

Grace Notes

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

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True Confession. I sit here trying to think of something reassuring to say and I'm sorry that my heart is so heavy right now. I can't. I just can't.

As I write, we're on the eve of Memorial Day. A National Day of Mourning. And I feel that I'm in mourning for a country that has been betrayed. The men who died in service for our freedom have been betrayed. It is tradition to place flowers or flags on the graves of the fallen in war. Where can I go to place flowers on the graves of the children who died this week? Surely, they are victims of this current war we are subjected to. Is it a political war? Yes, but the victims in the most recent battle were, by majority, children. The same people who are fighting for their children not to wear masks during a pandemic are arming the fighters by neglect and intention.

I won't quote you a bunch of numbers and statistics about the rise in gun violence or how we compare to other countries for the honor of the most deaths by guns. You all are well-read and can see all that in the news for yourselves. But I want to address our responsibility in these matters. As many wise people say, follow the money.

In the case of assault weapons there is a lot of money. There's a ton of money behind the lobbyists for the right to bear arms – the second amendment! Imagine what the drafters of that amendment would think of assault weapons murdering innocent people in Buffalo and children in Texas – just to name the last week's murders.

Forgive me for my rant, I came home from a beautiful silent retreat that was my continuing education for the year. I grew in spirit and love for all of you, yet this week has been a tough reentry.

I need to encourage us not to be silent. To rant and be angry. Feel the feelings and then... DO SOMETHING. The worst thing we can do is say that I'm only one person, what can I do to make a difference? One person must do something. But not just one thing, do one thing *every* day. Write, call, text, email everyone in office you can. Help with get out the vote campaigns. Get involved. Get your friends involved.

We can't wait. We must act for change. Now.

I love you all and beg your forgiveness for this outburst. But you know me, I can't keep silent about this. Join me, won't you?

See you in church,

Deacon Dorothee



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

June 5	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Day of Pentecost
June 12	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Trinity Sunday
June 19	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 7
June 26	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Proper 8

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/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

On Monday, Friday, and Saturday, we pray the service of Compline on our Grace Ossining Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Our leaders are Lainie Murrell, Carolyn Black, and Graham Gulian. Thank you all!



Evening Prayers on Wednesdays

The Live Zoom service of Evening Prayers is on hiatus for the summer. In the next program year, we will see where the congregation is with its needs/wants for online services. Perhaps our new priest will have other creative liturgy ideas. It's our job to be ready to support our clergy in where God is calling them to lead us! Remember to keep our future priest and one another in your prayers.

PRIESTS FOR JUNE HOLIDAYS



On the Day of Pentecost, June 5th, the Rev. Canon Gloria E.E. Payne-Carter will be officiating. Before retiring, Mo. Gloria was rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Buffalo. Born in the West Indies, she migrated to the U.S. as a teenager. Her career spans 54 years during which she worked in the public and private sectors prior to ordination.

And on Trinity Sunday, June 12th, the Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate will be our priest. Mo. Yamily is the Liaison for Global Mission at the diocese, assisting the bishops in oversight of the diocese's global mission connections and relationships. She also works with local communities of the diocese to foster and develop their ministry partnerships at home and abroad.



FAREWELL TO OUR DEACON POSTULANT



The last year has brought many changes to the Ossining Churches who were formerly St. Paul's on the Hill and Trinity and are now happily Grace Episcopal. But before the official change, God had the sense to send us an angel named Lainie Murrell. Through the soft opening of the summer, worshiping outside and then through a couple of "should we open or stay online moments" in the winter, Lainie has supported me, Charlie, the wardens, and vestry! She stood proudly with us at convention when Grace Church was officially welcomed into the NY Diocese. She has calmly steered us through the reorganizing of our newly formed Stream Team and

always with her gentle manner kept us all on task. She has preached some amazing sermons and led the liturgy, as well as Monday evening Complines. Is there anything Lainie can't do? She has always been willing to pitch in at a moment's notice.

But now we must bid farewell as Lainie moves on to her third year of training towards her ordination as a deacon. This last year of formation will be in yet another church before May of 2023 when, God willing, she will be made a deacon in God's church. I know I'll be there to see it—will you join me?

June 19th will be Lainie's last Sunday with us. We will celebrate her at the picnic after the service at the St. Paul's campus. I know that we will keep her in our prayers as she finishes her training and who knows, perhaps she'll find her way back to Ossining as a deacon one day! We couldn't be more blessed to have had Lainie with us this year, I know I'll miss her. Come on the 19th and wish her well.

And here's a poem Lainie read at one of the Complines she led:

FOR THE INTERIM TIME

When near the end of day, life has drained
Out of light, and it is too soon
For the mind of night to have darkened things,

No place looks like itself, loss of outline
Makes everything look strangely in-between,
Unsure of what has been, or what might come.

In this wan light, even trees seem groundless.
In a while it will be night, but nothing
Here seems to believe the relief of dark.

You are in this time of the interim
Where everything seems withheld.

The path you took to get here has washed out;
The way forward is still concealed from you.

"The old is not old enough to have died away;
The new is still too young to be born."

You cannot lay claim to anything;
In this place of dusk,
Your eyes are blurred;
And there is no mirror.

Everyone else has lost sight of your heart
And you can see nowhere to put your trust;
You know you have to make your own way through.

As far as you can, hold your confidence.
Do not allow your confusion to squander
This call which is loosening
Your roots in false ground,
That you might come free
From all you have outgrown.

What is being transfigured here is your mind,
And it is difficult and slow to become new.
The more faithfully you can endure here,
The more refined your heart will become
For your arrival in the new dawn.

O'Donohue, John. *To Bless the Space Between Us* (pp. 120-121). The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

LOAVES AND FISH – FEEDING AND SERVING THE GREATER COMMUNITY

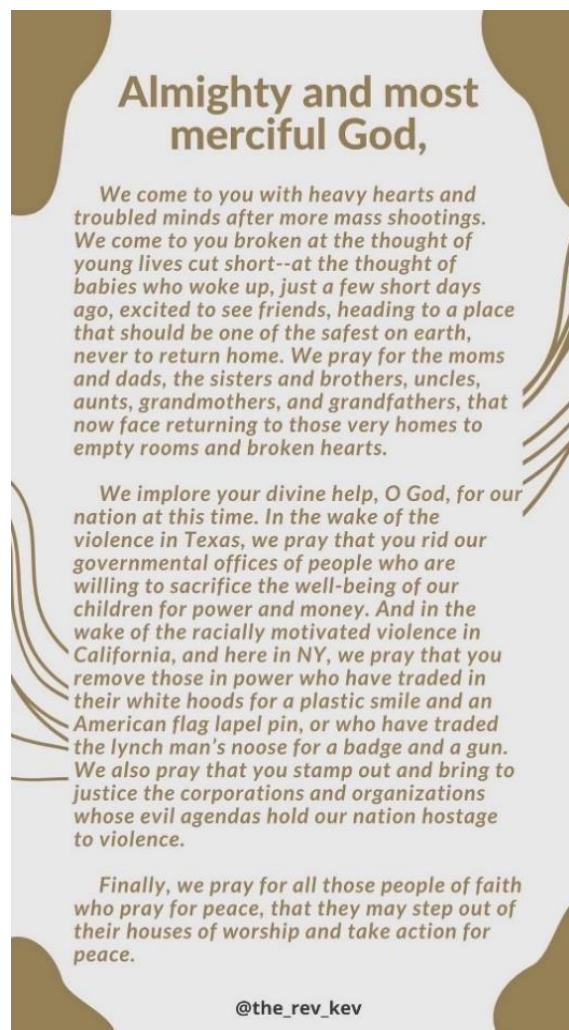


Throughout Covid, a team of parishioners lead by Ed Schultz cooked and assembled meals to be delivered for the Loaves and Fish program. Now that the threat of Covid is not as high, the program has returned to its original format of serving a free family-style meal every Saturday night in Potter Hall on our Trinity campus.

Several different teams take turns serving the meal. which includes generating a menu, preparing the food, setting the tables, waiting the tables, assembling meals to go, and cleaning up the hall and kitchen. Jo McGrath has taken the lead this year for the Grace Church Team, which currently consists of Mark and Sue Monroe, Darryl and Cha Moy, and Melanie Rowe. If you would like to join us know that we believe in the “many hands light work philosophy!” Please speak to any of the team members if you would like to help by cooking, serving, setting, cleaning, donating, or all of the above. Working together to share our gifts is the best way to share God’s Grace!

Our next date of service is Saturday July 2nd.

A PRAYER POSTED ON FACEBOOK BY THE REV. KEVIN VEITINGER, ALL SAINTS’ BRIARCLIFF



[This prayer was brought to my attention by Carolyn Black.]

This Unveiling

This is
the pressing question
of every age:

What is it that we cannot see?

For life is hiddenness,
as is God,
and we have been given
the gift of searching.

The unseen works on us, always.

Waves pulsing through our flesh, unfelt.
Forces pulling at our bodies. Forces
putting black bodies in cells en masse.

Each one underneath a veil of opacity that we call law.

*All that is hidden
is meant to be
revealed,*

yet revelation cannot be achieved.
It comes when it comes,
when it wants to unearth itself—
fall from the heavens like light
to those who have insisted it lay itself bare.

This unveiling,
daring us
to live differently.

Drew E. Jackson, "This Unveiling," *Oneing* 10, no. 1, *Unveiled* (Spring 2022): 89–90.
Reported in Richard Rohr Daily Meditation for June 2, 2022



VESTRY UPDATE

June? Can you believe we are almost halfway through the year? Your Vestry continues to do the work, big and small, to keep Grace running on all cylinders.

Last month we reported we planned on meeting with a potential priest candidate in May. Unfortunately Covid raised its head and we have rescheduled to meet later in June; please keep praying for an optimal match for Grace. In the interim, we are fortunate to have Carole Johannsen with us one Sunday a month (and every Wednesday) and the vestry has approved a supply priest for one additional Sunday each month along with several inspiring lay servant leaders providing Morning Prayer to round out our monthly services.

Saturday, June 11th, is the Ossining Village Fair, which is a terrific opportunity to let the community know who Grace is and what we offer the community. Please let Jo McGrath or the Wardens know if you can participate, we need your presence to make this a success. Volunteer today to help set up/break-down, Strawberry Festival, and join us in our booth. Without you we can't be Grace.

Maintaining two campuses is a formidable undertaking and we applied for two Diocesan grants addressing repairs and restoration. One grant is for the Trinity Narthex roof and the other is for a structural engineering report of the Potter Hall floor. The St. Paul's Lantern Shop/Office chimney flue will also be repaired this month. And...the rectory has been renovated in time for our new priest.

Our Grace website is live! If you haven't checked it out, here's our link: <https://graceossining.org/>

Please share your comments, thoughts, and prayers with either of the wardens or any vestry member. We welcome and need your input to ensure we are meeting your expectations.

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FIRST ANNUAL GRACE CHURCH PICNIC!



On June 19th, immediately following our Deacon Postulant Lainie Murrell's final service, we will celebrate her with our Grace Church First Annual Parish Picnic! Signup sheets have been placed in the narthex at each church. You may also contact either church office (914-941-6627 or 914-941-0896) or reply to one of the weekly email messages.

It's best when everyone pitches in in some way whether to make a side salad, dessert, or bring a beverage or serve on one of the teams: set-up, grilling, and clean-up. And feel free to sign up for as many tasks as you like!!! Questions and/or ideas? Contact Jo McGrath, mcgrathinator@gmail.com or call or text her at 914-409-8544 with any

And, yes, it is FATHERS' DAY! Bring your father, son, husband, brother, or anyone who has nurtured you through your life for a free burger or dog and some really great homemade desserts and salads! Let's make it a special day, celebrate Lainie, and spend time with a bunch of really nice people.



Grace Church is up and running and gathering speed every day—and our “annual events” are starting to come back. Like the little engine that could, we have bigger hills to climb. In February, we celebrated Father Mayer's time with us. In April, we had our first supper on Maundy Thursday, our Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, and special Coffee hour. In fact, just this month (June), we have the Village Fair, Strawberry Festival, and the Annual Parish Picnic! All of these have been organized and produced by the usual volunteers/kitchen angels. It's time to gather a gaggle of hosts and hostesses to work collaboratively to get the annual festivities (old and new) identified, organized, and produced.

So here is your chance to channel your creativity, share your talents, and make some new friends while serving the entire parish. The easiest way to connect with others is over food and laughs and working to get a job done! For now, we will refer to this group as a Hospitality Committee. (Have an idea for a catchier name? Tell us!) This committee will organize events, generate new ideas, tweak old events, solicit volunteers beyond committee members, and supervise a sign up for our newly simplified coffee hours.

Please reply to the *Grace Notes* email message or contact either church office (914-941-6627 or 914-941-0896) if you are interested in serving. If you're willing to be a chairperson or co-chairperson, please let us know!



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who will choose a Priest in Charge for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for us and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The search committee is in the final stages of finding a new priest for Grace Episcopal Church Ossining. Our task is not yet complete but we are hopeful that it will be soon. We began our work in October with the support of the Office of Transition Ministry and its director, the Reverend Canon Nora Smith, and worked diligently in our efforts to present Grace Church accurately to all candidates through our Profile. We evaluated the resumes and profiles of all applicants and chose a group to move on to recorded video interviews. From that group, we chose finalists to visit our campuses and meet with our vestry. The search committee will now work through the process of discernment finally passing the best candidate(s) on to the vestry for final approval. Visit(s) were scheduled for the end of May but had to be postponed to a later date due to COVID.

The committee has been dedicated from the start to finding the best person to lead us spiritually into the future. We pray that – with your prayers – our work will result in amazing Grace!

Grace Ossining Search Committee

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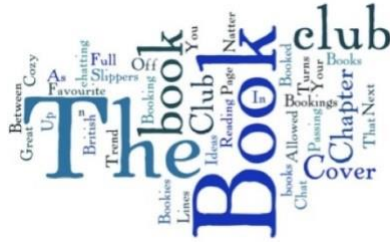
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Looking forward to seeing you all when we next convene to discuss *Pachinko* on Sunday, June 26th. (Think about food options for our gathering on June 26th too!)

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR OUR POSSIBLE TBC FUTURE BOOKS

Given the recent intense news headlines, the Omicron spike, and early summer heatwaves, I tried to mix it up a bit and included some wisdom, some informative, and some light options for us to read. This list is just a suggestion so feel free to add some other titles!

Note To Self by Gayle King

[Note to Self | Book by Gayle King | Official Publisher Page | Simon & Schuster \(simonandschuster.com\)](#)

We Need To Talk: How To Have Conversations That Matter by Celeste Headlee

[Celeste Headlee Discusses Her New Book, "We Need To Talk: How To Have Conversations That Matter" - Bing video](#) 28min.

We Had a Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans and Comedy by Kliph Nesteroff

[We Had a Little Real Estate Problem: The Unheralded Story of Native Americans and Comedy by Kliph Nesteroff \(goodreads.com\)](#)

Fat Ham by James Ijames whose play which was based on his book has just won a Pulitzer Prize for drama.

[James Ijames on "Fat Ham," the South, and Embodying the Story – Southern Review of Books](#)

Meanwhile stay cool, calm, and enjoy some good books this summer.



Cecilia Quintero



What are you doing the weekend of June 11th this year? Why are we asking? The Ossining Village Fair. Trinity is known for our Strawberry Festival and with our new church (and our new priest 🙏 🙏 ?), a new presence is needed. This is a great opportunity to showcase our Grace mission and ministry to the Ossining community and we need you, our Grace community. Yes, we **still** need volunteers!!! There's a signup sheet at church, so please let us know if you can help us!



JUNE EVENTS

5	Pentecost
5	Dance Recital (Ann Gulian)
11	Ossining Village Fair
12	Trinity Sunday
15	REPAIR meets
17	Staff Meeting
19	Church Picnic and Farewell to Lainie
22	Vestry Meeting



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Orfino	1	Jan Barrows	14
Isabella Catherine Gentile	1	Kim Lee Howard	15
Arthur Hightower	2	Joe Crute	16
Sarah Davis	6	Joe Crute	16
Beth Pollack	6	Georgie Docker	16
Julianna Piscitelli (Carolyn Black's granddaughter)	6	Betty Barrows	21
Dina Flihan	8	Cha Moy	23
Theodora Moeller	8	Catherine Rosenbloom	23
Rick Shedden	8	Asa Barnes	24
Leah Barceló	12	Scott Rowe	24
Lori Liberti	13	Alex Pasioka	26
		Nunzio Liberti	27

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Peter and Dina Flihan	2
John and Brenda Dias	5
Darryl and Cha Moy	7
David and Karen Kamp	16
Glenn and Joanne Prince	17
Arlene and Ronald Lazaro	23
Frank and Marian Schneckner	24



CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Supply Priest
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon
Lainie Murrell, Deacon-in-Formation

ST. PAUL CAMPUS OFFICE

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

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Pablo Montoya, Sexton

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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.

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