

# Grace Notes

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

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Hi Everyone!

Lori and I are thrilled to be here, and we are off to a great start together as a parish community. In fact, in our first week together, we celebrated two Eucharists (one at the historic Trinity campus and one at the historic St. Paul's campus), an Annual Meeting, two Ash Wednesday services (one at each campus) and a vestry meeting two days later. Wow! I'm excited by what I am experiencing, and I'm thrilled to be here for the start of Lent!



Lent, as you know, is the season when we take a hard look at ourselves and our relationship with God to improve ourselves and our relationship with God. We improve our relationship with God in lots of ways, including using spiritual disciplines—ancient spiritual practices that deepen our understanding of and connection to God.

Last Sunday, for example, we spoke about ancient disciplines that help combat temptations. This Sunday during our worship at the St. Paul's campus, we will talk about Jesus' teaching about how to deepen the felt presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Come!

I love to preach, and I promise you I will always deliver a sermon that strives hard to give you a worthwhile insight and, potentially, even a new perspective into the topic at hand. I love good, interesting, thought-provoking sermons that leave me with some delicious spiritual beef-jerky to chew on and consider all week, and I promise that's the kind of sermon I'll provide for you weekly. Come see for yourself!

My cell phone number is (504) 650-3278. Please don't hesitate to contact me when I can be of any service and support to you in any way. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and to building a wonderful relationship with you.

Let's remember each other in our prayers.

Lenten blessings to you and yours,

Faithfully,

Fr. Hal+



## DEACON BEACON

Our society does not value being demoted appropriately! If you follow the daily office, you know that the weeks leading up to Lent in Year 1 of the lectionary readings had a lot of John the Baptist readings. He's an example of someone who was demoted. Many of his followers thought he was the Messiah. A role he never claimed for himself, yet he had a very large following, so large in fact that Jesus himself went to John to be baptized in the Jordan. John was very clear about his role and the difference between himself and his cousin Jesus.

I am thrilled to be demoted from the lead article of this august newsletter to the 'second banana!' I was never your lead clergy, nor did I lead anyone to believe that, yet like John the Baptist, I was thrust into an outward facing clergy role I never intended to have or promote.

With the arrival of Fr. Hal, we have a leader in every appropriate way. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue in my diaconal role with the good people of Grace in Ossining. Fr. Hal is a colleague that I am excited to work with. He is collaborative, intelligent, kind, and encouraging. We have hit the priest jackpot!

We now have the opportunity to set all worry and anxiety aside for real. We must continue with the things that make us so special in our community and it's time to put our dreams into action. What new things will we dream into action? Where and how can we expand our current dreams? What is God calling us to be, do, or achieve that make us more the creation God wants us to embody?

I'm here to be your cheerleader. Have an idea, call, text or email me or Fr. Hal.

And, as always, know that each and every one of you are in my prayers daily. At the beginning of the pandemic, I started praying the directory. Literally. And now your names are etched on my heart.

With love,

Deacon Dorothée



### OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

March 5	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Lent 2
March 12	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Lent 3
March 19	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Lent 4
March 26	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Lent 5

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA)

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**This Lent, keep the chocolate and give up  
Bigotry, Judgment, Misogyny, Hatred, Bias, &  
Divisiveness!  
Love God, Love your neighbor.  
No Exceptions**



## VESTRY REPORT

Welcome Spring! Grace opened 2023 with a burst of activity and we look forward to your participation in the continuing fun and excitement the rest of the year. Welcome Father Hal! (FYI, he prefers to be called Hal). He's looking forward to meeting everyone so come and say Hello...

- Grace hosted the homeless for 3 weeks and our Downtown campus was highlighted on local 12 News story on the homeless. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent\$\$\$\$, it was much appreciated by our guests.
- We bid farewell to Carole and thanked her for her gracious time.
- We welcomed Hal and Lori, held our Annual Meeting, rebooted our Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Festival Dinner (if you missed it, you missed a great time, delicious food, and terrific community), and had 2 Ash Wednesday services... All in 1 week! Lenten Blessings!
- Mark your calendar, Saturday, June 10th, to join Grace at the Ossining Village Fair.
- The Vestry held its first meeting since the Annual Meeting and there are many things on the To-Do list. Stay tuned. Ask us questions. Let us know how you can help.

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## LOAVES AND FISH



The Loaves and Fishes Community Service Group, consisting of several different teams from Ossining, Briarcliff, and Croton, serves a hot nutritious dinner with dessert to about 25 sit down guests and distributes about 40 meals for pick up every Saturday night out of Potter Hall at our Trinity Campus.

The members of the Grace Episcopal Church team, Mark and Sue Monroe, Darryl and Cha Moy, Melanie Rowe, Jean Bonito, Alison Ford, Elfreda Okyne, Bev Vailiancourt, Ed Shultz, and Jo McGrath will be serving twice during the first half of 2023.

Our first scheduled meal this spring will be served on Saturday, April 1. The second meal is scheduled for June 24. 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 by phone or text (914-409-8544), email ([mcgrathinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcgrathinator@gmail.com)) or in church on Sunday.

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

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## AND IN FEBRUARY...

### WE SAID FAREWELL TO PASTOR CAROLE



The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen led us in Holy Eucharist, visited our homebound, created the Grace Grief Group, and generally kept us spiritually healthy while we searched for a full-time priest. We celebrated her on February 12<sup>th</sup> after her last service with us (in this capacity!) with a brunch, cake, a beautiful flower arrangement, and a Harry Potter Sorting Hat card, signed by all her fans at Grace. No pictures because we were all too busy wishing her well. Thank you so much, Carole!



WE WELCOMED FR. HAL...



... HELD OUR SECOND ANNUAL MEETING...



...AND CONTINUED OUR TRADITION—  
GUMBO FOR GOD, JAMBALAYA FOR JESUS...AND PANCAKES!!





## KATHLEEN BROWN

August 1921–December 2022



Kathleen Brown, resident of Briarcliff Manor for many years, passed away peacefully on December 16, 2022, with her beloved, devoted daughters by her side. Widowed at age 39, Kathleen made her daughters the center of her life. Kathleen is survived by her daughters Pamela Murray, Patricia Gonsalves and her husband Carl Gonsalves; granddaughter Jackie Shaw and her husband Richard Shaw; great grandchildren, Tyler and Alexa Shaw; nieces, Greta Rodgers, Susan Chang, and Gloria McIntosh; and nephew, Tino Rowe and their families.

Kathleen was passionate about education and she pursued higher education in London, England, later becoming an English teacher. She held her teaching position for many years

prior to switching to a career at JPMorgan Chase where she worked in the Corporate Bond Department until her retirement.

She enjoyed reading, cooking, baking, traveling, and shopping. She touched the hearts of those who knew her throughout her life with her kindness and compassion. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Those wishing to honor Kathleen's memory with a memorial contribution are kindly asked to consider donating to No Kid Hungry (<https://www.nokidhungry.org>)

If you prefer to donate by mail, please send payment to:

Share Our Strength, P.O. Box 75475, Baltimore MD 21275-5475

We are having a service to celebrate her life on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at our Trinity campus. The service will be followed by a reception in Potter Hall to which all are invited!





### A TRUE STORY BY CAROLYN BLACK

At 20 years of age, I returned to college with my 1 ½ year old daughter to live on my own in an apartment away from my campus. It was still the time of Jim Crow and this was the South. My husband left me with a stick shift Sprite—he went to New York City to try his hand at being an artist after 13 months in Viet Nam—and gave me one lesson on how to drive this British car.

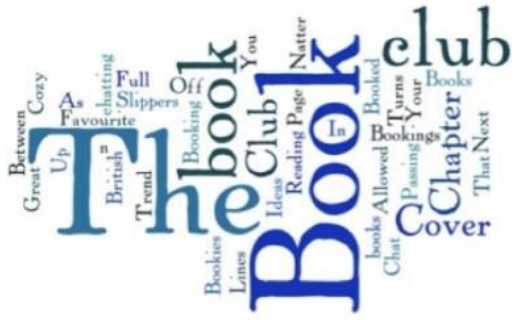
One afternoon, after going to the grocery store with my daughter in her car seat, my small terrier dog in the back seat and the top down on the car, I came to a stop at the top of a hill because of a red light. I started to panic when I saw a huge city bus right behind me. I tried valiantly to keep the car going, making sure the clutch was engaged and the shift was in the correct gear to take off when the light turned green.

The light turned green! The car cut off! I tried to get it started again! The car cut off. I tried as the light turned red and then green again. Meanwhile, the bus driver and all the folks on the bus were laughing hysterically as the dog jumped out of the car, my daughter started crying, and I did too. But the driver never blew his horn and I was so grateful for that.

I said a short prayer,

“Lord, please help me.” And He did! The car started and I waved to all the people on the bus as they clapped when I took off through the light, sighing with relief. When I got home, there was the dog, waiting.





## TBC CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY THIS MARCH 2023!

From Cecilia Quintero:



I cannot believe that 20 years has flown by since our original group thought it would be a good idea to gather together to meet and discuss selected books during the year. We first met on March 31, 2003, at Lorraine Baird's home and our first book, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Siebold, began a beautiful fellowship which has welcomed members from our extended community. TBC has offered us a safe space to learn, share, comfort, and honor each other during the year. I think this occasion is definitely a good time to think about scheduling our annual toast and find some worthy cause to support in thanksgiving for the gift of your time, insights, and contributions at our TBC table! I am hoping that we can plan an in-person event, at a mutually convenient date and time, sometime before the end of March to raise a glass, enjoy our robust buffet, and make plans for the next chapter in our journey together in 2023! Meanwhile make note of whatever books you would like us to consider for our upcoming schedule.

Thanks for the support, time, and talent you all have so generously offered in helping TBC thrive and grow since 2003!

All Are Welcome!



# 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.)

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

### Questions?

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## A LENTEN SUGGESTION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Alexander Pollack	1	Terri Roman	19
Sarah Brewster	4	John Joseph Dias IV	21
Helen Ishmael	5	Brenda Dias	22
Liliana Rose DeOliveira-Scappaticci	10	Fr. Hal Roark	24
Salvatore James Triano	11	Steven Pendzuk	25
Robert Brocchi	13	Maxwell Ishmael	26
Margaret Morse	15	Max Gulian	30
Lily Roark	16	David Kamp	30
Sean Docker	17	Christopher Boswell, Sr.	31
Elissa DeLuccy	19		

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Cameron and Hyangmok Beaudreault 17

### **MARCH EVENTS**

- 4 Hospitality Committee (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 11 Grace Grief Group (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 15 REPAIR Meets (7:30 PM, Zoom)
- 17 Staff Meeting (1:00 PM, Zoom)
- 18 Kathleen Brown's Funeral (11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
- 22 Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM, location TBD)
- 25 Grace Grief Group (10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)



### **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 Tam Hernández, Parish Administrators  
Carolyn R. Black, Music Director Emeritus  
Katherine Pendzuk, Verger, Trinity Campus  
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.