

Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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Happy October, Beloved.

It's time to "tell out your soul"! Are you ready and willing?

Okay, so here's a pop quiz for you: do you recognize that phrase? Can you even name what hymn it's from? Can you name the century? Is it the twentieth? Nineteenth? Eighteenth century? I'll give you bonus points if you can name the hymn creator and the source for the hymn. Do you know? Do you have a guess? (I admit that I recognized the phrase but couldn't name the hymn or the century or anything else. D- grade for me! HaHa. How about you?)

It's from the hymn by the same name, *Tell Out, My Soul*, written by Timothy Dudley-Smith in 1962 and is based on the Magnificat, or Song of Mary, in Luke 1:46-55. It is a hymn of praise and is Number 437 in our Hymnal 1982:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

This is the spirit behind our Grace New Futures discernment efforts: we gather to tell out the unnumbered blessings we each have experienced through the years at St. Paul's, Trinity, and the merged Grace. What are the blessings you have received by being at Grace no matter how long you have been here? There's more information on this on pages 5 and 6.

God is with us and has been guiding us, and God has a powerful future for us individually and collectively as Grace. It is vital we discern that together. This Sunday, we have our next Grace New Futures event in Trinity's Potter Parish Hall after worship from noon to 3:00 PM. Come! You are an important part of this process of discernment! Even if you missed the first event, it doesn't matter because each event topic is separate from the next. Lunch — lasagna, ziti, salad, and other scrumptious goodies — shall be provided thanks to our Hospitality Committee.

The topic for Sunday's meeting is telling out God's work in Grace's history. Where has God been active in the history of St. Paul's, Trinity, and Grace? We have each had concrete experiences of God's unnumbered blessings in our personal and communal lives at Grace and it is vital to recognize that history of God working in our history and midst so we can hear the call of God in our present time. Come and participate. It's fun and no experience or knowledge is required. You will be taught how to do everything asked of you.

If you have not received a copy of the handbook for Grace's New Futures discernment activities, you can email Tina (tina@graceossining.org) and she will send you the materials, and/or you can download the Congregational Handbook [here](#).

Tell Out My Soul is also the theme of this year's 2026 Stewardship Campaign. It fits perfectly with our Grace New Futures activity. Also, the stewardship materials are provided free of charge courtesy of our diocese and you will be seeing thoughtful reflections during our 2026 stewardship campaign. Be sure to check them out and reflect on the questions they ask.

The reflections all revolve around the same theme: what unnumbered blessings have you experienced that give your spirit voice? What unnumbered blessings has Grace been for others in the community that give their spirit voice? Stewardship is not about keeping the lights on; it's about using our time, talents, and treasure to deepen our relationship with God, one another, and the local community, especially those in need. Mark your calendar: Pledge Sunday is November 9, 2025 at Grace's St. Paul's campus. You will be getting more information in the mail about our 2025 Stewardship drive soon.

In the meantime, Tell Out Your Soul!

How has Grace — its people, worship, mission activities, and more — lifted your spirit and made your heart rejoice? How important is Grace to you in these challenging times? How important is Grace to those in need in these challenging times? What more can we do and be for each other and the world in these challenging times out of faithfulness to God and Christ?

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

With love and prayers,

Fr. Hal+



DEACON'S MESSAGE

"We can make a difference."



In mid-August, many gathered at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, White Plains for a prayer vigil for Ketty Elizabeth De Los Santos, an asylum seeker from Peru who has been detained by ICE and believed to be held in a facility in Louisiana. At the vigil, Bishop Allen Shin promised that the diocese would support with the legal expenses. Some of us asked Bishop Allen that day how we can help.

In quick fashion, the diocese established the Sanctuary Legal Fund to support immigrant families in our congregations and neighborhoods throughout the Diocese of New York. The Legal Fund will help those navigating immigration under urgent and vulnerable circumstances to access legal resources. It will work through partnerships with local nonprofit immigration legal providers and can underwrite limited financial assistance for emergency legal support. The Fund cannot cover ongoing individual representation, except in rare urgent circumstances when no *pro bono* option is available.

The Fund reflects our Diocese's commitment to safety, pastoral care, and justice. We are a sanctuary diocese. As Christian community we provide safe places of belonging. Our congregations welcome everyone, every day, without regard to their immigration status. Increasingly, providing safety means offering support for our congregations and neighbors to know their rights through often confusing process.

We need your help to launch. We start with a \$50,000 contribution from bishop's discretionary funds. Help us to match this amount to keep families together. With your support, we can do more so that no one faces the system alone. Your contribution makes possible same-day response, family preparedness, limited-scope appearances, and urgent filings. You can find complete guidelines and how to contribute by [clicking here](#).

You can [click here](#) to listen to Bishop Matt Heyd's introduction to this project.

— Deacon Jean Marie



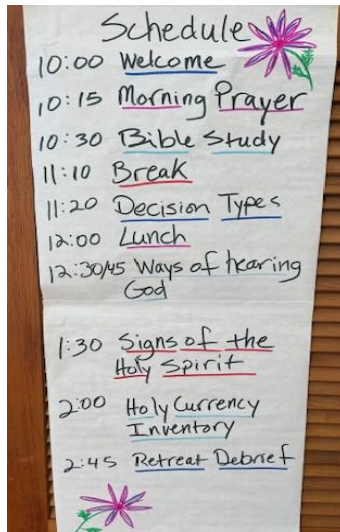
OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

October 5	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 22
October 12	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	St. Francis' Day
October 19	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 24
October 26	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 25

All Sunday services are live streamed to our YouTube channel. You can find our recorded services there, and on our Facebook page after the service is over. The links are:

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

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



WARDENS' REPORT

LISTENING, VISIONING, DISCUSSING, & DISCERNING IN GRACE CONTINUES....

We have officially begun the initial phase of our journey together, in faith, with open hearts and minds to articulate our mission, purpose, and future at Grace Episcopal Church in Ossining.

Over 30 of us attended the first event in the New Futures Initiative. We gathered at our St. Paul's campus, enjoyed some good food (not unusual), and got to know each other better. (See the next page for some pictures.) In breakout groups, we reflected on Romans 12: 1-8: The New Life in Christ; shared when/where/how do we hear God; and created a current Holy Currencies inventory for our campuses.

Under the Rev. Canon Claire Woodley's leadership, we have ALL been invited to participate. Please read Fr. Hal's message and join us this Sunday. Your time, talents and treasures are all most welcome this October! Graham, as one of our Prayer Choir members, has written this poem to start us off:

Lord God, we come together in Jesus' name to discern your will for us. As we recount our history, let it be a tool to show us the times that we have followed your will and the times we have not. Let us open our hearts to feel your Holy Spirit guiding us. Amen

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NEW FUTURES RETREAT



WELCOME BACK PICNIC 2025



OUR SMILING CHEFS!



WE ENJOY THEIR FOOD!



WE MINGLE!

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 19TH!!

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	\$25.00		
26 inch wreath	\$30.00		
30 inch wreath	\$35.00		
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 19, 2025**.
Payment (cash or check) is appreciated when ordering. Check made out to Grace Episcopal Church.

All orders **DUE Sunday, October 19, 2025**. 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.

STEPHEN W. BELCHER

NOVEMBER 20, 1993–SEPTEMBER 19, 2025



Stephen W. Belcher, a 9-year resident of Plattsburgh, New York, and a former 13-year resident of Bedford Hills, passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2025, in Plattsburgh, New York. He was born on November 20, 1993 to Jan M. Barrows and William H. Belcher in Sleepy Hollow, New York (Phelps Hospital). He was the grandson of Betty Barrows, a long-time parishioner of our Trinity campus.

He graduated from Fox Lane High School in 2012 and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a double major in English and Philosophy at SUNY Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, New York, in May 2021.

Stephen was an Associate for Cooperative Development Institute's (CDI) Water Infrastructure Support Program, where he helped raise and manage federal funds for infrastructure upgrades at mobile home parks across New England. His boss and close friend, Jeremiah, said, "He was a rock star at the job. He really made a huge

impact on people's lives - he kept their housing affordable and ensured they had safe water to drink. He was able to deal with the technical red tape and explain how everything works to those who lived in the homes."

Stephen was a very kind and gentle young man, who found peace and joy in nature. He was intelligent, thoughtful, and empathetic—anyone who knew him loved him. He cherished hiking in Upstate New York at Pointe Au Roche, walking and biking outdoors and sharing his love of cooking with his Mom. He was also an amazing baker and could even make macarons. He found connection in playing video games online with his brother Robert and held close the memories of a special family trip to Europe, especially the time spent in Sweden. Above all, Stephen showed a deep love and care for those closest to him. A devoted son, brother, nephew, cousin, and friend, his presence touched countless lives. He also found immeasurable joy and love with his cats, Plato and Misty.

He is survived by his mother, Jan Barrows; his brother, Robert Belcher; his aunt, Judy Barrows; his cousin, Karley Ryan; and his father, William Belcher. He is also survived by many friends and other relatives.

THE THREADS IN MY HAND

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

Only one end of the threads, I hold in my hand.
The threads go many ways, linking my life with
other lives.

One thread comes from a life that is sick; it is
taut with anguish and always there is the
lurking fear that the life will snap.

I hold it tenderly. I must not let it go.

One thread comes from a high-flying kite; it
quivers with the mighty current of fierce and
holy dreaming invading the common day with
far-off places and visions bright.

One thread comes from the failing hands of an old, old friend. Hardly aware am I of the
moment when the tight line slackened and there was nothing at all — nothing.

One thread is but a tangled mass that won't come right; Mistakes, false starts; lost
battles, angry words – a tangled mass; I have tried too hard, but it won't come right.

One thread is a strange thread – it is my steadying thread; When I am lost, I pull it hard
and find my way. When I am saddened, I tighten my grip and gladness glides along its
quivering path; When the waste places of my spirit appear in arid confusion, the thread
becomes a channel of newness of life.

One thread is a strange thread – it is my steadying thread. God's hand holds the other
end.



[Carolyn Black brought this to our attention. Thank you!]

GRACE GRIEF GROUP

We will meet Saturday, October 11th and October 25th at 10:00 AM in the Family Room
at the St. Paul's Campus of Grace Church – 40 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY

THE GRIEF GROUP welcomes anyone in the community who may be seeking support because
of the loss of a loved one, or any other life-changing event. There is no need to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



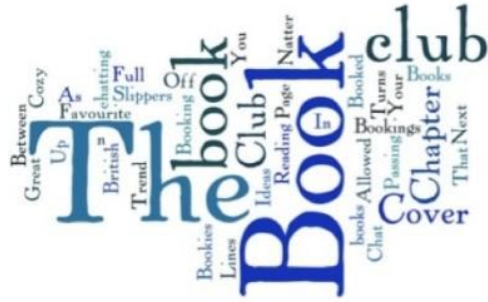
Everyone's grief is
different. We may
share the same losses,
but not the same
grief.

Grief is composed of
pain, but also from
our beliefs, trauma's,
personality, &
relationship with
whom we carry in
our hearts.

What works for one can
very well send another into
a downhill spiral

Be gentle with yourself &
with others *mourning soul*

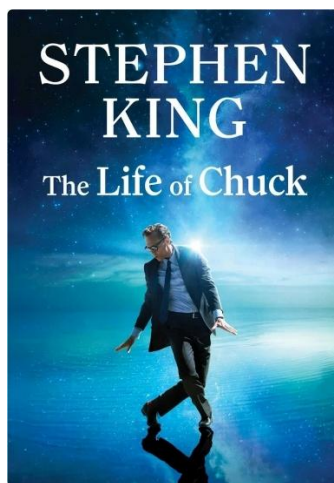




Thanks for the support and robust attendance (and a special welcome to the new folks!) at our September 21st meeting! We discussed *The Golem and The Jinni* by Helene Wecker, which definitely made an impression on our group. This very visual 400+ page fiction/mythical novel had some of us immediately from Page One and others succeeded after a few attempts. Despite the length and our general preference for non-fiction books, we all agreed that the blending of Jewish and Arabic mythology which brought the Golem and the Jinni together in 1899 New York City (which was, after all, built and occupied by immigrants) was perfect for 2025! It just stressed that we are better together! That is our national history and strength ❤️

Our next book is a philosophical and natural follow-up to it. *The Life of Chuck* (only 107pages) by Stephen King asks the reader to consider our impact on others, our loved ones, and the universe during our lifetime. The film version was released in August and is now available via streaming platforms, so there is a short cut available for those who don't have reading time. I loved both! Check it out! We will meet sometime in December/January.

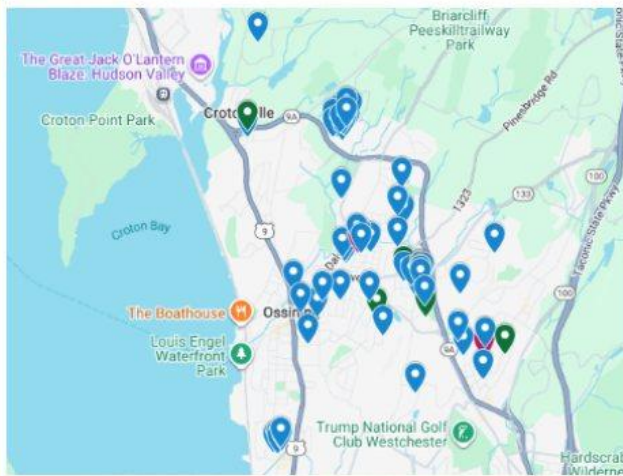
Cecilia Quintero





**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4**

**OSSINING/BRIARCLIFF MANOR
COMMUNITY-WIDE TAG SALE**



10AM-4PM

**RAIN DATE SUNDAY
70 HOUSEHOLDS**

FOR MAP & INFO:

<http://www.greenossining.org/tagsale>

Over 70 households and community groups are participating throughout Ossining and Briarcliff Manor this Saturday, October 4 (with some holding additional sales Friday and Sunday).

Visit our website at <https://www.greenossining.org/tagsale/> to view the interactive map; you can click on each pin to see what participants will have for sale.

Want to hit up as many sales as possible? Since we're all about sustainability, the addresses are organized into the most time-efficient and fuel-saving route! Pick any address to start; then follow each address to the bottom of the list, go back to the top of the list, and follow until you reach the initial address you visited.

Throughout the week, sellers will be featuring items they have for sale on our Facebook group [Green Ossining Town-Wide Tag Sale](#) (Ossining & Briarcliff Manor).

Happy shopping!

PLEASE JOIN SUPPORT CONNECTION



For Breast & Ovarian Cancer

SUNDAY
10.5.25

*Walking Together
to Make Lives Better*

supportconnection.org

We will be walking in FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY and in communities nationwide!

HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS:

Kacey Morabito Grean, Let It Shine, Inc. • Chereese Jervis-Hill, Events to Remember

WALK AMBASSADORS:

Marcie Kaplan and Marge O'Brien

(914) 962.6402 | supportconnection.org

Raise Money for the Walk Online!
Get started now! Scan the QR Code.





OCTOBER EVENTS

- 4 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 5 New Futures Event: Living History (Noon, St. Paul's Campus)
- 11 Grief Group meets (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus Family Room)
- 12 Blessing of the Animals (11:30 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 20 Grace Community Discernment Retreat (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 24 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 25 Grief Group meets (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus Family Room)
- 26 New Futures Mission Insight Report (Noon, St. Paul's Campus)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Shaw	1	Joanne Holsten Prince	23
Amy Monroe	2	Lindsey Pasioka	23
Elizabeth Triano	4	Jean-Charles DeOliveira Scappaticci	23
Kathy Plank	5	Victoria Jusu-Davies	23
Carl Gonsalves	8	Danny Black	25
Jean Marie Angelo	9	Cora Bomwell	25
Christine Pendzuk	9	Ann Gulian	26
The Rev. Canon Charles P. Pridemore	9	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

Janine Thwaite, Deacon Postulant

VESTRY

Graham Gulian, Warden

Cecilia Quintero, Warden

Jo Ann McGrath, Clerk

Ann Barringer Spaeth

Maribeth Osgood

Alison Ford

Kate Pendzuk

Milton Kerr

STAFF

Beth Pollack, Treasurer

Tina Farrell and Tamsen Hernández, Parish Administrators

Suji Jung, Music Director

Katherine Pendzuk, Verger

Megan Whalen, Bookkeeper

Anthony Sena, Sexton, St. Paul's Campus

Pablo Montoya, Sexton, Trinity Campus

MISSION STATEMENT

To love God is a call to action. Strengthened by prayer, worship, and study,
Grace Church embraces and serves all people, the earth, and every living thing.