

Grace Notes

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

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*"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight;
But if it be dark with clouds and rain, Winter is gone, and will not come again."*



I confess my favorite holiday is Groundhog Day. Silly, right? But I'm sure it's not much of a surprise to those of you who know me.

February 2nd is also known as Candlemas. Which is also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the

Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. On Candlemas, many Christians also take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.

What I love about February 2nd is the idea that things start over and over again. On February 19th, Fr. Hal will be joining us for his first Sunday. We will be starting over! But in actuality we will be continuing on and he will be starting over! We had our restart when we became Grace Church!

I have many deacon friends who are in churches going through the same things that Trinity and St. Paul's on the Hill faced over the last decade. We were blessed to already have this wonderful relationship between our two parishes and we really made good and wise decisions. We had solid leadership in Mother Cooper and Father Charlie and now we must move forward. I would be remiss not to mention Pastor Carole and the care she has offered us over this past year. There was not a night I laid my head on the pillow that I wasn't thankful for her care of our congregation. And now is the time to honor the past by looking forward to what is solidly upon us.

I am blessed to be your deacon and I am eager to work with Fr. Hal to move us into the future. The time is now; this is Grace's time. I know I sound like a broken record when I say we must ALL get busy! There is plenty to do! I look forward to cheering you on into the bright future. So grab a candle, hold it up, and ask God to bless it to shine Jesus' light on you and the work that you choose to engage.

See you in church!

Deacon Dorothee



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

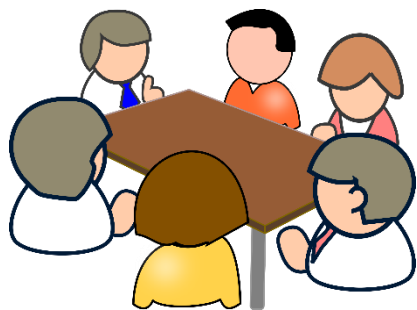
February 5	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Sr. Paul's Campus)	Epiphany 5
February 12	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Epiphany 6
February 19	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Last Sunday in Epiphany
February 26	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Lent 1

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

ANNUAL MEETING



The annual election of the Wardens and Vestry of this Parish shall take place on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall on our St. Paul's campus.

Our current wardens are Tam Hernández and Darryl Moy. Vestry Members are Mark Monroe, Kate Pendzuk, Kellie Ishmael, Milton Kerr, Maribeth Osgood, and Ed Shultz. The terms of Tam Hernandez (warden), Mark Monroe (vestry), and Kate Pendzuk (vestry) are expiring. Nominations are Cecilia

Quintero for Warden; Jo Ann McGrath and Kate Pendzuk for three-year terms on the vestry.

Ed Shultz has joined Monitor Hose and would like to step down from vestry. His term would end in 2025. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact either of our wardens, Darryl Moy and Tam Hernandez. Nominees should be eighteen years or older and who regular attendants at worship and contributors to the support of Grace for at least twelve months.

Nominations from the floor are also permissible at the meeting. Those eligible to vote must be eighteen years of age, baptized, and regular in attendance and support of Grace over the past twelve months.

WE WELCOME FR. HAL AND HIS FAMILY!



Fr. Hal Roark was born and raised in Rhode Island and graduated from Yale College in 1987 as a religious studies major. After college, he traveled to New Orleans, where he taught religion at a Roman Catholic high school for two years before earning a clinical social work degree from Tulane University. He practiced as an elementary and middle school social worker and administrator for many years in private and public schools in New Orleans.

His wife Lori has been an educator for over thirty years, and she is currently the middle school principal of the Birch Wathen Lennox private school in Manhattan. They have been married since 1995. They have one daughter, Lily, who recently graduated from Centre College in Kentucky, lives in Louisville, and works for Archetype, a global public relations firm.

As New Orleanians, Fr. Hal, Lori, and Lily went through hurricane Katrina in 2005, and as a result of that experience, Hal discerned a call to the Episcopal priesthood. He earned a master's in divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a diploma in Anglican studies from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale in 2013. Fr. Hal has served three congregations in Connecticut and New York and both he and Lori feel blessed to be joining Grace and to be living again in a small town like Ossining, which reminds them of their beloved neighborhood in New Orleans.

They like to cook, eat, read, camp in the Adirondacks and Catskills, travel, enjoy diverse cultures and people, and have fun. They recently adopted two long-haired adult rescue cats from the SPCA, which they named Theo and Alfie. They spoil them rotten.

Fr. Hal begins with us officially on February 15th and he and Lori hope as many people as possible can come to the Grace Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 19th, at our St. Paul's campus so they can meet everyone and celebrate this joyous new relationship.



A REPORT ON GRACE'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Richard Shaw, co-chair of our Investment Committee, sent the following to inform us on what drove last year's results, provide their market outlook, and describe our portfolio positioning. A full report of our investments will be presented at our February 19th annual meeting.

Last year saw extreme shocks to the global economy, including reopening challenges after COVID, a surge in commodity prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, soaring inflation, and an aggressive monetary policy instituted to control inflation, which drove weakness in stocks and bonds.

We expect the aftershocks of these events to dominate in 2023, principally in the form of still-elevated bond yields and inflation. For the US economy, we foresee a controlled slowdown, although a modest recession is also possible as the Fed attempts to slow growth just enough to keep inflation trending downward. We are not expecting a severe recession at this point.

The church's endowment is in a balanced diversified portfolio with an emphasis on equities and quality growth companies. Our forecast for a controlled slowdown or moderate recession with declining inflation suggests that the Fed is close to completing its hiking cycle (the time period between the month of the first increase in interest rates until the month before the first cut in rates), which should allow both bonds and stocks to post positive returns as volatility subsides.

2022 DONATION STATEMENTS

From Kate Pendzuk, our Treasurer:

Happy new year and I hope everyone is well. While I was getting the statements printed for this past Sunday, I left off something very important. And that was a **THANK YOU** for your continuing support of Grace Church!

Btw, If you don't receive your statement by February 11, 2023, please email treasurergraceossining@gmail.com or call me at (914) 523-8464 and I will get you another copy.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...GO!

2023 opens with New Beginnings...and a busy February. Let us know how you can participate and be involved.

- Grace Hospitality Committee kick off meeting was held. This committee will organize our fellowship events and let us know how we can help. Those at the meeting were Linnet Baker, Tam Hernández, Emerica Jusu-Davies, Barbara Mahlau, Jo Ann McGrath, Elfreda Okyne, Maribeth Osgood, and Melanie Rowe.
- Grace welcomes the homeless at our downtown campus from January 30th to February 20th. Yes, we need your help. For more information read on!
- One door closes and another opens. Join us as we say thank you to Pastor Carole on February 12th and welcome Fr. Hal on February 19th!
- Come in person to our Ganung Drive campus on Sunday, February 19th, to welcome Father Hal and stay for Grace's Annual Meeting
- Grace is looking for 1 person to serve a 2 year term on the vestry, contact either warden, Darryl or Tam
- Shrove Tuesday, February 21st: Are you ready for Gumbo for God, Jambalaya for Jesus, and Pancakes, too? Looking for Kitchen Angels to cook and serve.

Wardens: Tam Hernández (2023) tam.hernandez9@gmail.com
Darryl Moy (2024) darryl.moy@gmail.com

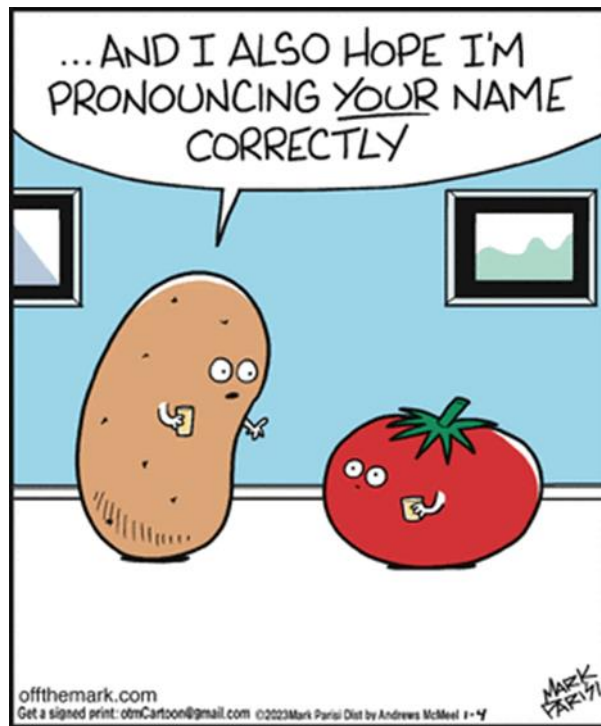
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GRACE CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are updating our church directory and Kate Pendzuk would like to start with taking pictures to update those in our 2020 (!) Directory.

If you have a photo you would like to use, please email it to her at treasurergraceossining@gmail.com. She will do her best to use it in the final listing!



HELP NEEDED

Thank you to all who stayed and helped put things away in preparation for welcoming the Emergency Shelter to our Trinity campus. On Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 AM the Altar Guild will be at the downtown campus changing everything for Lent and we would also like to get the cushions and candles back in place for the Sunday service. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the church office at churchoffice@graceossining.org.



BILL HUNT

September 1, 1925 - November 25, 2022

Long-time resident of Ossining, William (Bill) George Hunt II, aged 97, died in Briarcliff Manor on Thursday, November 25th, of natural causes.

Bill was predeceased by his loving wife, Aileen Hunt. He was deeply loved by his children, Barbara, Thomas (deceased), and Scott Hunt, as well as his four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Bill was a sheet metal worker who spent the last part of his career at Highland Sheet Metal in Ossining, NY, before retiring in 1988. Subsequently, he and Aileen volunteered to help create the Ossining Food Pantry, where he continued to volunteer for many years after its inception. For that work, Bill was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2007. Bill was also involved in other charitable works in the community, many of which were accomplished through his long-time membership at St. Paul's on the Hill Church.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Campus, on Saturday, February 4th, at 11:00 AM.

Donations in Bill's name can be made to:

The Ossining Food Pantry

P.O. Box 459

Ossining, NY 10562

TRAVELING SHELTER

We are currently hosting Ossining's Traveling Shelter until Monday morning, February 20th. We still need volunteers for dinner on February 10th, and all meals on February 11th, the 13th through 15th, and the 17th through the 19th. We need to provide food for 20 people for 3 meals. (Dinner, breakfast, and lunch). Dinners do not have to be individually wrapped and can be served. Please individually wrap and pack lunches. Food is to be brought in ready to serve each night to by 8:00 PM ([Click here](#) for more information on what's involved.)



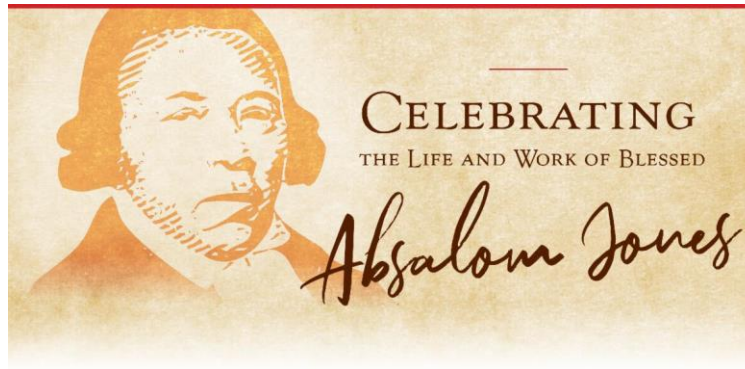
To sign up, [click here](#) to go to SignUpGenius and select your date(s), You just select the dates and meals you will be providing and then click on the Save & Continue button. You'll be asked for your name and email address.

Btw, there was a wonderful news report on Channel 12 about our shelter. [Click here](#) to view it. (Thank you, Kate, for sending this!)

GUMBO FOR GOD, JAMBALAYA FOR JESUS...AND PANCAKES!!



Shrove Tuesday Dinner is BACK!!! Get ready to join your Grace family in the Fellowship Hall on our St. Paul's campus on Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:00 PM. Darryl Moy is gathering his Kitchen Angels, a group which everyone can join! Further information will be sent on how you can contribute to this wonderful event. (Note: Fr. Hal is from New Orleans, so we may have to up our game!)



Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

1047 Amsterdam Avenue at West 112th Street, Manhattan

and

Via Zoom

The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche

Bishop of New York

Celebrant

Catherine Meeks, PhD.

Executive Director, Absalom Jones Episcopal Center

for Racial Healing

Preacher

The Service will held in-person at the Cathedral
with simultaneous access via Zoom.

Congregations are invited to send acolytes, ushers, clergy ~ and singers!

[Click here for more information and to register your congregation's participation!](#)



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~ Registration Now Open ~

Visit to the Jewish Museum

Followed by Lunch and Discussion
at the Church of the Heavenly Rest
Tuesday, March 21, at 10:00 AM.

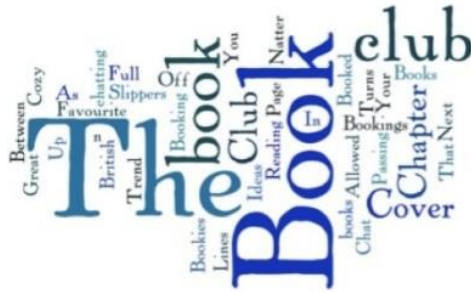
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of the Diocese of New York



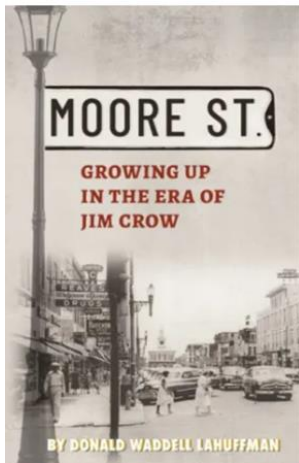
Cost: \$10 Including lunch

[Register Here](#)

The Jewish Museum is located at 5th Avenue and 93rd Street
in Manhattan.



TBC will have its Annual Champagne Toast later in 2023 when we can finally all gather in person! We know that in the next few weeks we will have much to celebrate as Fr. Hal and his family will begin their transition to Grace Church and their move to our rectory! Stay tuned.....



Our January 15th book discussion on **Moore Street: Growing Up In The Era of Jim Crow** was a robust Zoom Session which included the author Donald Waddell Lahuffman! He was pleased that Carolyn Black had suggested his book for TBC and had helped arrange for him to join us. He was inspired to publish highlights of his childhood, his church, and his community during the 2020 pandemic. He wanted to leave a record of the history and preserve the memory of Fayetteville, North Carolina, which had been a flourishing town during the 1940s through the 1960s. He was very intentional and specific in naming neighbors, teachers, and community leaders. (Our beloved Carolyn was the first name mentioned on his list of

VIPs!) He shared stories about the challenges and discriminatory policies of the Jim Crow era, as well as the importance of St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church and the First Baptist Church in offering hope and inspiration to its members. This event was truly such an interesting and outstanding highlight for TBC, it surpassed everyone’s expectations. Sherri and Michael Papamihalis are currently arranging to include *Moore Street* and the author to their church’s book club this year too!

Our closing reading for this meeting seemed perfect for our guest speaker who added to his legacy with this book:

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don’t, and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get the chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

-----Dr. Seuss

ALL ARE WELCOME AT TBC’S TABLE!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karen Pauline	2	Adam Wagner	18
Dhalya Baker Wagner	5	Doris Beresford	20
Donald W. L. Chadeayne	9	Abbigail Ruth Garcia	22
The Rev. Cooper Conway	9	Stephanie Silicato	22
Robert Docker	9	Emerica Jusu-Davies	23
Susan Holsten Madera	9	Evelyn Marie Steckmeister	24
Christina Cowan Richmod	12	Julie Gross	25
Kathen Cowan Reynolds	13	Brooke McGrath	25
Jeremiah Allen	14	Ian Robertson	25
Nicholas Kip	14	Audrey Del Bene	26
Linnet Baker	15	Jessica Bowen	29

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Janet Hughes and Diahann Malcolm 14

FEBRUARY EVENTS



4	Bill Hunt's Memorial Service
12	Pastor Carole's Last Service
15	REPAIR Meeting
17	Staff Meeting
19	Grace Annual Meeting
21	Shrove Tuesday
22	Ash Wednesday



CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Supply Priest
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon

ST. PAUL CAMPUS OFFICE

Tina Farrell, Administrator
Carolyn R. Black, Music Director Emeritus
Anthony Sena, Sexton

TRINITY CAMPUS OFFICE

Tam Hernández, Administrator
Katherine Pendzuk, Treasurer and Verger
Pablo Montoya, Sexton

VESTRY

Tam Hernández, Warden Darryl Moy, Warden
Mark Monroe, Clerk
Kate Pendzuk, Treasurer

Kellie Ishmael
Milton Kerr

Maribeth Osgood
Ed Shultz

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.