

Grace Notes

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

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Ah, summer! How glad I am for the warm days and the relaxed nature of the season. My message will be brief as I know you have much better things to do than listen to me!

Grace Church is in a unique position, we are needing to let go of the phrase, here at “_____” [fill in the campus name], we have always done “such and so.” I am surprised how often this continues to come up. While it may be so obvious to me that we are a NEW creation as Grace, I have to remind myself that many of you have

worshipped in these buildings for generations. And this thinking is part of the very essence of your spiritual life. I want you know here and now; I respect that!

I will say that one of the things I’m most grateful to the pandemic for is the shifting of our worship away from that of the building and a particular liturgical style. For over a year, we worshiped together either online or outdoors! I thought then—and I think now—that that was a great gift that I thought we would be able to carry forward. Sadly, I feel we have gone back inside and reverted to “the way it always has been.” Though often it’s not the way it has ALWAYS been but a period of time we’re choosing to remember—a particular time when things were the way we liked best. I get that too.

We are by nature creatures of habit, but the spirit is always drawing us to the future. I’m fond of the question: “What is God calling us to do, be, or say?” How would you answer that? You can ponder that question as an individual or as a community of faith. Surely the way we “always” did things was not what the world or our community wanted or we would not be in this situation, would we? It’s not our fault by any means but the world has changed and we either ask where God is calling us, or we keep on doing what we were doing and see where that takes us.

Grace Church is a wonderful congregation, and we have many talents to share with each other and our community. Let’s pray and listen to God, as Carole exhorted us to do in her fabulous sermon. (It’s on our website: graceossining.org)

See you in church,

Deacon Dorothée



OUR UPCOMING SERVICES

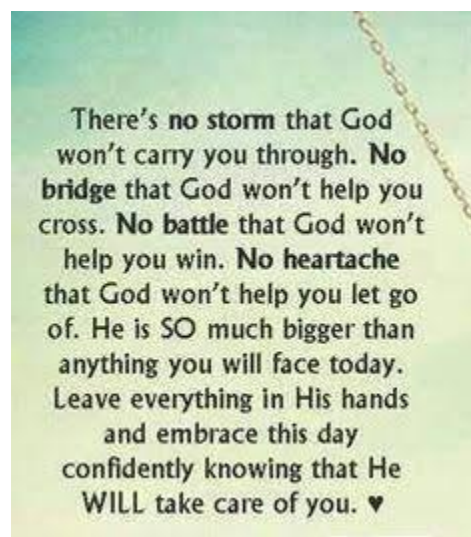
July 3	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 9
July 10	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 10
July 17	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 11
July 25	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 12
July 31	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 13
August 7	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (Trinity Campus)	Transfiguration
August 14	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 15
August 21	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	St. Mary the Virgin
August 28	10:30 AM	Morning Prayer (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 17

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/>

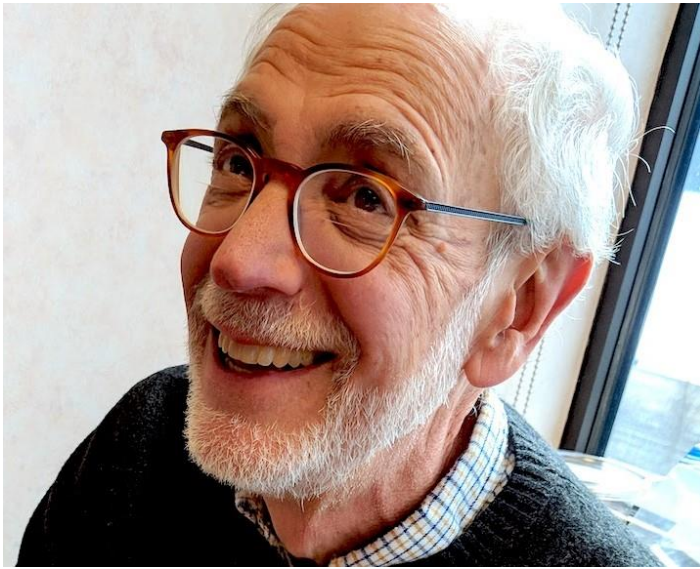
YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP1qGAuJlIxWU8Z_ucCKEGA

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



ROBERT ARTHUR ROSENBLOOM

August 20, 1945—June 21, 2022



On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Robert “Bob” Rosenbloom of Ossining, NY died unexpectedly at the age of 76. A beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Bob’s loved ones find some solace knowing that he passed away in the midst of doing something he loved: traveling. Just the day before he fell ill, Bob had enjoyed touring the caverns of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky.

Bob was born in St. Louis, MO, on August 20, 1945, to the late Harriet (Silberstein) and S. Eugene Rosenbloom. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lisa (Henderson)

Rosenbloom of Ossining, NY; son Philip Rosenbloom (Christina DaCosta) of Poughkeepsie, NY; daughter Kate Rosenbloom of Brooklyn, NY; grandsons Lucien and Caleb Rosenbloom (who affectionately called him “Ace”); and sisters Bettyann Slatten (Brent) and Jane Charbonneau of the greater St. Louis area.

Bob caught the travel bug after his graduation from Princeton University in 1967, when he served in Bolivia with the Peace Corps. These two years proved a formative experience, sparking lifelong passions for community development, Latin America, and the Spanish language, along with friendships with fellow volunteers that lasted for the next 55 years. Most recently, after a return trip to Bolivia with these friends, he helped raise funds for the nonprofit Mano a Mano to dig a well for a small community there.

After returning from the Peace Corps, Bob completed a doctorate in political science at Stanford University, where he first met Lisa waiting outside a library that was evacuated by a bomb threat. He went on to become Associate Professor of Politics at Mount Holyoke College, before joining the Corporate Social Responsibility team at Chemical Bank (later JPMorgan Chase Foundation) in 1983. For the next 22 years, Bob and a group of close-knit colleagues funded millions of dollars in grants to charitable organizations in the U.S. and around the world. This gave him great satisfaction and the opportunity to travel to places like South Africa and his beloved South America.

Bob was committed to social justice locally as well. After retiring from Chase, he worked part-time for the Housing Action Council, helping Westchester residents facing foreclosure. For years, he sat on the boards of the IFCA Housing Network and the Ethical Society of Northern Westchester. He also volunteered with Neighbors Link to help immigrants learn English and integrate into American life.

When he wasn’t out serving his community, Bob could often be found reading. He consumed the New York *Times* cover-to-cover every morning and in the evening settled in with historical fiction or nonfiction. He enjoyed getting out of the house and regularly walked in Rockefeller

State Park, swam at Club Fit, or kayaked on the Croton River. He loved making lattes with his espresso maker, baking bread, and eating ice cream. He was a fan of classic Mel Brooks movies and the music of Mozart, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, and Bonnie Raitt. His kindness, generosity, and sense of humor will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the Ossining Children's Center ([32 State Street, Ossining, NY 10562](https://www.ossiningchildrenscenter.org)). Parking will be limited, so carpools are highly encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to one of the following charities:

- [Neighbors Link](http://www.neighborslink.org) (www.neighborslink.org)
- [Mano a Mano International](http://www.manoamano.org) (www.manoamano.org).
- [IFCA Housing Network](http://www.ifcany.org) (www.ifcany.org)
- [Ossining Children's Center](http://www.ossiningchildrenscenter.org) (www.ossiningchildrenscenter.org)

A STORY ABOUT BOB

Near the end of May, I got the date from my cardiologist for my stent placement in my heart. When I announced it, Lisa Rosenbloom and Sue Monroe offered to take me to New York City's Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital. Lisa and Bob had agreed earlier to take me to the city (the first attempt to place the stent did not work at Hudson Valley Presbyterian Hospital) when they learned that that attempt had not worked. Sue agreed to pick me up from the hospital whenever I could come home.

Early in the May sunshine, I drove Art and me to the Rosenbloom's house, they were waiting expectantly. Needless to say, I was really nervous. Lisa and I sat in the back seats and Bob drove as Art sat in the passenger front seat. They really knew which way to go as Lisa used her phone to give Bob directions so quietly I could hardly hear her.

Bob drove slowly into the City, never speeding, (despite my nervousness) and talking to Art and me. We laughed and had a few jokes and I was so amazed at his serious and safe driving. The morning traffic was moving so slowly and there was a whole lot of it going down the West Side Highway past the George Washington Bridge. I was sure we would be late! We were not. I arrived in perfect time for checking in and heading into the right hospital.

When Art finished seeing me into my room and gown, he went back out to find Bob in a perfect parking spot reading his newspaper. They traveled back home; the stent got placed in the correct ventricle. I spent 6 hours on my back and decided if I could walk the hallway and feel good, I would go home that evening. I called Art, he went to Sue's, she brought him to the hospital and parked in a great spot. She was thrilled at how the stent changed my look.

We will miss this kind, gentle giant of a very smart man. He was the rock of his family, and many organizations that he chose to be a part of. We love you, Bob.

Carolyn Black and Art Hightower



OUR CHURCH NEEDS US

On July 10th, for a Sunday communion service with an excellent supply priest, I counted 18 people in church. The week before, for morning prayer, I think it was 15, or maybe just 12. These kinds of numbers have been typical in recent weeks.

Contrast this with one Sunday a few years ago: I was standing in a parish hall after one of our joint services, talking to a friend from our “sister church” at the time, and I noticed the lively, happy buzz of perhaps 50 people enjoying coffee hour. The energy and the sense of community were powerful, and I said to my “sister church” friend, “Look at this! Listen! We’ve got to bring these two churches together.”

We’ve done it, brought them together, but now I find myself wondering when I’ll ever feel that strong, vibrant sense of community here again. To be honest, it’s discouraging to look around on Sunday and see so few people. I know I’m not the only one who feels this.

True, it’s summer and people travel. We are in between priests. COVID is still hanging around. We have the online option, except when there’s the occasional technical glitch. Most of us probably have a preference for one building or the other, or one type of service or another. All of these may be contributing to the lack of attendance. But still...

If we want to have a church, that church needs us. It needs us to contribute to the community that is Grace Church by doing a simple but very important thing: showing up. It’s a choice. If we show up and participate, we have a chance to make it. If we don’t, we won’t.

I love our community. I just want to point out that to me, this feels like a critical time for Grace Church Ossining, when we need to come together and support one another despite any differences in preferences or opinions. I hope to see you in church soon – and again after that, and again after that!

Mark Monroe

FIRST ANNUAL GRACE CHURCH PICNIC!

On June 19th, we held Grace Church's First Annual Parish Picnic, bidding farewell to our Deacon-in-Formation, Lainie Murrell, enjoying some relaxing fellowship, and eagerly consuming everything our chefs, Darryl and Mark, prepared!



WORKING TOGETHER TO SHARE OUR GIFTS IS THE BEST WAY TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE!



On Saturday, July 2nd, the Grace Ossining Loaves and Fish team, one of several teams in the Loaves and Fish Program, cooked, served, and organized the weekly free meal provided in the Trinity Campus Potter Hall. The team, consisting of Elfreda Okyne, Melanie Rowe, Mark and Sue Monroe, Darryl and Cha Moy, and Jo McGrath served a July 4th themed meal of pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, sweet potato mash, mac and cheese, bean and rice salad and corn bread, followed by yummy brownies and lemon bars. We provided about 25 sit-down meals and 50+ meals to go(!) Many thanks to those who provided financial support. It was a wonderful experience and opportunity to serve the community. We are always looking for more members for our team. Contact Jo McGrath to join us for our next meal, which will probably be in the fall. See you in September!





SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our previous entry for *Grace Notes* found all of us anxiously awaiting a visit from a strong candidate for our parish. Shortly before her visit, she withdrew her application, having received a position in her home diocese. Consequently, this message finds us continuing our search. We have been forwarded a candidate by the Office of Transition Ministry whom we may interview. It is clear at this point, however, that the committee, on behalf of Grace Church, will reignite our search by once again posting our profile and job offering both locally in the diocese and state and nationally. Though disappointed initially, the committee has had a chance to meet, review our circumstances, and clarify our future steps. We must move forward with hope and new commitment.

We are confident that God will bring us the spiritual leader that we need. We continue to work with the support of the Office of Transition Ministry, led by the Rev. Canon Nora Smith. Our profile and all necessary documents are linked to our fabulous website, graceossining.org, ready to be seen by all candidates. We will again review and interview applicants in an effort to bring a priest to Grace as soon as we can. The committee has been dedicated from the start to finding the best person to lead us spiritually into the future. We pray that our work will result in amazing Grace!

Please join us in this prayer for success in finding the priest God is leading to us:

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.

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VESTRY UPDATE

Summer is flying by and we hope you are making time for fun, family, and friends. Before you know it, September will be here.

Since our June report, a terrific team of volunteers greeted fair-goers at the Ossining Village Fair and hosted our Strawberry Festival. Thanks to all who participated and hope others will join us next year. We said farewell to Lainie at our Church Picnic and enjoyed a wonderful assortment of shared dishes along with perfectly grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. Thanks to all who share in our community. Our Food Angels served up a terrific 4th of July dinner for Loaves & Fish, serving 20+ in-person and 40-50+ meals to go.

If you haven't heard, the search candidate we were set to meet with in June has decided to take another position and our Search Committee is working to get us a new candidate to meet with. Keep praying.

Thank you for keeping up with your pledges, This really helps the vestry monitor our finances during the year.

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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Learn More About the Efforts to Ban Books

On June 15, 2022, REPAIR hosted a lively discussion about the current drive by individuals and organized groups to challenge or ban books whose content is deemed dangerous, threatening, or inappropriate—especially books that deal with issues like race and racism.

The meeting is now [available for viewing](#) on REPAIR's YouTube channel. Below are links to some other resources you can use to learn more about the book-banning trend and ways you may want to respond.

[Use Ctrl+ click to open the links.]

Organizations Defending Our Right to Read

PEN America has a [web page](#) dedicated to book bans, including news, information, and resources for those seeking to defend the freedom to read.

The American Library Association provides [a list](#) of the 100 most often banned or challenged books of the last 10 years. If you'd like to report an effort to ban or challenge a book to the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, click [here](#).

The American Civil Liberties Union offers its own [list](#) of ten books that politicians don't want you to read.

The NY Public Library invites you to participate in its [Banned Books Challenge](#) by reading and discussing ten of the most often-banned books.

Recent Articles You May Find Informative

"The rise in [book bans](#), explained," by Angela Haupt, *Washington Post*.

"The Books [Briefing](#): The Fight Over What Kids Can Read," by Kate Cray, *Atlantic Monthly*.

"Anti-CRT Mania and [Book Bans](#) are the Latest Tactics to Halt Racial Justice," by Ishena Robinson, NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

"LGBTQ community, people of color in the [crosshairs](#) of banned book movement," by Ariana Figueroa, *Raw Story*.

"The [Racist Roots](#) of Ron DeSantis's 'Don't Say Gay' Law," by Paul Finkelman, *Washington Monthly*.

I Worried
By Mary Oliver

*I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers flow
in the right direction, will the earth turn
as it was taught, and if not how shall I correct it?*

*Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,
can I do better?*

*Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows
can do it and I am, well,
hopeless.*

*Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,
am I going to get rheumatism,
lockjaw, dementia?*

*Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.
And gave it up. And took my old body and went out
into the morning,
and sang.*

BENEFITS OF LAUGHING from CAROLYN BLACK

Here are some of the many benefits of laughing more:

Laughter causes you to gulp in large portions of air, thereby oxygenating your blood.

Laughter decreases stress hormones in the body such as cortisol and adrenaline, thus helping to stave off illness.

Laughter strengthens the immune system.

When we laugh our bodies release hormones and chemicals that have positive effects on our system. One of these chemicals is endorphins, the feel-good hormone.

One minute of laughing burns the same number of calories as 6 to 10 minutes on a treadmill.

Laughing raises your mood; joyfulness through laughter is the fastest way to create a positive state of mind.

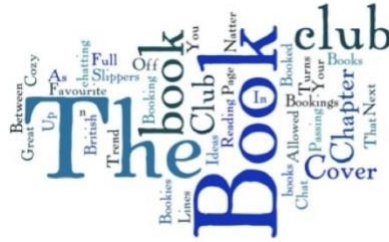
Laughing is good for the heart and improves blood circulation.

Laughter can reduce pain and aid the healing process.

Laughter creates and strengthens human connections.

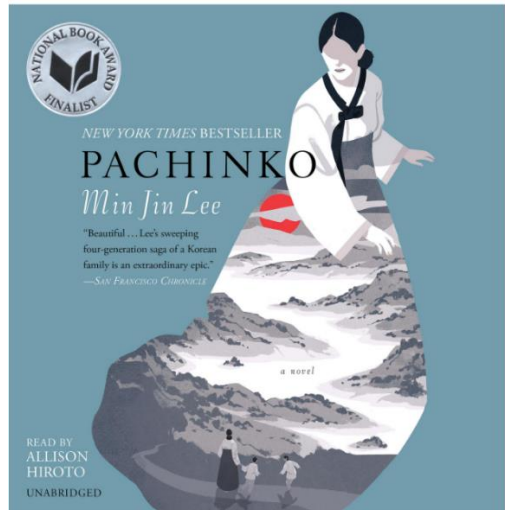
It feels good to laugh.

Set the Intent to Laugh More. Make a resolution, or set the intent, of laughing heartily as often as you can. Setting a goal to laugh more is as important as setting the goals to get more exercise, eat healthier, and drink more water!



NEXT MEETING

Sunday, August 14th at our St. Paul's Campus



Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/34051011>

- ❖ Since our last message in *Grace Notes*, there have been a couple of events which reminded me of how timeless the issues raised by *Pachinko* are in 2022. In June, I met a Korean financial professional who grew up in the U.S.A. and who later worked in Japan. She still wrestled with issues of cultural identity and how people in Asia often made incorrect assumptions about her background and Korean identity. It was truly a profoundly moving and unforgettable conversation.
- ❖ Earlier this month, Japan's former prime minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated during a public appearance. He was the longest serving prime minister and was very successful in representing Japan and its economic, military, and political interests on the global stage. He was respected by world leaders and regarded as an effective and diplomatic advocate for his country. While he had created an impressive record of accomplishments, there were some things which were not finished. This *New Yorker* piece covers some of the challenges he tried to negotiate about the narrative about Japan's history with Korea and China. [How Shinzo Abe Sought To Rewrite Japanese History | The New Yorker](#)

Cecilia Quintero



THE OSSINING LIBRARY FOUNDATION PRESENTS

THE TRIALS OF CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY

Join the Ossining Library Foundation for a screening of the acclaimed documentary about civil rights strategist, politician, and trailblazing judge Constance Baker Motley.

Free to attend

***Suggested
Donation: \$5***

*The Ossining Library
Foundation thanks
you for donating and
supporting its
mission.*

Following the film, Joel Motley, chairman emeritus of the board of Human Rights Watch, and Village Historian Joyce Sharrock Cole will hold a Q&A session.

**Thursday, July 21
7:00pm in the
Budarz Theater**

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SUMMER EVENTS

July 2	Grace serves at Loaves & Fish
July 15	Staff Meeting
July 31	Bob Rosenbloom's Memorial Service (Ossining Children's Center)
August 14	The Book Club (<i>Pachinko</i>)
August 19	Staff Meeting
August 23	St. Paul's Campus is a Voting Site
August 24	Vestry Meeting



JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Crawford	1	Lia Beaudreault	20
William R. Losee	1	John Farrell, Sr.	20
Julian Allen	2	Edward Aryee	21
Donna Chadeayne Harvey	2	Peter Flihan	21
George Holsten	2	Kathryn Howard	21
John Deuel	4	Catherine Kamp	21
Brian William Plank	4	Peter Madison	22
Cheryl Pauline	9	Karen Kamp	23
Bill Cruse	10	The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer	23
Joan DiLoreto	11	Bob Oswald	23
John Houghtaling	12	Wendy Ann Plank	24
Robert Belcher	13	Alexa Shaw	24
Joe Scappaticci	16	Dennis Parker	26
Cameron Beaudreault	17	Stephanie Kip	30
Roland Rose	17		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Sam and Barbara Bethea	2
Jim and Elaine Blair	3
Tamsen and Miguel Hernandez	12
Dhalya and Adam Wagner	17
Jan and Tom Greene	20
Ian and Janet Robertson	23



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Emma Flihan	1	Barbara Olivier	13
Laura Vookles	1	Marian Schneckner	13
Lisa Gibson	2	Gene Micklas	14
John Muth	3	Luis Barceló	15
Juliet Blair	3	Barbara Hunt	17
Derek Pasieka	5	Julia DeOliveira-Scappaticci	18
Rebecca Ray Barceló	6	Ann Skidgell Farrell	19
Richard Chesnut	6	Alexander Frederick Kip	20
Sara DeOliveira-Scappaticci	7	Trevor Pasieka	20
Christopher Noye	7	Barbara Mahlau	23
Alison Mahlau	10	Victoria Pollack	25
Jack Kouloheris	11	Kari Ann DiLoreto	28
Jim Blair	12	Maribeth Barnes Osgood	29
Sally Evans	13	Barbara Bethea	30
Tina Farrell	13	James Michael Liberti	30
Susan Monroe	13	John William Liberti	30
Timothy Noye	13		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Kara (Pauline) and Neil Prahue	4
Karen and Robert Pauline	14
Thea and Randall Moeller	18
Jean and Chris Boswell	19
Beth and Grant Pollack	22
Jack Kouloheris and Ken Shepard	23



CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, Supply Priest
The Rev. Dorothee R. Caulfield, Deacon

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Pablo Montoya, Sexton

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Milton Kerr

Maribeth Osgood
Ed Shultz

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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.