

Grace Notes

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

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Hi everyone,

We have been working hard on our Grace Holy Week services, so be sure not to miss them. They are going to be great!

We start with our Palm Sunday procession and celebration at our St. Paul's campus this Sunday at 10:30 AM. This is followed by our Maundy Thursday potluck dinner at 6:00 PM, foot-washing, stripping of the altar, and then an all-night vigil at the Trinity campus before the altar of repose, starting at 9:00 PM.

Continuing downtown on Friday at noon, we follow the Stations of the Cross and receive communion from the reserved sacrament. Saturday is a Landmark service at All Saints' Briarcliff for the Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM.

Easter services are celebrated this year at Trinity campus on Sunday at 10:30 AM with a celebratory reception and an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards for the young (and those like me who are children at heart). All these Holy Week services are going to be high-energy, celebratory, and terrific! Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the transformative meaning of that for our lives and for the world.

Also know that if you cannot make it to any service for any reason, consider calling or emailing me and I'm happy to bring communion to you in your home for a visit. My cell is (504) 650-3278 and my email is hal@graceossining.org

Holy Week blessings to you and yours,

Faithfully,

Fr. Hal+

DEACON BEACON



True confession is good for the soul, right? One of the problems of higher education is you are called to really think about things. Through my studies in Education for Ministry (EfM) over the last almost twenty years, I grew uncomfortable with the words of the Nicene Creed. I have learned how men (yes, men, not women) fought and died over the words that are now revered at the Council of Nicaea in 325. This creed has grown formulaic and cold to

me and knowing its bloody origins doesn't help.

Over the years, this creed has been tweaked and a number of updates have been made. For instance, a large revision was made in 381! Woo hoo! Today's Rite II version has no mention of "the quick and the dead"—it was replaced with the less elegant "the living and the dead"—and of course the Holy Ghost has been modified to the Holy Spirit.

And then there's the Filioque controversy! In the 6th century, the Western and Eastern Churches were divided by the insertion of the phrase shown in bold: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father **and the Son.**" For more information than you care to have, you can go to Wikipedia [here](#) and read about the Nicene Creed or consider joining my online EfM class next September where you too can study the scriptures, theology, and the history of our religion.

For now, I will share an Affirmation of Faith I prefer from the book *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*, published by Church Publishing.

As children of God, we affirm:

That God, who is Love, created all and called it good, that God is present with all of creation, and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful; therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face, that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf, and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope; therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us, that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way; therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit: discerning, loving and transforming our world.

Amen.

With love,

Deacon Dorothée

DIOCESAN SERVICE OF APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY

We were well-represented at this March 25th event! Kate Pendzuk also served as Verger, leading in the bishops. [Click here](#) for the full recording of the service. [Click here](#) for Bishop Dietsche's sermon.

Recognize these guys?



Fr. Steve Holton, Fr. Hal Roark, and Canon Petero Sabune

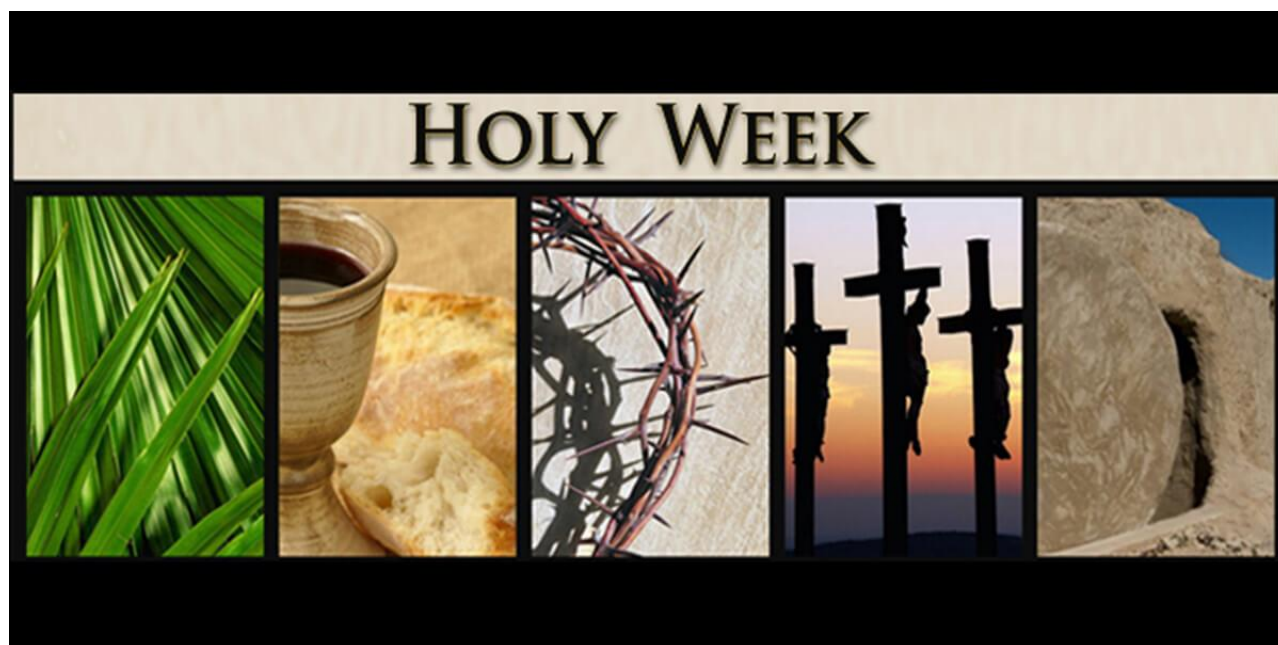
SERVICE SCHEDULE



At their February meeting, our vestry decided to try a new service schedule. We will be worshipping at our historic St. Paul's campus on the first and third Sundays of the month and at our historic Trinity campus on the second and fourth Sundays. When a month has five Sundays, we will decide which campus or what location will be our setting!

However, we will always alternate our Easter service between the two campuses. This year, we are downtown; next year, we will be at St. Paul's.

And the location will always be on the home page of our website (graceossining.org) and listed in the Thursday message.



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

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| April 2 | 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus) | Palm Sunday |
| April 6 | 6:00 PM | Eucharist, Potluck Dinner, Play, Foot-washing, and Stripping of the Altar (St. Paul's Campus) | Maundy Thursday |
| | 9:00 PM | Vigil at Altar of Repose (Trinity Campus) | |
| April 7 | Noon | Good Friday Liturgy and Stations of the Cross (Trinity Campus) | Good Friday |
| April 8 | 7:00 PM | Great Vigil of Easter (All Saints' Briarcliff) | Holy Saturday |
| April 9 | 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus) | Easter |
| April 16 | 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus) | Easter 2 |
| April 23 | 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus) | Easter 3 |
| April 30 | 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist (TBD) | Easter 4 |

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

Grace's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/graceossining/>
 YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlXWU8Z_ucCKEGA



VESTRY REPORT

Hello April! Shower us with blessings!

- We are grateful for this parish and congregation, and all you do and your contributions of time and talents for our mission and ministry.
- We thank Fr. Hal and Kate Pendzuk for attending and verging for the diocesan Service of Apology for Slavery. [Click here](#) for the full recording of the service. [Click here](#) for Bishop Dietsche's sermon.
- We thank our Music Director Search Committee (Mark Monroe, Dennis Parker, Carolyn Black Hightower, Kellie Ishmael, and Fr. Hal) for finalizing the job description which can be found on Grace's website and for reaching out to potential organizations and connections. Pray as we look to fill this position and if you have any connections, please share them with the committee.
- We thank our Food Ministry, especially our Loaves & Fish cooking team, led by Jo McGrath for serving our guests this Saturday, April 1st. Contact Jo to join the team.
- Grace hosted the homeless for 2 weeks at our historic Trinity campus, ending this coming Monday, April 3rd.
- Mark your calendar, Saturday, June 10th, and join Grace at the Ossining Village Fair. We will have a booth and our traditional Strawberry Festival in the Trinity courtyard. Please let us know how you can participate.

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Kate Pendzuk (2026) treasurergraceossining@gmail.com

What's Happening with the Economy?



The uncertainty surrounding regional banks is unnerving. It has depositors, regulators, and investors rethinking what is a “safe” bank vs. a risky bank. One could argue that safe banks – the really large ones like Citi, JP MorganChase, Bank of America – are too big to fail. They also have a greater level of government oversight and higher capital requirements. Smaller regional banks – such as First Republic, Citizens, Ally, Valley National–don’t have the same level of government oversight or capital requirements; this will most likely change as a result of this crisis. However, I

believe that the Federal Reserve and FDIC through their increased lending facility, which insures all deposits and makes additional cash available to banks, will restore trust in the smaller regional banks.

The bigger question is what impact will bank failures and the federal reserve increasing interest rates have on the broader economy and the markets -- GDP growth will to slow (which is positive for inflation) and could lead to a recession. If a recession were to occur, would it be mild/moderate or harsh (similar to 2008). I think it would be mild. Why? The economy isn’t over-levered (too much debt) like we were back in 2008 (you remember no doc loans). Moreover, consumer balance sheets are healthy and the labor market is strong. The big issue today is inflation, which the Fed and the banking crisis is addressing.

So the question is: should we be making a change? No, I think we should stay the course.

Richard Shaw
Chair, Investment Committee

Deacon and Priest

Love this picture!! Anyone want to suggest a caption for it?



LOAVES AND FISH



It's time for Grace Ossining's remarkable Loaves and Fish team to serve another healthy, hearty, happy meal to the community! NO FOOLIN'!!!

This Saturday, April 1st, the team will serve roasted chicken, rice, gravy, veggies, dessert, and kind hospitality to anyone who walks through the doors at Trinity Campus' Potter Hall between 5 and 6 PM. Approximately thirty

meals are served sit down in the hall with another 30 taken "to go".

The current members of the Grace team (Jean Bonito, Alison Ford, Jo McGrath, Mark and Sue Monroe, Darryl and Cha Moy, Elfreda Okyne, Joe Orfino, Melanie Rowe, Ed Shultz, and Bev Vaillancourt) will set the room, cook, and serve the meal. And clean up.

All are welcome as guests so if it's a quiet Saturday evening for you swing by.... Join us for a lemonade or an iced tea.... or even dinner and for some community relationship building!

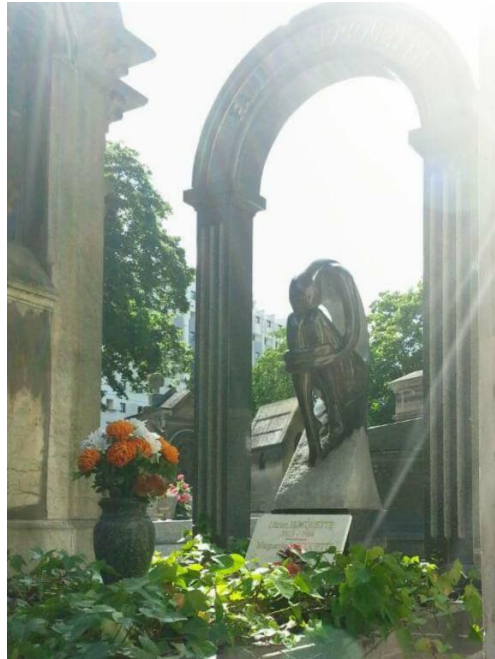
Our next meal to serve will be Saturday June 24th. For sure, it will have a "Welcome Summer" theme.

As always, we welcome anyone interested in helping with the cooking, setup, service, and clean up for each meal. Any contribution of time or financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are at all interested in helping in any way, please contact Jo McGrath (mcgrathinator@gmail.com, 914-409-8544) or in church on Sunday.

Please join us in building relationships within our congregation and into our community while doing God's work.

Grace in Grief



“There is a special type of healing that comes from talking to someone who has experienced the same kind of loss that you have. It’s like finding someone who speaks the same dialect as you...the words they say just settle into parts of your spirit in a way no one else’s can “

Since December 2022 and under Carole Johansen’s guidance, a few of our parishioners have met on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month to share, listen, and support each other in a safe and confidential space as we are experiencing the loss of a loved one. Fr. Hal immediately supported our community and asked us to outline our purpose, the scope of our outreach, and mission before officially publicizing our work together. We are not certified therapists or social workers, but we all agreed that since COVID and many of the recent losses our Grace family have experienced, we felt that there was value in our gatherings and in learning from each other.

Grace in Grief is a secular organization which is open to all members of the Ossining community. Resources will be shared with our attendees as our collection of materials grows and we promise to respect each other’s privacy as everything which is discussed will be held in confidence. 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.



Our Music Director Search Committee (Mark Monroe, Chair; Carolyn Black, Kellie Ishmael, Dennis Parker, and Fr. Hal) has put together a job posting for our new Organist/Music Director.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, you can email us at churchoffice@graceossining.org for a copy of the document below.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OSSINING DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST

Grace Episcopal Church seeks a collaborative, organized musician who loves choral music for a part-time position leading our music ministry and nurturing the talents, confidence and enthusiasm of the choir and congregation. Grace is a diverse faith community formed in 2021 by the merger of St. Paul's on-the-Hill and Trinity churches. We come to worship for spiritual nourishment and the warmth and joy of community, and then go out into the world to put our faith into action.

Musically, Grace embraces a wide variety of traditions, from Anglican chant and classical anthems to traditional hymns, Gospel and spirituals, and contemporary faith music.

Ossining is located in northern Westchester County, on the Hudson River, and is a major stop on the Metro-North Hudson Line. For more information on Grace and Ossining, please see our website: graceossining.org.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Serve as organist, pianist and choirmaster for the regularly scheduled services each Sunday, Holy Days, and other services (e.g., Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Holy Week) as agreed upon.
2. Plan, coordinate, and direct all sacred music, including hymns, service music, and anthems for each service, using lectionary texts and sermons as guide for hymn choices.
3. Responsible for the leadership of the choir. Rehearse weekly with the choir. Other rehearsals to be held as needed by the schedule. During the Summer months (Sunday after Trinity Sunday through Labor Day), the choir schedule will be suspended.

4. Attend identified staff meetings and any additional meetings as necessary.
5. Improve Congregational singing, including occasional instruction on new music. Recruit new choir members.
6. Work collaboratively with the Rector in the general planning and leadership of Grace's music program. Assist the clergy, when applicable, in preparing their sung parts of the liturgy.
7. Manage Grace's music library, continue digitally cataloguing music library for Grace's records. Purchase music and music supplies, as needs arise, remaining within the annual church budget.
8. Assist Parish Administrators on production of service bulletins via including the sheet music or lyrics as necessary. Ensure that all appropriate copyright and licensing is obtained for music used and printed by the church, with support through the parish office.
9. Hire guest musicians as need arises, remaining within the annual church music budget.
10. Oversee the care and maintenance of all church instruments.
11. Responsible for planning, directing, and leading annual Landmark Lessons & Carols service in December, requiring 4-6 weeks of additional rehearsals.
12. Plan the necessary coordination aspects of special music events.
13. Serve as organist/pianist for all weddings. Current fee is \$400 per wedding. Attendance at the rehearsal is an additional fee of \$100.
14. Serve as organist/pianist for all funerals. Current fee is \$250 per funeral.

Physical Demands include:

- Ability to travel and perform at both Grace campuses (40 Ganung Drive and 7 S. Highland Ave.)
- Climb staircase to choir loft at Ganung Drive location
- Some lifting and carrying may be required, e.g. of keyboards, etc.

Terms and Conditions:

- The salary range for this position is \$22,000-\$30,000 per annum. The weekly expectation is 10-15 hours. Evening, weekend, and holiday hours are required. There will also be a \$500 Continuing Education allowance.
- There will be two Sundays paid vacation per annum. One must fall within summer months when the choir is off.
- No medical, dental, vision, life insurance or retirement benefits are provided for this P/T position.
- The Director of Music may use the facilities to lead private music lessons and classes.

To Apply:

Please send cover letter and resume to Mark Monroe, Search Committee Chair, at: markmonroe55@msn.com. For qualified applicants there will be an initial online interview, then an in-person 2nd interview and audition, during which applicants will be asked to:

- Play a prepared piece of their choosing
- Sight-read a hymn on organ or piano
- Demonstrate working with the choir to prepare a piece for a service



The Episcopal Diocese of New York

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

Saturday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon

Grace Church, 40 Ganung Drive, Ossining

In preparation for licensing by Bishop Dietsche, participants will:

- learn the history of the Holy Eucharist
- learn about serving as a Eucharistic Minister
- learn the answers to various questions about the ministry
- learn to administer the chalice through hands-on experience

Check-in will open at 9:30 a.m. and training will begin at 9:45. Deacons Dorothee Caulfield and David McDonald will conduct the training.

Cost per person is \$15.00 (coffee, tea and light breakfast snacks included). Space is limited—attendance will be capped at 35.

(This event will not include Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) training, since those sessions are now conducted solely online.)

Please be sure to register. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

[Click here to register for the April 15 training](#)

Questions?

Arlene Bullard

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The
Episcopal Diocese
of New York

Anti-Racism Workshops

May 6 and 13

9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (each day)

An in-person workshop on two consecutive Saturdays

Grace Church/La Gracia
33 Church Street, White Plains

[Click here to register for the two-part in-person workshop in May in White Plains](#)

September 16 and 23

9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (each day)

An in-person workshop on two consecutive Saturdays

St. Andrew's Church, Harlem
2067 Fifth Avenue, 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



APRIL EVENTS

- 1 Hospitality Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
 - Grace serves at Loaves and Fish (3:00 PM, Trinity Campus)
 - 8 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
 - 15 Lay Eucharistic Training (9:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
 - 21 Staff Meeting (1:00 PM, Zoom)
 - 22 Grace in Grief (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
 - 18 Kathleen Brown's Funeral (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
 - 26 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Katrina DiLoreto | 3 | Frank Schneckner | 17 |
| Ellie Houghtaling | 3 | Marta "Marti" Bowen | 18 |
| Michael Pasieka | 3 | Warren Dyckman | 18 |
| Graham Gulian | 7 | Kara Pauline | 19 |
| Robert Pauline | 7 | Arlene Lazaro | 20 |
| Roger Rowe | 7 | Lisa Rosenbloom | 20 |
| Dorothée Caulfield | 8 | Domenic Valentine Triano | 22 |
| Randall Moeller | 8 | Charlie Gulian | 23 |
| Karen Otten | 8 | Hannah Ok Beaudreault | 24 |
| Sheryl Muth | 9 | Scott Hunt | 24 |
| April Lynn Dias | 11 | Maureen Washburn | 25 |
| Kayla Skylar Nixon | 13 | Elma Dixon | 26 |
| Ann Visconti | 13 | Synara Okyne-Aryee | 26 |
| Jonathan Blair | 15 | Frances King | 26 |
| Liam Houghtaling | 16 | Bill Plank | 29 |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| Donna and Neville Harvey | 12 |
| Kate and Steve Pendzuk | 24 |



CLERGY

The Rev. Hal Roark, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon

VESTRY

Darryl Moy, Warden Cecilia Quintero, Warden
Jo Ann McGrath, Clerk
Kate Pendzuk, Treasurer
Kellie Ishmael Maribeth Osgood
Milton Kerr Ed Shultz

STAFF

Tina Farrell and Tamsen Hernández, Parish Administrators
Carolyn R. Black, Music Director Emeritus
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.