# Grace Notes

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

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### 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.

As we gathered with our neighbors at All Saints' Church for a beautiful outdoor All Saints service, I was moved as always by our remembrances of the saints who have gone before us. With their names written on a large outdoor whiteboard, the visual effect was of a tapestry of lives shared collectively by the gathered community, lives that have been central in bringing us to this moment. In a very real way, we share those lives: they comprise the specific Communion of Saints that has gone before us.

This got me thinking about something that hadn't quite occurred to me previously, which is this: we are just now beginning a new community which will have its own Communion of Saints as we go forward into the future that awaits us. It is exciting to wonder about who will comprise the Communion of Saints that is specific to Grace Episcopal Church in Ossining. Some of them we know, of course - we are surrounded by them, and they include each of us! Others, though, are waiting in God's future. Our Vestry has created a Mission Statement which includes the words that "Grace Church embraces and serves all people." Inclusivity is to be a hallmark of our life together as a parish, so our vision and prayer is that the saints who await us will represent a radically diverse cross-section of society.

I invite you to pray for new saints to become a part of our family: gay and straight, young and old, of all races and ethnicities, from all walks of life. Pray for our Search Committee as it seeks a priest who will embrace this vision and lead us into such a future. Open your hearts to being a part of a Communion of Saints that reflects the beauty of God's Creation in all its richness and complexity. Pray for grace to be a church that lives up to its name, bringing God's grace to our world through saints who know they are welcome and loved, and who respond by seeking to love and serve in thanksgiving for all they have been given.

Grace be with you!

Charlie+



**OUR UPCOMING SERVICES** 

November 7	10:30 AM	Communion at Trinity Campus (Rite I)	Proper 27
November 14	10:30 AM	Communion at St. Paul's Campus (Rite II)	Proper 28
November 21	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer at Trinity Campus (Rite I)	Christ the King
November 28	10:30 AM	Communion at St. Paul's Campus (Rite II)	Advent 1

All Sunday services will be live-streamed to the Facebook page of the host campus and to our joint YouTube channel. And you can also find them there after the service is over. The links are:

St. Paul's Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsossining/</u> Trinity's Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/trinityossining</u> YouTube Channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJIIxWU82\_ucCKEGA</u>

On Monday, Friday, and Saturday, we pray the service of Compline on our Facebook pages and our YouTube channel. Our leaders are Fr. Mayer, Carolyn Black, and Graham Gulian. Thank you all!

On Wednesdays, Deacon Dorothée leads a Zoom service of Evening Prayers at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is sent at 5:00 that day.



**DEACON BEACON** 

Yikes! It's November! I am a member of Grace Church's Communications Task Force; we have been meeting on a very regular basis and recently needed to schedule a meeting... We hit a brick wall. We're a small but mighty group of five people and finding a time to meet nearly caused the group to disband! Five rounds of Doodle polling and we were finally able to set a date for later in the month.

This exercise made me think of a recent sermon I preached where I mentioned the overscheduling of children. Is it possible that that word from God was really meant for me? I suspect it was!

Along with my fulltime job as parish administrator at Christ Church and San Marcos in Tarrytown, I am a spiritual director with six clients as well as working part-time for the Guild for Spiritual Guidance. Then there's the one-off things like Election Inspector and the like... Of course, add in the volunteer work I do as Deacon for Grace Church and Ossining Prison Ministry and it's no wonder that finding one more hour in my week is difficult!

I say this because I'm wondering if we're all over-scheduled. I was not the only one of our Task Force with many, many commitments for our time. Is it right that I must schedule in visits with my grandchildren? At least I do that! But what's the toll, what do I not have time for?

What do you not make time for? When the "busy rush of life is over and our work is done," will I say "Wow! I wish I had one more hour booked for xyz" or will I say I've made time for all the important people and things in my life?

Needless to say, I'm writing this Deacon Beacon a week after it was due to the editor for publishing! But Tam reassured me I'm not the only late entry!!

Bless you all and see you in church,

Deacon Dorothée

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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our search for a new Priest-in-Charge has officially begun! The committee--consisting of Barbara Bethea, Alexis Cullen, Jo McGrath (co-chair), Darryl Moy, Cecilia Quintero, Richard Shaw (co-chair), Ed Schultz and Melanie Rowe--convened for its first meeting on Tuesday, October 26, and is scheduled to meet every Tuesday until our task is complete.

Fr. Charles Mayer will serve as consultant and diocesan liaison. We have much to accomplish but we all feel we are up to the task- ready, willing, and able to "Get this Done." Our most important task at this point in the search is to hear what our parishioners think and feel about our future and our new Priest.

We are committed to our role as vital "listeners" in this process. With that in mind, we are each committed to listening and hearing what all have to share about what kind of person you envision to be the best for the vitality of Grace Episcopal Church Ossining.

Please feel free to communicate personally with any of us via email, phone, or direct conversation as often as you like. We are all listed in the Joint Church Directory! Thank you for your support.

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I am writing to thank our Regathering Committee (Margery Barnes, Carolyn Black, Deacon Dorothée, Chris Fasulo, Tam Hernández, Sue Monroe, Kate Pendzuk, Melanie Rowe, and Ed Shultz) from the bottom of my heart for their extraordinary work navigating our parish through the pandemic. There was no more important task than keeping us all safe - and they were extraordinarily discerning and careful in doing just that. I am so grateful to all of you.

Now, as we roll the work of the Committee back into the work of the Vestry, praying that we will continue in a reopened state (under very new circumstances!), we look forward to being Grace Episcopal Church together. May God bless us all as we live into a new future.

Blessings,

Charlie+



# THANKSGIVING/STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK

Please put November 14<sup>th</sup> immediately after service on your calendar for a Potluck Lunch in the fellowship hall on the Hill. Fr. Charlie and your stewardship coordinators, Margery Barnes and Sally Evans, have set this time aside for us to gather, talk, and relax over our favorite Potluck Comfort Foods. They will tell you about their ideas for stewardship and give you the opportunity to participate in a "getting to know each other" time for a new Annotated Directory, So please come and be prepared to enjoy relaxing time with relaxing food and sharing new things about yourselves. We hope to see everyone there!



Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up fast, which means...it's time for wreaths.

Wreaths, really? Yes.

Similar to last year, Grace Church will be selling undecorated wreaths from our St. Paul's campus. Yes, these are the beautiful double-faced balsam wreaths we have sold in the past.

There are some changes....

- 18 inch @ \$20.00 (new offering)
- Premium 22 inch @ \$25.00 (premium is new, due to labor issues)
- 30 inch @ \$30.00
- 36 inch @ \$50.00
- White Pine Roping (25 yards) @ \$40.00 (This is the same roping that adorns St. Paul's loft, alter, and choir rail)

A formal order form is on the next page, so you can please print or forward one to your friends (hint, hint). Remember, this is a fund-raiser to support our ministry.

Let's make our homes...and our neighbors...holiday-ready!

Please place your orders now. All orders need to be in by **Sunday, November 21, 2021**, with planned pick up the weekend of December 4-5 and soon thereafter. Another message will follow closer to pick up time.

Please email Tina at <u>stpaulsganung@gmail.com</u> and copy Darryl at <u>damoyboy@yahoo.com</u> with your order and send your payment (cash or check made payable to St. Paul's On-the-Hill) directly to Tina.

Thanks in advance.

Darryl Moy – Wreath Organizer

# **Christmas Wreath Order Form**

St. Paul's on-the-Hill 40 Ganung Drive, Ossining, New York, 10562

914-941-6627

stpaulsganung@gmail.com



Order your un-decorated double-faced balsam wreaths and White Pine Roping today Wreath measurement is the Outer Edge-to-Edge Dimension.

\* Premium Balsam Wreath (available as a 22 inch wreath only)

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total Payment
18 inch wreath	\$20.00		
22 inch wreath*	\$25.00		
30 inch wreath	\$30.00		
36 inch wreath	\$50.00		
Roping – 25 yards	\$40.00		
TOTAL			\$

Please enter quantities, tally and enter total payment due, and submit completed form to Church Office, <u>stpaulsganung@gmail.com</u> by Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Payment (cash or check) is appreciated when ordering. Check made out to St. Paul's On-the-Hill.

All orders <u>DUE</u> S<u>unday, November 21, 2021</u>. Order pickup will be December 4 - 5 <u>Questions</u>: please call the church office at 914-941-6627 or email: stpaulsganung@gmail.com

Thank you and make it a blessed holiday.

Please **Print** Legibly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

 Total Payment Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_
 Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Make Checks payable to St. Paul's On-the-Hill. Thank you in advance.

**Check** the box if you would like to be added to our Friends email distribution list to receive our monthly Newsletter and future event notices. Thank you for your support.

# NOVEMBER NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE MISSION COMMITTEE



Mission/Vision Statement of our SJMC: Bringing Faith to Life. Working to bring hope to those in need through thought, prayer, and action.

The Pandemic had a huge impact on the work of the Social Justice Mission Committee (SJMC). Now that things are starting to open up again, we have a number of opportunities for Grace Church members to consider.

Of course, the Food Pantry has been going strong all through the Pandemic. As a matter of fact, the impact of COVID on the community of Ossining was dramatic, making more families than ever food

insecure. We are proud of the Food Pantry's use of our Trinity Campus.

Because of our location in town, this campus is also one of the locations for the Emergency Shelter. This winter, Grace Church will be home to the homeless men of Ossining for three weeks in February, as you know from Sally's article, which appears later in this newsletter.

Speaking of food insecurity, the very important Loaves and Fish dinners on Saturday night are coming back on November 13<sup>th</sup> in a "crossbreed" version! The meals will be prepared, packaged, and handed out from our Parish Hall doors for the guests to take home.

And for the holidays we will partner again with Hope's Door the shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. Information on how to participate in that program follows.

And as always, we urge you to become involved with any of the current ministries or suggest one that is important to you. The main requirement for a Grace ministry is personal involvement of our members.

Please volunteer! It's an important part of who we are. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 7:16: "you will know them by their fruits." Let's bear good fruit together.



Dear Donors:

As the holidays are quickly approaching, we are launching our 2021 Holiday Drive. As you can well imagine, the holidays are a difficult time for those who are in our emergency shelter as well as our non-residential program dealing with the uncertainties that domestic violence brings, and even more so with the ongoing obstacles of Covid19.

Many of you have helped before by "adopting" a family and providing gifts to help make their holiday more enjoyable. This year, due to the pandemic, we are asking for gift cards for our families. If you or your social group would like to participate, please contact me as soon as possible in order to match you with a family and/or families in need.

<u>How it works</u>: You will be assigned a single, a family or families with one or more children – you let me know what you prefer. We ask that you provide a supermarket gift card per family of their choice and a Target or Visa/Mastercard/Amex gift card for each family member. I will send you a form with that will include an <u>identification code</u>, <u>counselor's and client's/child's</u> initials and ask that you include the form with the gift cards.

We are asking to have the gifts **at our administration office by Friday, December 3rd** in order to distribute the cards in time for the holidays. Feel free to either mail them to Hope's Door, PO Box 262, Hawthorne, NY 10532 Attn: Tami Shimkin, or drop them off at our main office at 50 Broadway 1<sup>st</sup> floor in Hawthorne.

As always, we appreciate your kindness and generosity and wish you a very happy holiday season!

Best Wishes,

Tami Shimkin

Office Manager/Executive Assistant 914-747-0828 ext. 1000 TShimkin@Hopesdoorny.org



**EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM** 

Dear Grace family, as evidenced by the cold snap we are currently having, winter will be upon us soon. With winter comes the return of the ESP, the homeless shelter hosted by houses of worship here in Ossining. Last year, our downtown campus kicked off the season as host location during the month of December. For this year, we have committed to three weeks in February, the actual dates being Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, through Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Last year was particularly challenging, due of course, to COVID. While that is still with us, along with some of the restrictions for building use it created last year, things look like they may be a bit more relaxed, which will facilitate our hosting. As we are also the home of the Ossining Food Pantry, it does mean, once again, that Potter Hall cannot be used to house the shelter guests as in past years. The guests will be bunking down in the church, during which time, all worship will of necessity, be up on the Hill.

Once the church has been set-up to receive the shelter guests, our main commitment is to provide food for the guests. In past years, they have been served a hot meal when they arrive in the evening and are sent off the next morning with food for breakfast and lunch. It is my hope that, while they are under our roof, the Grace family can provide <u>all</u> those meals, by actually preparing dinners, providing monetary gifts to allow our church coordinator (me) to purchase breakfast/lunch food, or donating McDonald's gift cards, which allows them to buy whatever they wish for breakfast or lunch. I realize that this may be a heavy lift but I honestly think we can do this on our own, without the assistance of other parishes.

As BOMA, the Briarcliff/Ossining Ministerial Association, works out the details of this year's schedule, more information will be forthcoming, which I will of course, pass along. For now, I would humbly ask that we mark our calendars so that we can keep this opportunity to be in mission to our community, in our minds. February will be here soon.

With thanks and blessings,

Sally Evans, Grace Church BOMA Representative



What the Day Gives

Suddenly, sun. Over my shoulder in the middle of gray November what I hoped to do comes back, asking.

Across the street the fiery trees hold onto their leaves, red and gold in the final months of this unfinished year, they offer blazing riddles.

In the frozen fields of my life there are no shortcuts to spring, but stories of great birds in migration carrying small ones on their backs, predators flying next to warblers they would, in a different season, eat.

Stunned by the astonishing mix in this uneasy world that plunges in a single day from despair to hope and back again, I commend my life to Ruskin's difficult duty of delight, and to that most beautiful form of courage, to be happy.

-Jeanne Lohmann



**IT IS I WHO MUST BEGIN** -Vaclav Havel It is I who must begin. Once I begin, once I try here and now, right where I am, not excusing myself by saying things would be easier elsewhere, without grand speeches and ostentatious gestures, but all the more persistently - to live in harmony with the "voice of Being," as I understand it within myself as soon as I begin that, I suddenly discover, to my surprise, that I am neither the only one, nor the first, nor the most important one to have set out upon that road.

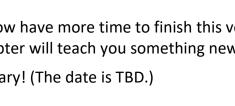
Whether all is really lost or not depends entirely on whether or not I am lost.

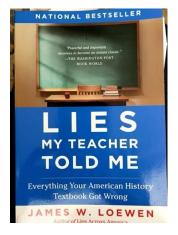
Thank you, Julie Gross!

Our next book, Lies My Teacher Told Me, will be discussed in January and will be followed by our annual Champagne toast when we are gathered! Meeting in November or December is just not practical or easy given the flurry of year end activities related to Grace Episcopal Church's logistical year-end details, Search Committee meetings and holiday services and events.

The silver lining is you will now have more time to finish this very informative book. Every chapter will teach you something new!

Hope you can join us in January! (The date is TBD.)







## **NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Vestry Meeting 1
- 9 St. Paul's Buildings & Grounds
- Staff Meeting 12
- Thanksgiving/Stewardship Potluck 14
- 16 Vestry Meeting
- 17 **REPAIR** meets



#### ST. PAUL'S NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Craig Peter Rowe
- 5 Mark DiLoreto
- 8 Kirsten Bowen
- 10 Kevin Noye Daniel Visconti
- 16 Aileen Hunt
- 19 Jim Bowen
- 20 Stephen Monroe
- 21 Dan Platt
- 22 Albert Cucurullo
- 25 Dawn Mahlau
- 26 Francesca Houghtaling
- 28 Douglas McGrath

#### ST. PAUL'S NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Graham and Ann Gulian
- 3 John and Francesca Houghtaling
- 8 Eugene and Barbara Mahlau
- 28 Roger and Melanie Rowe

#### **TRINITY'S NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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#### **TRINITY'S NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Beverly and Warren Dyckman	23

#### ST. PAUL'S NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

25 Christina Brocchi

#### ST. PAUL'S NOVEMBER DEATHS

- 9 John James Farrell
- 16 Henry Moser
- 17 Doris Walker
- 19 Barbara Kip
- 25 Beatrice Losee
- 26 Edward Brewster



## CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer, Acting Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Dorothée R. Caulfield, Deacon Lainie Murrell, Deacon-in-Formation

#### ST. PAUL CAMPUS OFFICE

Carolyn R. Black, Music Director Tina Farrell, Church Administrator Beth Pollack, Treasurer

#### **TRINITY CAMPUS OFFICE**

Christopher Fasulo, Minister of Music Tam Hernández, Parish Administrator Katherine Pendzuk, Treasurer and Verger Pablo Montoya, Sexton

#### VESTRY

Tam Hernández, Warden Margery Barnes, Clerk

Charles Baker Alexis Cullen Kellie Ishmael

Milton Kerr Darryl Moy Sue Monroe, Warden Sally Evans, Clerk

Kate Pendzuk Cecilia Quintero Roger Rowe MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity's mission is to nourish our community in body, mind, and spirit through worship, music, spiritual formation, and outreach activities.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Trinity Episcopal Church is a diverse and inclusive group, dedicated to providing beauty and welcome to all who seek a place of peace and prayer.

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