

# Grace Notes

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

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Lent...

It's that time of year when the days are starting to have more light at the beginning and the end. And the light has that extra feeling of warmth to it as our planet turns closer to the sun's face. I think this is a good metaphor for where we are right now as Grace Church. We've been through the darkest part of our transition and now we're turning towards the light. Just like we move through Lent to Easter.

But it's important not to rush through the season. We have a lot to learn about God and ourselves as we continue on this journey.

While we move through these 40 days, we have an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the new thing God is going to be doing with and through us. Later in this newsletter, you'll hear about opportunities to be involved with the Ukrainian church and people. I want to say a special thank you to the SJMC (Social Justice Mission Committee) especially Ed Schulz who felt that we had to do something. The people of Grace Church don't sit idly by and allow the world's woes to hold us down. This is one of the remarkable things about our congregation. Yes, we help each other, and we are moved beyond our own needs to meet the needs of the community and the world. Yay us!

As important as it is to be doers of the word, it is equally important to be. To take the time to be still and know who God is. Can we take this season of Lent and learn more about God and ourselves? Can we find ways to feed our souls through service and prayer? This wonderful newsletter will offer ideas and if you need more, email me! I'm happy to help you find a spiritual devotional that speaks to you.

My prayer is that we all slow down just enough to find peace in the midst of the chaos that surrounds us. AND remember to pray for our future priest who God is preparing for us as I write.

See you in church,  
Deacon Dorothee



### OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

March 2	Noon	Ash Wednesday	
March 6	10:30 AM	Communion at our St. Paul's Campus	Lent 1
March 13	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer at our St. Paul's Campus	Lent 2
March 20	10:30 AM	Communion at our Trinity Campus	Lent 3
March 27	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer at our Trinity Campus	Lent 4

All Sunday services will be live-streamed to our Grace Facebook page and to 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](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! On Wednesdays, Deacon Dorothee leads a Zoom service of Evening Prayers at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is sent at 5:00 PM that day.



The Rev. Stephen Trever will be officiating at our Lent I and Palm Sunday Eucharists. Ordained in the Diocese of Massachusetts, Fr. Trever moved to New York City in 2018 from the California Bay Area, where he served as Rector of St. Anne's in Fremont and previously Assistant Rector at St. Mark's in Berkeley. In addition to spending time with his wife Lisa, daughter Maddie, and dog Flora, he enjoys vegetarian cooking and playing bass.

## A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



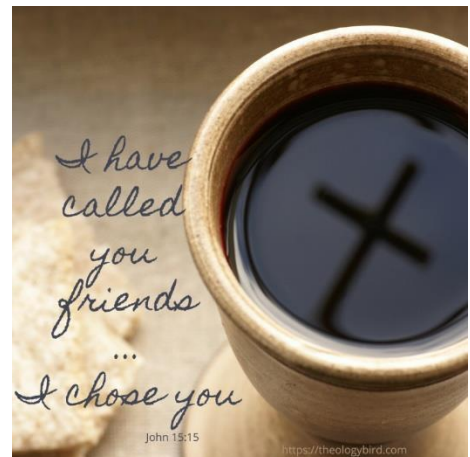
God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY PLANS

The Altar Guild is making plans to serve a parish community dinner in the parish hall at the St. Paul's campus preceding a Holy Thursday service led by Deacon Dorothee. Both the dinner and the service will be simple. Dinner will be family style and provided at no cost. Donations for meals will be accepted (of course) and any money collected beyond the cost of the dinner will be donated to local organizations helping families with food insecurity. The service will include liturgy and homily and conclude with the traditional stripping of the altar. An altar of repose will be at the Trinity Campus following the service for you to visit from 9:00 PM through 9:00 AM on Good Friday.

For information, please contact Jo McGrath 914-409-8544 (call or text) or [mcgrathinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcgrathinator@gmail.com)



# FAREWELL, FR. CHARLIE!



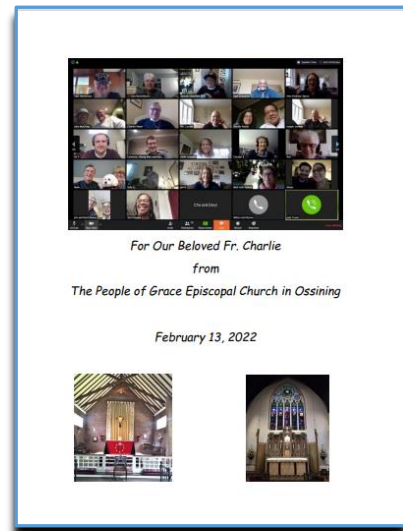
Fr. Charlie at Consecration



Fr. Charlie distributes Communion



The Cake!



Our Book of Remembrances



We're Not as Glad about This as We Look!



## HOW CAN WE HELP UKRAINE?



On February 24th, 2022, the Russian Federation began an invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine from the north, east, and south after a two-month buildup of troops on its borders. Despite the claims of the Russian Government that the war is to protect Russian minorities living in eastern Ukrainian provinces, the majority of forces have been committed to taking over Kyiv and Kharkiv, the country's capital and its second largest city. Intelligence

suggests that Russian leadership is looking to install a pro-Russian government and imprison (or even execute) the current Ukrainian president and top officials. There is strong evidence suggesting war crimes have already been committed and Russia has openly speculated about using thermobaric and other weapons of mass destruction that could possibly kill tens of thousands. Some new outlets estimate that already over 300 Ukrainian citizens have been killed in the fighting so far.

While this event may seem overwhelming in scope and quite distant, there are in fact things we can do in our everyday lives that can show support and have a beneficial impact on the people of Ukraine. First of all, try to use the phrases "Russian Invasion" or "the invasion of Ukraine" when referring to the current situation online or talking in person with others. Some media outlets who are pro-Russian or have vested interests are trying to use softer language like "Military Operation", "Ukraine Crisis", or other terms that paint an inaccurate (and less dire) picture of the situation.

Currently the European Union and United States are coordinating to put in place a wide range of sanctions to cripple the Russian economy. It is important at this time to make the distinction that while the Russian government supports the invasion, the majority of Russian citizens do not. Thousands have already come out in protest in cities across Russia (including Moscow and St. Petersburg) and hundreds have been arrested. With this in mind, locally owned Russian businesses you may frequent should continue to receive your support. Unless they vocally and openly support the invasion, they are very likely to be strongly against it and may have relatives in the Ukraine at this moment that are in harm's way.

Grace Episcopal Church contacted a representative from the New York Office of the Ukrainian World Congress (<https://www.ukrainianworldcongress.org/>) based in Toronto, Canada. They stated at this time monetary donations would be most appreciated as the funding could be directed to the most-needed resources. There is also a link on their webpage that is a form letter that you can copy + paste and send to your local congressional leader demanding an end to Russian aggression (although thus far it seems like the U.S. has had a surprisingly firm response and show of support thus far) located at this link. <https://www.ukrainianworldcongress.org/about/priorities/end-russian->

aggression/. They may reach out to us in the future if activities like food and clothing drives or sending care packages would become more viable to send in terms of logistics.

There are dozens of charities to assist the Ukrainian people. These may be found on Google or listed in daily newspapers covering the invasion. It is strongly suggested that before donating to a particular cause, you properly vet it through <https://www.charitynavigator.org/> or other watchdog websites. This ensures that the majority of your donation is going to the cause of your choice (as opposed to administrative costs) and that its financials are transparent. You may also want to check if it's in good standing with the Better Business Bureau (<http://www.bbb.org>).

We have reached out to local Ukrainian churches in order to show our support and are waiting to hear back if there is anything we can do. Brighton Beach in Brooklyn has already had a candlelight vigil in support of Ukraine during this time, and if there are other events in the future, we may arrange for Grace Episcopal Church to show support.

If you have any questions, please address them with either Deacon Dorothee or a member of the Social Justice Mission Committee.

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On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we elected a new vestry for Grace Ossining. They have already met to begin their work. And here's who they are with their emails, in case you wish to contact them.

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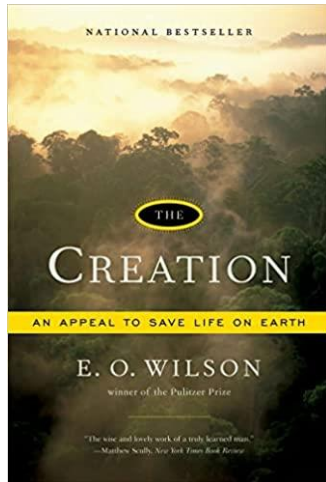
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## NEW BIBLE DISCUSSION

Our discussion group is planning to reconvene on Sunday, March 13th, to discuss E.O. Wilson's *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*. Called "one of the greatest men alive" by The Times of London, E. O. Wilson proposes an historic partnership between scientists and religious leaders to preserve Earth's rapidly vanishing biodiversity. And this fits in so well with our mission: 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. Please consider participating!

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## THE GREAT WHEELCHAIR RACE

from Carolyn Black (and Marian Schneckner)

Back in 2012, the doctors decided that I needed surgery for spinal stenosis and Marian, my dear friend, needed a full knee replacement. She decided to go to the Hospital for Special Surgery and I decided to go to Hudson Valley Hospital near home. Our surgical dates coincided with each other; we both decided to go to Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains for their intense physical therapy. We arrived there on the same day. She was placed in a wing around the corner and down the hall from my room, and I was placed in a room with another patient who had also had back surgery.



We were never taken to our exercise classes at the same time, so we had to make special time to see each other in hospital. We always had lots of visitors from the church and her large, engaging family always made time to come visit me when they visited her.

One Sunday afternoon, after attending Mass, her brother Jimmy and sister-in-law Donna met me coming from Mass. Jimmy took one look at those long, wide, empty hallways and said "Okay, let's have a wheelchair race!" I, of course, said, "Okay!" I figured I could win because Marian was also complaining about her aching shoulders. Jimmy and Donna urged us on with "one, two, three, GO!" Laughing loudly, we took off down the hallway trying to be first at the finish line. We ended up with me as the winner!!! We laughed and laughed. It was such fun!

It is still a source of merriment to this day--10 years later!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE  
PHASE II OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON MARCH 15!



Phase I of the Grace Church's search for a new priest was completed in January when our Parish Profile and accompanying support documents were forwarded to Canon Nora Smith at the New York diocese Office of Transition Ministry and went public on our new [www.graceossining.org](http://www.graceossining.org) website. If you have not visited to view the profile, we urge you to do so! There you will find the profile and its

linked documents including a visual letter about Ossining, a photo journal of Grace Episcopal Church, and a portfolio containing answers to standard questions posed by the diocese.

Phase II of the search process unofficially began with Canon Nora attending our January 25 meeting. We are currently waiting for applications from interested candidates. (The deadline for submission is March 15.) (Interestingly, our weekly meeting schedule resumes on March 15 with Canon Nora in attendance.) During that meeting we will review our mission going forward including formulating interview questions with Canon Nora's guidance.

Following a committee review of the candidate applications, the committee will conduct interviews with selected candidates. A second round of interviews is likely as we carefully and prayerfully narrow our selection process. Our goal is to provide the vestry with our recommendations as quickly as possible while also making sure we take the time necessary to find the right priest for Grace Church.

We are aware of the importance of having a priest for Grace as we continue our new journey. We ask for your prayers for wisdom and that God will bring us the candidate that we need. As always, please contact any of us with any questions, suggestions, and/or concerns you might have about our process and progress.

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## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

We continue to work to present a unified presence for Grace Ossining across social media. We now post our livestreamed services only on our Grace Ossining Facebook page. We will be closing the private Friends of Grace Ossining page in a few weeks, as we want to drive as many people to our online presence as possible and your wonderful postings should be seen by as many people as possible. And we are close to going live with a full Grace website. The Communications Task Force has approved the site design and will soon be populating the site with information. Watch this space!

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## MARCH EVENTS

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| 2  | Ash Wednesday  |
| 2  | Vestry Meeting |
| 16 | REPAIR meets   |
| 18 | Staff Meeting  |
| 23 | Vestry Meeting |




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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alexander Pollack	1	Elissa DeLuccy	19
Sarah Brewster	4	Terri Roman	19
Helen Ishmael	5	John Joseph Dias IV	21
Liliana Rose DeOliveira-Scappaticci	10	Brenda Dias	22
Salvatore James Triano	11	Steven Pendzuk	25
Robert Brocchi	13	Maxwell Ishmael	26
Margaret Morse	15	Max Gulian	30
Sean Docker	17	David Kamp	30
Jack McClung	18	Christopher Boswell, Sr.	31

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Cameron and Hyangmok Beaudreault	17
Robert and Lisa Rosenbloom	28



### **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

#### **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.

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