

# Grace Notes

## One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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As we make the turn into November, we enter a time of continuous thanksgiving. Last week, for example, we gave thanks for our Grace Saints and will celebrate them now on an annual basis. This Sunday, we give thanks for Grace's existence, celebrating the third anniversary of our merged parish and our pledges to keep it going. This weekend, Beth, Cecilia, and I will attend our annual diocesan convention representing Grace and, on Friday afternoon, we will sit on a special panel convened by Bishop Shin to share with the diocese the joys and challenges of being a merged church. Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrate another Grace Friendsgiving Dinner, so come and bring friends. And many of us will celebrate the national Thanksgiving holiday a few days later.

We have even more to be thankful for. In addition to our existing tenants, we have a new tenant renting Grace's St. Paul's sanctuary on Sunday evenings for \$1,000/month; we have had some other nibbles on some of the space we have listed with our commercial realtor; we have helped nonprofits live out their mission to promote the common good by sharing our space; the Ossining police and their Community Advisory Group recently used Grace's St. Paul's campus for a community meeting; and Open Door is going to give away free toys to their clinic attendees at our Trinity campus.

Thanks be to God! We are a parish that walks the walk and lives out our mission statement: "to love God is a call to action." See all that is going on -- just this month! Identify what activities and events interest you and consider becoming involved. Groups are always looking for new members and it's always fun to make new or closer friends.

I close with a prayer from our Book of Common Prayer entitled For Our Country:

Almighty God, We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consider joining our Evening Prayer service tomorrow, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM live at Grace's St. Paul's campus or on livestream on our YouTube channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z\\_ucKEGA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucKEGA)). Either way, our thanksgivings shall continue.

With a thankful heart for all you are and all you do,

Faithfully,

*Fr. Hal+*



## DEACON'S MESSAGE

The Episcopal Church has an Office of Government Relations and it is worth visiting the website to read about the causes that are part of the mission, including the conflict in the Holy Land and Christian Nationalism. (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/>)

For the better part of this year, Election 2024 has been the main focus of the National Church's Election Activators Committee. I participated in this committee's work by posting and sharing voting rights resources in our various publications, including *Grace Notes*. Election Activators acknowledges that this is a time of great national political divide, which will continue regardless of the outcome of voting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

For this reason, The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations is offering Election Night Virtual Prayers from 8:00–10:00 PM on November 5<sup>th</sup>. You can join via Zoom by registering [here](#) or [click here](#) for the Facebook Live version. Bishop Sean Rowe, who became our Presiding Bishop on November 1, will offer an opening reflection and prayer. Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers together for peace, the nation, and all people and countries. For those needing interpretation between English and Spanish, please plan to join via Zoom.

Other events are sure to follow. At this time, we continue to search for common ground and productive paths to bring peace and productive solutions to our community and to our nation.

Thank you to all who have brought in prescription pill bottles for our ministry. To date, I have sent out six full boxes and am working on Box Seven. That is one full box going out every other month. These go to Matthew 25 Ministries, based in Ohio, which sends them to nonprofit medical facilities. Thank you, Beth Pollack, for purchasing two large and colorful bags for storage.

— Deacon Jean Marie



### OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

November 3	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	All Saints' Day
November 6	7:00 PM	Post-Election Evening Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	
November 10	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus) Pledge and Anniversary Sunday	Proper 27
November 17	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 28
November 24	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Christ the King

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlxWU8Z_ucCKEGA)

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

## AN IMAGE FROM OUR ST. FRANCIS' DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



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### LET'S MEET AFTER THE ELECTION TO PRAY, regardless of the results, for our country and its people

Following the lead of our Cathedral in Manhattan, Deacon Jean Marie and I shall lead an Evening Prayer service on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Grace's St. Paul's campus. It will also be livestreamed. The entire service will be from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). (In other words, there will be no service leaflet.) Folks are encouraged to join us on live-stream

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

and to have their BCP ready so they can follow along. If you don't have a BCP, take one from the pews and/or contact our Parish Administrator, Tina (914-941-6627; [tina@graceossining.org](mailto:tina@graceossining.org)) so she can get you one. You can also download one from [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org). Also, there will be a point in the Evening Prayer service where people will be invited to light a candle for their personal, private prayers. Candles will be provided for live attendees and live-streamers are encouraged to have a candle ready and to light one at their home, too, during that part of the service. Let's gather after the election and pray for our country and all its people, so we remain bountiful and one United States of America, pledged to being "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



## WARDEN'S REPORT

Buildings & Grounds News: With 2 campuses, our B&G Committee is continually busy with projects, both on-going and new, and working on prioritizing deferred maintenance. We would welcome any help we can get, even on an as-needed basis. Please let Darryl know if you can help in any way or form or to find out more. We are most thankful for Milton Kerr's answering the call for this important work.

Thank you to our Convention Delegates, Beth Pollack, Cecilia Quintero, and Fr. Hal, who will be attending the 248<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention November 8 & 9 in White Plains. Deacon Jean Marie will also be attending and we are looking forward to their reports.

### ***BUCKLE UP, GET READY FOR LOTS OF ACTIVITY AT GRACE CHURCH IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS...***

- Effective this year, Grace Church will celebrate All Saints' Day annually on the first Sunday in November. People are invited to bring photos & share treasured memories of their personal saints.
- Did you vote? ***We all owe a BIG Thanks to JoAnn McGrath for giving the Election Equipment crew access to SPOTH before the crack of dawn!***
- Join Fr. Hal and Deacon Jean Marie in a peaceful setting, as we join together in prayer for our nation's post-election future, **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at our St. Paul's campus**
- Stewardship Sunday is at our St. Paul's campus, on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. At the 10:30 service we will give thanks and say our blessings for your support and pledges. We will also be celebrating **Grace's Third Anniversary!** Did someone say "cake"?
- Grace Foodies are Grateful and Thankful! **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Grace's Friendsgiving Dinner 5:00-8:00 PM at St. Paul's! Bring a friend and/or a favorite dish/dessert.**
- Grace's wreath order has been submitted. Due to the way we are required to order there are 15 extra wreaths (5 each of the 22", 26", and 30" sizes) available....  
**Wreaths will be available December 3<sup>rd</sup> after 5:00 PM for pick up at St. Paul's.**  
**A confirmation email will be sent as we get closer**
- As always, on behalf of the vestry, we are forever grateful for all of you and for what you bring to our life, worship and community service for Grace Episcopal in Ossining! Finally, what's on your mind and how do you envision Grace's future?

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# GRACE IN GRIEF BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Group welcomes anyone in the community who may be seeking support because of the loss of a loved one.

This is an ongoing, confidential, safe and welcoming grief support group that meets twice a month. There is no need to register beforehand, just come to a Saturday meeting.

## TIME AND LOCATION

**10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAYS**

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Family Room, St. Paul's Campus of Grace Church

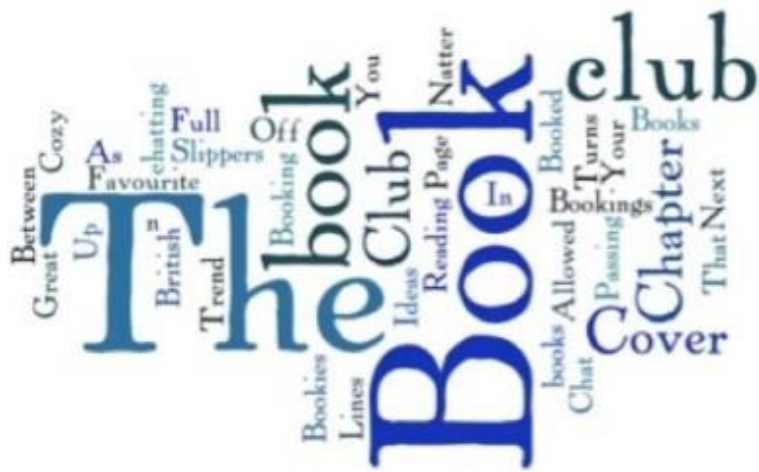
*40 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562.*

For more information, call Grace Church

*914 941-6627.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**No specific beliefs are required.**



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. TBC had a great turnout at Trinity Parish Hall on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We were happy to see some new faces out our table!





**Turkeys, stuffing, cornbread, squash & apple casserole, salad, cranberry sauce, bread, red/ white wine, cookies, homemade pies, and other desserts can only mean one thing—**

## **FRIENDSGIVING!!**

**IT'S TIME TO GIVE THANKS TOGETHER AT ST PAUL'S CAMPUS  
FOR OUR MANY HEARTFELT BLESSINGS AT GRACE!**

**WHEN?** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, from 5:00 PM -8:00 PM

**WHY?** TO GIVE THANKS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILIES, OUR HISTORY, AND PRAY FOR OUR FUTURE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

**HOW?** JOIN US AND FEEL FREE TO BRING A GUEST AND YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING SIDE

**HOW?** RSVPs SHOULD BE SENT TO CECILIA VIA E-MAIL:

Dennis & Cecilia will be preparing one of our 2 turkeys, and our sign-up sheet includes the second one, as well as the side dishes mentioned above. If you wish to join us, please let us know by emailing Cecilia [cquintero1506@gmail.com](mailto:cquintero1506@gmail.com) or Tina [tina@graceossining.org](mailto:tina@graceossining.org). Also, If you need a ride (or can offer to drive our guests), please let them know. Thanks!





### HOPE'S DOOR HOLIDAY DRIVE

The holiday season is fast approaching and the Social Justice Committee would like to invite our parishioners to join us again this year for the Hope's Door Holiday Drive. Hope's Door is an agency whose mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence and their families through outreach, direct services provided at their community office, and through shelter placement. ([Click here](#) to view their web page.)

For the Holiday Drive, decide whether you want to be assigned a single person or a family (or families) with one or more children. Hope's Door asks that you provide 1 supermarket gift card per family and a gift card for each family member. If you are interested, please email your preference to me at [terrijroman@gmail.com](mailto:terrijroman@gmail.com) **no later than November 25<sup>th</sup>**. I will email the list to their office manager so she can assign you a family.

I will need to drop off all gifts to Hope's Door by December 12<sup>th</sup> and will be collecting them at the Trinity campus on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the St. Paul's campus on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for brightening the lives of those who are in need.

Terri Roman



**Holiday Shopping:** Explore unique items at Holbrook Cottage, March Boutique, and Saltbox Sash. Shops generously donate 10% of their sales to enrichment programming at OCC.

**Spirits and Sweets:** Enjoy specially selected goodies and sip on a complimentary glass of champagne at Holbrook Cottage.

**Festive Raffle:** Enter to win a fabulous holiday prize. Raffle Items provided by Holbrook Cottage, Images Art Gallery, Janniello's Market, March Boutique, Manor Wine and Spirits, and Saltbox Sash.

**Festive Luncheon – Friday, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.**

Join us at Donato's Trattoria for an intimate gathering filled with good food, great company, and festive cheer. Click below for tickets and information.

[Festive Luncheon Tickets and Information](#)



The  
Episcopal Diocese  
of New York

FALL 2024  
NEW YORK  
LAMENTATION

**3 PM SATURDAY NOV 2**  
AT ST PETER'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
137 N Division St, Peekskill, NY 10566

**3 PM SATURDAY NOV 23**  
AT ST JAMES CHURCH,  
FORDHAM  
2500 Jerome Ave, Bronx, NY 10468

**3 PM SATURDAY DEC 7**  
AT PARISH OF CHRIST THE  
REDEEMER  
1415 Pelhamdale Ave, Pelham, NY 10803

Written by: Rev. Chuck Kramer    Presented By: NY Episcopal Diocesan  
Directed by: Jeannine Otis        Reparations Commission

***A New York Lamentation: A Play About Slavery  
by the Rev. Chuck Kramer***

Six historical figures from New York's slavery era meet to tell their stories. From supporters of slavery to abolitionists to formerly enslaved men and women, each has to reckon with the evil they witnessed and, in some cases, participated in.

*A New York Lamentation: A Play About Slavery* is a good introduction for clergy, parishioners, youth groups, confirmation classes and Sunday school students to connect with a history not often told - and yet it is a history that impacts us to this day.

**Admission is free.**

**To help in planning, RSVP with the date you plan to attend  
to Nicholas Decker at [nd2823@utsnyc.edu](mailto:nd2823@utsnyc.edu).**

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 2 Hospitality Steering Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 2 Grace serves at Loaves and Fish (4:00 PM, Trinity Campus)
- 6 Election Evening Prayer Service (7:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 9 Grief Group at Grace (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 10 Grace Pledge & Anniversary Sunday (10:30 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 23 Grief Group at Grace (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 23 Friendsgiving Dinner (4:00 PM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 27 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Craig Peter Rowe	1	Stephen Monroe	20
Donna Boswell	2	Dan Platt	21
Mark DiLoreto	5	Albert Cucurullo	22
Kirsten Bowen	8	Judy Travis	23
Gail Boswell Nixon	10	Dawn Mahlau	25
Daniel Visconti	10	Francesca Houghtaling	26
Jim Bowen	19	O'Neka Cole	27
Stephen Belcher	20	Patricia Gonsalves	30

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Graham and Ann Gulian	1
John and Francesca Houghtaling	3
Beverly and Warren Dyckman	23





### **CLERGY**

The Rev. Hal Roark, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev. Jean Marie Angelo, Deacon

### **VESTRY**

Darryl Moy, Warden                      Cecilia Quintero, Warden  
Jo Ann McGrath, Clerk

Sarah Davis                                  Maribeth Osgood  
Kellie Ishmael                              Kate Pendzuk  
Milton Kerr

### **STAFF**

Beth Pollack, Treasurer  
Tina Farrell and Tamsen Hernández, Parish Administrators  
Suji Jung, Music Director  
Katherine Pendzuk, Verger  
Megan Whalen, Bookkeeper  
Anthony Sena, Sexton, St. Paul's Campus  
Pablo Montoya, Sexton, Trinity Campus

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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