley-Aitchison will serve as moderator. The event will also be available on Zoom.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Meeting Site: All Saints Church, Briarcliff Manor

Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

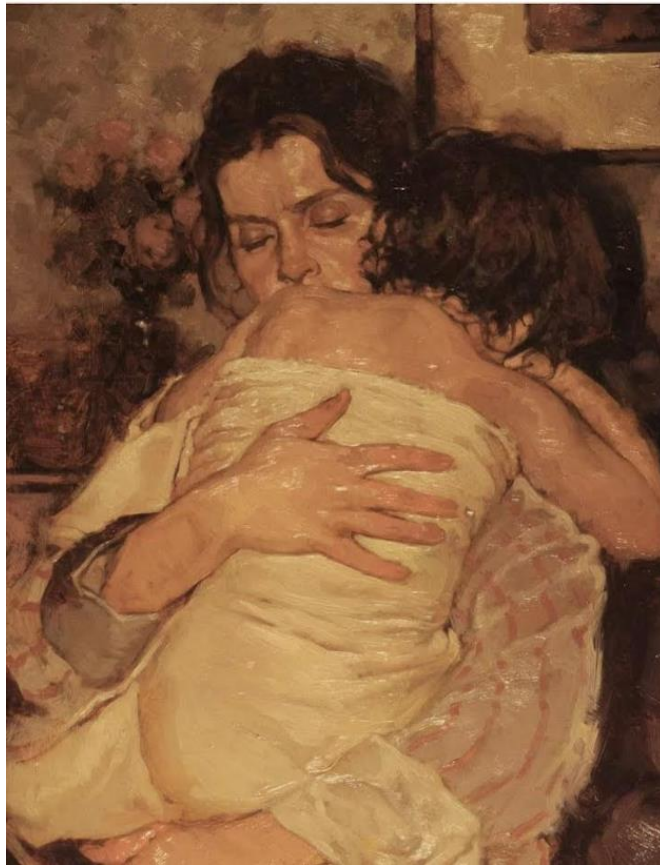
Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dhhm5pn>

REPAIR is an organization dedicated to racial justice, reconciliation, and inclusion in the Rivertowns and beyond. It is sponsored by the Church of St Barnabas (Irvington), All Saints Church (Briarcliff Manor), Grace Episcopal Church (Ossining), and Christ Church San Marcos (Tarrytown). To learn more, visit www.repairrivertowns.org.

Grace's Grief Group

"I hope death is like being carried to your bedroom when you were a child & fell asleep on the couch during a family party. I hope you can hear the laughter from the next room."

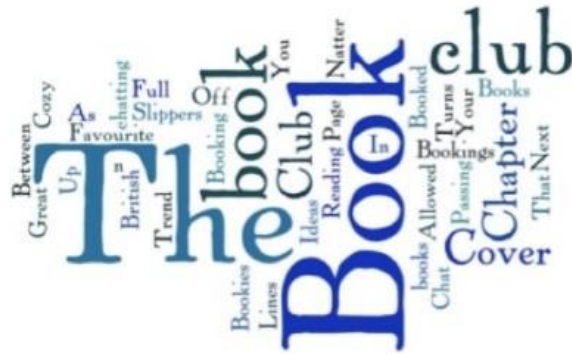
- Lilies Abounded



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 Saturdays of each month in St. Paul's Campus Family Room. Open to everyone in the Ossining community who may be seeking support for the loss of a loved one. No specific beliefs required.

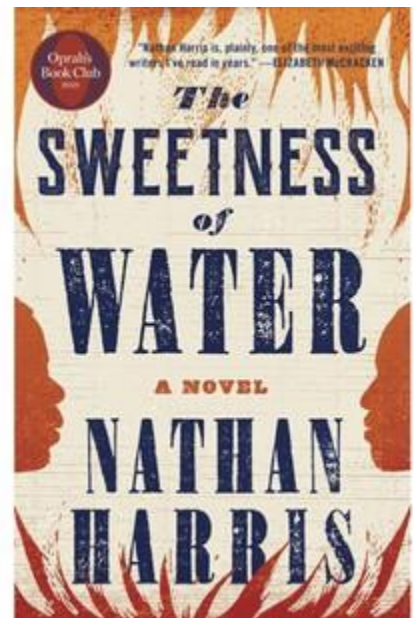
OCTOBER 12th and OCTOBER 26th

If you, or someone you know, would like more information, please contact Fr. Hal hal@graceossining.org or Cecilia Quintero cquintero1506@gmail.com



THE SWEETNESS OF WATER by Nathan Harris is an unforgettable debut novel about trauma and survival during the early Reconstruction period in the American South. NPR’s review had this packed sentiment about the timelessness of this story:

“Between Oprah’s Book Club, President Obama’s Summer Reading List, and the Booker Prize Long List, *The Sweetness of Water* is having a moment that goes beyond topicality. There are several reasons for that: First, its question feels urgent and familiar, because politics now feels like war. Between the January insurrection, the threat of Texas secession, and the daily rhetoric of combat and revolution, the battles are ongoing, not just along party but also regional lines. ... In struggles over flags, monuments, textbooks, and university tenure, we’re still fighting over how to frame this event in public memory, so those old wounds feel particularly fresh. Nathan Harris makes those extraordinary, still contested times comprehensible through an immersive, incredibly humane storytelling about the lives of ordinary people.



This will be our final book of the year. Here is the link to the full NPR review:

<https://www.npr.org/2021/08/04/1023943694/oprah-picked-it-so-did-obama-why-this-novel-is-the-summer-book>

Sunday, October 20, 2024 – TRINITY CHURCH Campus – Noon to 2:00 PM

All Are Welcome at TBC!

BUILDING SAFETY TEAM

Grace's Building Safety Team (Ann Barringer-Spaeth, Kelly Ishmael, Milton Kerr, Amy Kitahata-Sporn, Kate Pendzuk, and Steve Pendzuk) has been busy! They have identified six areas to target, as noted in the September issue of *Grace Notes*.



- Ann and Amy did a walkthrough of Grace's two campuses and the church office with Peter Miley and Robert Melillo of FCS Consultants, LLC. (FCS does independent building and security reviews. They have a staff of about six, many of whom are Building Inspectors in other Westchester towns as well as fire fighters and architects.)
- Kate and Steve Pendzuk met with three alarm/security companies to do campus walkthroughs in order to make recommendations for safety and security in the form of proposals to equip our properties with their systems.
- Amy also participated in the Episcopal Parish Network's Mini-Summit on Church/School Security and Safety. The summit covered multiple areas to be addressed as well as how to go about putting together a comprehensive plan. A link is available if anyone would like to review that presentation.

The walkthrough with the two inspectors from FCS made the team aware of many safety, ADA, and security issues and outlined three levels of safety:

- 1) Minimum requirements required by code (including those things that have been grandfathered in as long as no new renovations are made)
- 2) Retroactive requirements (to bring our buildings up to current safety requirements)
- 3) Enhanced life-safety measures/recommendations

It is recommended that we look beyond the minimum requirements which have allowed our campuses to operate without code violation to implementing current safety standards/requirements for all our facilities.

The BST decided to put an inspection by FCS Consultants on hold, since we are hoping the free estimates from the three alarm/security companies in conjunction with Kate & Steve's experience would make paying for FCS Consultants redundant. Kate will be providing copies of the three proposals and a report explaining the proposals. This concludes the work of the team to date.

The next stage will be to put together new teams to:

- Review the three alarm/security company proposals and report and make a recommendation to the vestry.
- Identify safety and security priorities and "low-hanging fruit" (projects that can be easily implemented). This could include self-closing/locking doors, lighting, security systems with apps for access, ADA compliance, signage, removing bolts from access doors, and clearing exits of any excess furniture.
- Research and write: (A) safety procedures and drills; (B) training for life saving situations; C) research and writing of grants for funding.

Ossining Historic Cemeteries
Conservancy Presents



JAZZ PICNIC AT DALE CEMETERY



SUN. OCT. 6, 2024

2 TO 4 PM - 104 HAVELL ST, OSSINING, NY

Listen, relax, & enjoy the Elijah Duncan Quartet in a historic cemetery.

Ticket Price: \$25, includes a boxed snack and beverage. All proceeds benefit OHCC restoration and preservation work. Please bring your own blanket or folding chair.

RSVP by Oct. 1 to: OHCC10562@gmail.com

More info on Facebook and: ossininghistoriccemeteries.org





A Social Justice Book Group

Let's build community together.

**Come be a part of something truly special:
A monthly gathering to explore race, faith, identity, and community through
books and readings selected by the group itself.**

Facilitated by **Joyce Sharrock-Cole** (*Ossining Village Historian*) and **Abbe Marcus** (*Executive Director, Journeys To Change*), these gatherings will begin with light refreshments and informal exchange, followed by an hour of focused discussion. By meeting monthly, the intent is to build understanding, relationships, and community over time.

For our **inaugural meeting on October 8**, we will read ***The Nation That Never Was***, by **Kermit Roosevelt, III**.

"Roosevelt offers a powerful and inspirational rethinking of our country's history and uncovers a shared past that we can be proud to claim and use as a foundation to work toward a country that fully embodies equality for all."
—Bookshop.org

SCHEDULE

7 to 8:30 PM on
the 2nd Tuesday
of each month:

- October 8
- November 12
- December 10
- January 14
- February 11
- March 11

MATERIALS

Books will be available
for purchase (for a 10%
discount off the cover
price) at **Hudson Valley
Books for Humanity**.

No time to read the
book? No worries!
Synopsis and cheat
sheets will be provided
at each gathering.

COST

There is no fee
to participate;
we simply ask
for your RSVP
for planning
purposes.

**NOTE: When
you RSVP, you
are signing up
for the entire
series.**

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

Building Bridges Through Books is sponsored by Congregation Sons of Israel, Journeys To Change, and Hudson Valley Books for Humanity.





Walk with Us to End Hunger!

7th Annual CROP Walk

Date: October 19, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Mariandale, Ossining

**Sponsored by the
Briarcliff Ossining Ministerial Association**

**Help raise vital funds to fight hunger both
locally and globally!**

**1/4 of the proceeds will go to the
Ossining Food Pantry.**

**We need walkers!
Invite friends, family, and neighbors, and
solicit donations to help
make an impact.
Register Today:**



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/briarcliff-ossining-ministerial-association> or scan the code

***Together, we can build a world where everyone has
enough to eat!***

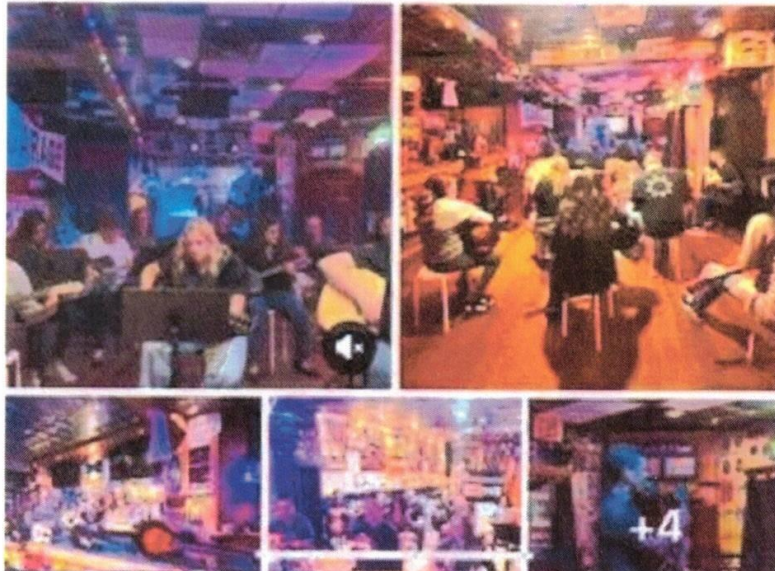


Miriam Baily Risko is with Mike Risko and 5 others at Lucy's Pleasantville. ...

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We had such a fun time at our first Strum and Sip at Lucy's! Huge thanks to [Lucy's Pleasantville](#) and [Duke Covone](#) for helping bring this dream to life. A special shoutout to [Carolyn R Black](#), my high school music teacher and one of my biggest musical inspirations. We used the guitars generously given to us by Grace Church in Ossining from a music program Carolyn once ran there, and they continue to inspire so much creativity. I'm so grateful for the gift of music she's still sharing with me.

Thanks to everyone who joined our inaugural class and made music with us. It was such a fun experience, and we can't wait to do it again at Lucy's on October 21! If you've ever wanted to play guitar, this is the perfect chance to jump in. I know I've been inspired to really start playing myself. We love our job, but most of all, we love helping people discover the joy of making music! PS I may be biased, but my husband really is an incredible guitar teacher. [Mike Risko](#) ❤️





OCTOBER EVENTS

- 5 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 6 Blessing of the Animals (Noon, Trinity Campus)
- 12 Grief Group at Grace (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 20 The Book Club (*The Sweetness of Water*) (Noon, Trinity Campus)
- 26 Grief Group at Grace (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 30 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Shaw	1	Joanne Holsten Prince	23
Elizabeth Triano	4	Lindsey Pasioka	23
Kathy Plank	5	Jean-Charles DeOliveira-Scappaticci	23
Carl Gonsalves	8	Victoria Jusu-Davies	23
Jean Marie Angelo	9	Danny Black	25
Christine Pendzuk	9	Cora Bomwell	25
The Rev. Canon Charles P. Pridemore	9	Ann Gulian	26
Heather Marie Dias	14	Sam Bethea	28
Robert Gormley	14	Philip Rosenbloom	29
Bea Gormley	15	Joseph Flihan	30
Kerri Cranston	18	Mark Monroe	30
Jasun Moy	21	Grant Pollack	31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Carol Torpie	1	Raymond and Tina Farrell	18
Cooper Conway and Peter Madison	5	Linnet and Charles Baker	22
Salvatore John and Elizabeth Triano	16		



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

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Grace Church embraces and serves all people, the earth, and every living thing.