

Grace Notes

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

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DON'T GIVE UP!

This morning's daily lectionary reading reminds us to have patience. Not an easy attribute for me. Luke 13:6-9 is the story of the fig tree planted in a vineyard. The owner comes looking for fruit for 3 years and finds none. He tells the gardener to cut it down—why should it waste good soil? The gardener responds with a plea to let him give the tree extra care and see if that won't make a difference.

The lesson I gleaned from this for myself that I want to share with all of you is: have patience, do the work, and get your hands dirty.

We are not sure of who God has in mind for us as a priest, but we must have patience, do the work, and get our hands dirty!

So, what does this look like? First and foremost, show up! Attend church, come to coffee hour. Participate! Support Grace Church with your time, talent, and treasure. If there's a fundraiser like the Wreath Sale, buy a wreath! If there's a dinner, come and be part of the community. If there's a volunteer opportunity, GET INVOLVED!

I am going to be offering lectionary-based bible study monthly starting on November 13 following the service. Join me and help to unpack the scriptures you'll be hearing for the coming month. Not sure what the lectionary is? Come and learn!

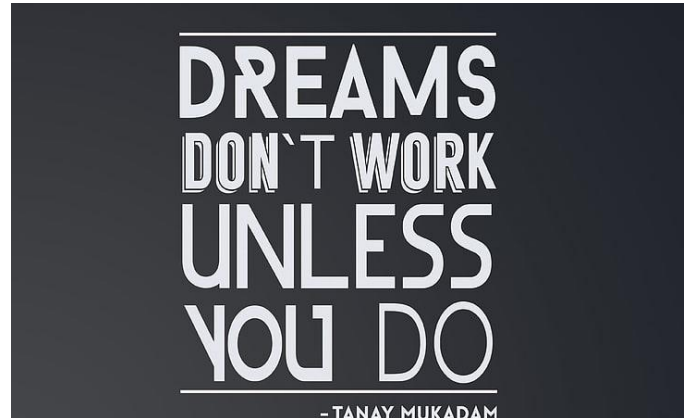
We need to all be like the gardener, ask for patience, and do the work to help the tree bear fruit. Together, we can do this hard thing.

See you in church!

Deacon Dorothee

Check out this song, *You Can Do This Hard Thing* by Carrie Newcomer.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRGnftH_g4I





OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

November 6	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (All Saints' Briarcliff)	All Saints' Sunday
November 13	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Proper 28
November 20	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Christ the King
November 27	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Advent 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/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

Beginning on Friday, December 2nd, Carolyn Black will again lead a service of Compline at 7:00 PM on our Grace Ossining Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Thank you, Carolyn!

Honor Flight for Art Hightower

When the Vietnam veterans returned from the war, they were met with protesters and very unkind treatment. The volunteers, who for 11 years have sought out these vets, to honor them with a special ceremony and a flight to Washington, DC to visit the memorials and enjoy time away. Art Hightower is going on this flight with a volunteer on Saturday, November 5th. If you have time and would like to see him and the other 75 vets at the early ceremony, we are assembling at 6:00 AM at the Westchester County Airport at Hangar D. The ceremony will take place there at 7:15 AM. (Parking will also be available at Hangar D.) These veterans are from the Hudson Valley. Join me if you can in honoring Art and the many others who did not get their "due" after the war. I am so proud of Arthur.



Carolyn Black Hightower

LOAVES AND FISH TEAM SCHEDULED TO SERVE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD



Grace Ossining's Loaves and Fish Team of cooks, servers, and cleaners put up a lovely community meal on Saturday October 15, serving pork loin, mashed potatoes and corn followed by brownies for dessert. Thank you to team members Jean Bonito, Alison Ford, Doug McGrath, Mark Monroe, Darryl and Cha Moy, Joe Orofino, Beth Pollack, and Ed Schultz for participation on the fifteenth. Thank you also to those who donated to cover the cost of the meal. This is an important local ministry which provides us the opportunity to work together building relationships among our parishioners and within the greater community.

Our next Saturday meal will be December 3. If you are not already a member of the team and would like to join us or would like to participate for the December meal please contact Jo McGrath by phone, text or email: mcgrathinator@gmail.com ; 914-409-8544

"The secret of happiness is this: Let your interests be as wide as possible and let your reactions to the things and persons that interest you be as far as possible friendly rather than hostile."

—Bertrand Russell





VESTRY UPDATE

Happy November! Let's talk turkey...

- Last month we reported that Grace would once again Host the Homeless this winter. Our 3 weeks have been confirmed: January 30th to February 20th, running Monday to Monday. Please step forward and volunteer. Details will follow.
- Also last month we reported on preparing to complete a full campus audit of our property. To get started, Kate Pendzuk and Sue Monroe met with Egbert Stolk, Property Support Chair of the Diocese, toured both campuses and provided much needed insight
- Wreath orders were sent to our vendor and we await confirmation of fulfillment. Please continue to pray for a Green Christmas with a tentative delivery date in early December.
- Our kitchen angels served a delicious dinner of roast pork, mashed potatoes, corn, and brownies to our Loaves & Fish guests. Our next engagement is December 3rd. Contact Jo McGrath to volunteer or donate. This is a wonderful offering to our community
- Thank you to Sue Monroe and Ed Shultz, our representatives at both the Diocesan Convention in November and the Special Convention to Elect the Bishop Coadjutor.
- Save the Date! Grace's Thanksgiving Potluck is Saturday, November 19th at our St. Paul's campus, so that Loaves and Fish can serve the community at the Trinity campus. Details will follow.
- Vote! If you haven't done early voting, get out and vote next Tuesday, November 8th!

As always, please share your comments, thoughts, and prayers with the wardens or any vestry member. We need your input to ensure we are meeting your expectations.

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Darryl Moy (2024) darryl.moy@gmail.com

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Mark Monroe (2023), Clerk markmonroe55@msn.com
Kate Pendzuk (2023), Treasurer treasurergraceossining@gmail.com
Kellie Ishmael (2024) kellieishmael@gmail.com
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NEW DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY!



The Lectionary Study with Deacon Dorothee starts on **November 13** following the Morning Prayer service at Trinity Campus.

The Lectionary is the 3-year cycle of readings that we hear on Sundays. Once a month we will sit down with the upcoming 4 weeks of readings and discuss the scriptures that are coming up. Looking at the arc of the readings can help us to unpack what we hear each Sunday. There is no previous knowledge needed! You don't need to bring a bible, but

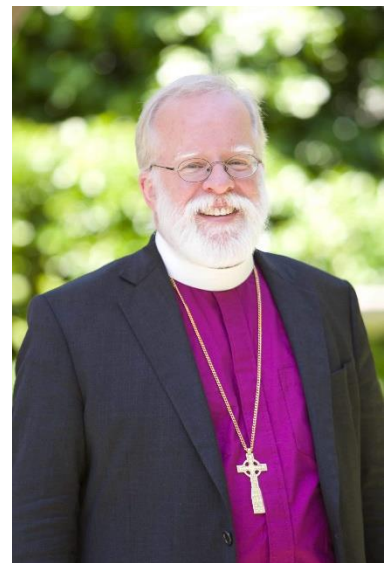
if you're like me and want to make notes, you might want to, or bring a journal! This is a collaborative work; we'll discover for ourselves what the message we're hearing is. There are no rights or wrongs in this work!

Please join me!

Deacon Dorothee

TOGETHER IN SPIRIT ~ HEARING THE NEXT CALL

At last year's Diocesan Convention, Bishop Dietsche announced his retirement and called for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor to replace him, ultimately, as the XVII Bishop of New York. Grace will be represented by Sue Monroe and Ed Shultz at the Special Convention on December 3rd at which a Bishop Coadjutor will be elected. We all, however, are invited to meet the candidates and have the opportunity to submit questions for them to answer. There are five sessions the week of November 14th, each beginning at 7:00 PM and lasting for 90 minutes (ending at approximately 8:30). All sessions will be offered both in-person and online. (If you sign up for online, details for participation and viewing of these sessions will be available prior to the sessions.) When you sign up for one of them, you can also submit questions for the candidates. For more information on dates or to sign up, click here.



<https://bishopsearch.dioceseny.org/meet-and-greet-sessions-with-the-bishop-coadjutor-candidates/>



On Saturday, November 19th, we're hoping to gather at 5:30 at our St. Paul's campus to spend some time together, enjoy the special dishes we each will bring, and give thanks for our time together and our church family. There will also be an interactive Turkey and Trivia Contest! As of now, the plan is to have the turkey (the main event) provided and all the wonderful sides, desserts, and beverages that are often the true stars of the Thanksgiving table being brought by the rest of us! There is still a lot of planning to do, so expect to hear more in the next week or so! Questions? Suggestions? Volunteers? Let Tam Hernandez know at tam.hernandez9@gmail.com

MARY OLIVER'S *MESSENGER*

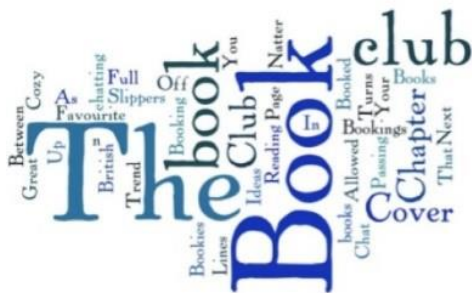
My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird—
equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still half-perfect? Let me
keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work,

which is mostly standing still and learning to be
astonished.
The phoebe, the delphinium.
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are
here,

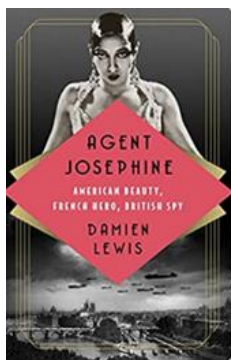
which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart
and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.





Please NOTE: Our discussion of *Moore Street: Growing Up In The Era Of Jim Crow* by Donald W. Lahuffman, scheduled for Sunday, November 13th will need to be rescheduled because several our members will not be available to attend on that date. The new date is TBD for December.

The Book Club in 2023...



Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy

Damien Lewis

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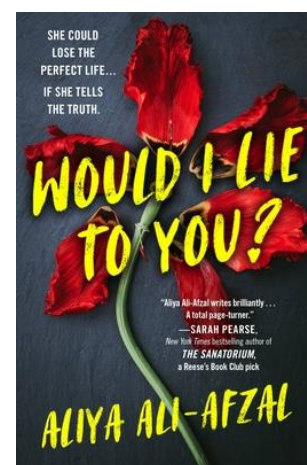
285 ratings · 57 reviews

Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy promises to be just the fascinating inspirational story we need! She left the U.S. and lived in Europe where she could live her best life as a world-famous entertainer, a mother, and a distinguished brave hero during WWII.

[Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy by Damien Lewis | Goodreads](#)

Would I Lie to You? by Aliya Ali-Afzal: This book was strongly recommended by Beth Pollack, and the Good Reads link below also gives it a strong rating. Beth knows the author, so I am hoping that we can connect with her via Zoom. (That would be an impressive trend for the new year if Donald W. Lahuffman can also join us for our discussion for our first book in December. Praying for some great possibilities for TBC!

[Would I Lie to You? by Aliya Ali-Afzal \(goodreads.com\)](#)



Watch your emails for scheduling information!

ALL ARE WELCOME AT TBC'S TABLE!

REPAIR

Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes Action on Inclusion and Race

Our Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16th

Creating A New, More Inclusive, Labor Movement: An Evening With Erica Smiley



Meet Erica Smiley at the next meeting of REPAIR. She'll share the inspiring story of organizers who are building today's new labor movement, one that embraces neglected groups such as service workers and women of color and fights for democracy not just in the workplace but in our communities as well. Erica Smiley is co-executive director of Jobs With Justice, an organization dedicated to building power for working people and helping them claim their rights to socioeconomic and political democracy. She is

also a dynamic speaker and co-author of the powerful new book *The Future We Need: Organizing for a Better Democracy in the Twenty-First Century*. [Click here](#) for more information on how to purchase the book.

Note: Our November meeting will be **all-virtual**. Mark your calendar and join us via Zoom!

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

[Click here](#) on the 16th for the Zoom Link

In 2019, our Social Justice Committee decided to partner with Hope's Door, a local domestic violence agency whose mission is to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing after the trauma of abuse. You can learn more about them by visiting their website, www.hopesdoorny.org. We usually participate in their Holiday Drive and here's the information for this year's.



Dear Donors:

As the holidays are quickly approaching, we are launching our 2022 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.

Many of you have helped before by "adopting" a family and providing gifts to help make their holiday more enjoyable. This year, again 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.

How it works: You will be assigned a single, a family or families with one or more children - you let me know what is your preference. We ask that you provide 1 supermarket gift card per family and a gift card of client's choice for each family member. I will send you a form that will include an identification code, counselor's and client's/child's initials and ask that you include the form with the gift cards.

We are asking to have the gift cards delivered to our administrative office by Friday, December 2nd 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 Att: Tami Shimkin, or drop them off at 50 Broadway, 1st floor, Hawthorne 10532.

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

Best Wishes,

Tami Shimkin

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914-747-0828 ext. 1000
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NOVEMBER EVENTS

8	St. Paul's serves as Voting Site
16	REPAIR meets
18	Staff Meeting
19	Thanksgiving Dinner/Potluck
22	Vestry Meeting

Greatest man in history named **Jesus**,
Had **no servants**, yet they called Him
Master. Had **no degree**, yet they called
Him **Teacher**. Had **no medicines**, yet
they call Him **Healer**. He had **no army**,
yet kings **feared Him**. He won **no**
military battles, yet He **conquered** the
world. He committed **no crime** yet they
crucified Him. He was **buried** in a
tomb, yet **He lives today**.
Share if you believe.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Craig Peter Rowe	1	Dan Platt	21
Donna Boswell	2	Albert Cucurullo	22
Mark DiLoreto	5	Judy Travis	23
Kirsten Bowen	8	Dawn Mahlau	25
Gail Boswell Nixon	10	Francesca Houghtaling	26
Kevin Noye	10	O'Neka Cole	27
Daniel Visconti	10	Douglas McGrath	28
Jim Bowen	19	Rodney Okyne	28
Stephen Belcher	20	Patricia Gonsalves	30
Stephen Monroe	20		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Graham and Ann Gulian	1
John and Francesca Houghtaling	3
Eugene and Barbara Mahlau	8
Beverly and Warren Dyckman	23
Roger and Melanie Rowe	28



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.