

Grace Notes

One New Episcopal Church From Two Historic Parishes

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As we all begin to ease into summer, I want to thank everyone for welcoming me and Lori so generously since our arrival in February. We feel blessed to be here. Grace is a wonderful parish, filled with diverse people and a long history of advancing the public good in Ossining. I am confident, after being here for only five months, that the next phase of Grace's development will build on and add to this important legacy. Lori and I are so excited to be a part of this

important – and fun! – work with you. Thank you!

In preparation for a busy next program year, my best advice to you is this: Rest. Rejuvenate. Enjoy the summer with those you love. Give thanks to God for the good gifts in your life and get ready for the next program year. We shall start preparing for it in August and launch it after Labor Day.

Before then, though, we shall continue with weekly July worship at Grace on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at Grace's historic Trinity campus and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at our historic St. Paul's campus. Come! The 5th Sunday of July we shall have another special "themed Sunday," this time at Trinity, promoting "Art and Action". With help from the Bethany Art Community staff, artists and folks involved in advancing important social causes in Ossining are being invited to set up tables in Potter Hall to promote their art and causes on July 30th. This is open to the wider Ossining community from noon to 3:00 PM, during our "coffee hour." Join us at worship, stay for coffee hour, and be a part of this art and action event. In fact: Invite friends! The artists and action groups have been invited to join us for worship, and some have already said they will join in.

Like our April "Spring Blessing Service," this "Art and Action" July 5th Sunday service is an experiment. While we haven't had the time or bandwidth to plan this out as fully as we would like in my first five months, I am very hopeful this "proof of concept" experiment will be a success. Art and action groups are excited to showcase their activities in our Trinity location with its walkable access to downtown. I strongly suspect, that with nine months' planning, we can turn this 5th Sunday Trinity "Art and Action" Sunday into an annual July Ossining event that attracts the attention and participation of the wider Ossining community.

To do so is to follow the Gospel in our time and place. As Jesus said, we must discern “new wineskins (ministries) for the new wine (the needs of people in our time)” (Mark 2:22). We have started that discernment at Grace and we shall continue it next year. I look forward to coming back after my vacation time and rolling up my sleeves to continue engaging with you in this vital Gospel work.

The canons give the Wardens charge over all situations, personnel, and ministries in my absence, and Deacon Dorothee will be in charge of all pastoral care during this time. Local priests have also agreed to cover for us for pastoral care if needed, as determined by Deacon Dorothee and the Wardens. The office will function as usual, and our community life will go on, if a bit slower. Enjoy it. We have a great fall coming.

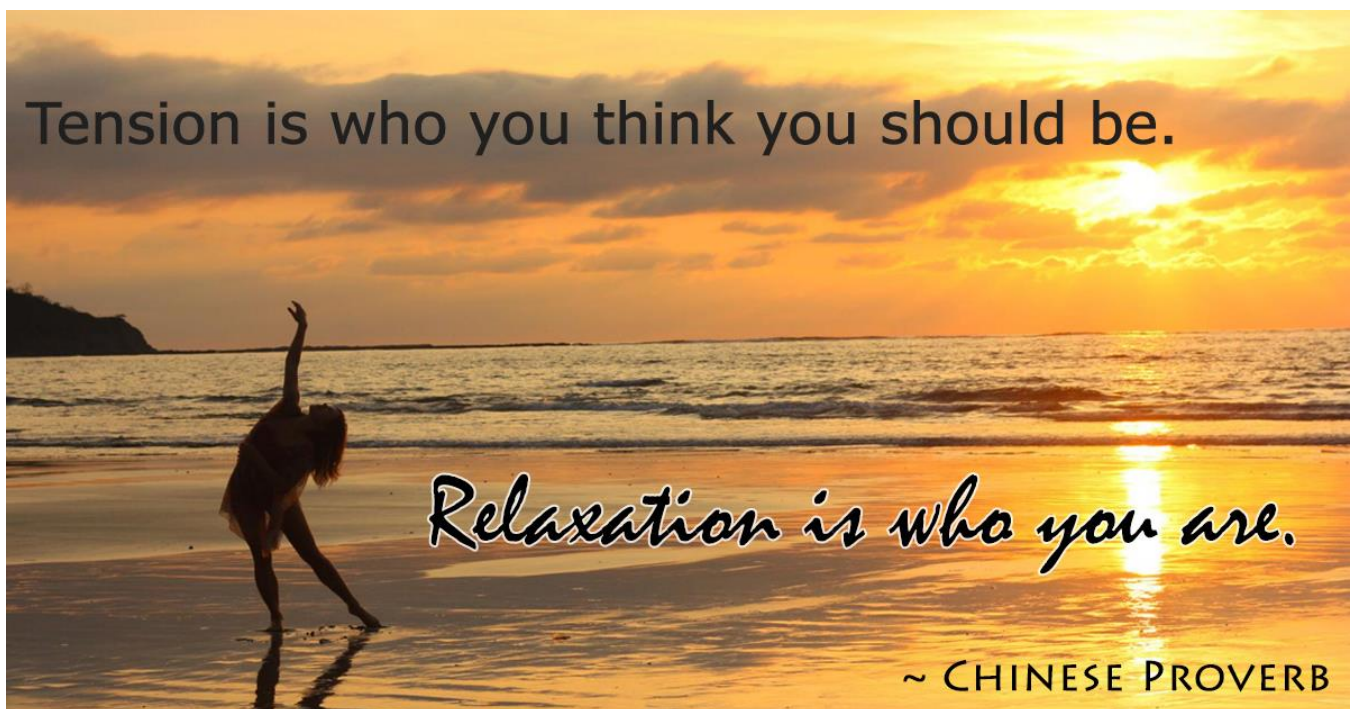
I close with one of my favorite prayers in our Book of Common Prayer, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians:

“Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.” (3:20-21)

Amen indeed.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Hal+



Tension is who you think you should be.

Relaxation is who you are.

~ CHINESE PROVERB



OUR UPCOMING SUMMER SERVICES

July 2	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 8
July 9	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 9
July 16	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 10
July 23	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 11
July 30	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 12
August 6	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Transfiguration
August 13	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 14
August 20	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Campus)	Proper 15
August 27	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (St. Paul's Campus)	Proper 16

All Sunday services are live streamed to our YouTube channel. And you can also find them there and on our Facebook page 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



DEACON BEACON

Here we are in the summer! How did this happen? Time seems to be moving faster and faster as the warm weather has set in.

I want to share a favorite poem with you from Mary Oliver, it's called *When I am Among the Trees*.

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks, and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."
When I am among the trees.

This is the best example of a summer poem I have. And a wonderful call from God as well. Go easy, God says, be filled with light and shine. Enjoy the summer light and be at ease with yourself and your loved ones.

See you in church,

Deacon Dorothée

VESTRY REPORT

Hot off the presses...on into summer...

- Thanks to everyone who came out and supported Grace's efforts during the **Ossining Village Fair** and our annual Strawberry Festival. It was a beautiful day of community outreach and delicious strawberry shortcake. Make a note to join us next year!
- **Warden's Week** - Cecilia and Darryl participated in 3 days of Zoom presentations and learned of the many resources available to Grace which will be shared with the vestry and parish.
- Thanks to our **Loaves & Fish** Angels for serving up yet another delicious meal for our guests. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs were appreciated. We thank Jo McGrath for being our liaison this past year and the entire team. **IMPORTANT NOTE!** Jo is stepping down as our liaison and if this might be calling YOU...we cook once per quarter or so...please reach out to Jo or Darryl.
- **Wow!** Thanks to all who were recognized for your role in all of Grace's mission and ministry this past recognition Sunday. Did we say **Wow?!?**
- **Annual Picnic!** Thanks to everyone who organized, shopped, cooked, cleaned up and enjoyed the delicious food and welcomed new faces from our community!
- **Vestry Retreat August 19TH** will require much reading and preparation. We are happy that our Investment Committee will be joining us at this event. Our newest addition, Sarah Davis, will be starting her work with us at this event. We are very grateful for the time and contributions of Ed Shultz's time with us during the Search Committee process and his Vestry service!
- Mark your calendars: July has a 5th Sunday! Father Hal will elaborate on what we have planned for **Sunday, July 30th**.



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OUR SUMMER PICNIC

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THE BOOK CLUB 2023 READING LIST

As you are busy making vacation plans for the summer, please consider making room in your luggage for the following books, if you are not packing your Kindle device 😊

TRUST by Hernan Diaz, a 2022 Booker Prize winner and NYTimes bestselling novel. This creative work looks at the history of a powerful and wealthy family in the 1920s via four different written accounts in a novel, autobiography, memoir, and diary. Which version is their true origin story? Who is the reliable narrator? I am looking forward to taking a deep dive into this beautifully written work. For more information, [click here](#).

Possible discussion date: Sunday, September 3rd

THE OVERSTORY by Richard Powers, is his twelfth work, a 2019 Pulitzer Prize winner which is included on OPRAH's list and made Amazon's Book of the Year category. This Ecofiction novel follows the intersection of the trees, the history they witness and the stories of nine disparate characters which eventually raises some very important questions and suggests very sobering outcomes for all. Given our daily ratings in the news on the smokey atmosphere in our part of the nation, 2023 sounds like the perfect time to read this book. [Click here](#) for more information.

Possible discussion date: Sunday, November 19th

THE SWEETNESS OF WATER by Nathan Harris, is an unforgettable debut novel about trauma and survival during the early Reconstruction period in the American South. NPR's review had this packed sentiment about the timelessness of this story:

The Sweetness of Water is having a moment that goes beyond topicality. There are several reasons for that: First, its question feels urgent and familiar, because politics now feels like war. Between the January insurrection, the threat of Texas secession, and the daily rhetoric of combat and revolution, the battles are ongoing, not just along party but also regional lines. ... In struggles over flags, monuments, textbooks, and university tenure, we're still fighting over how to frame this event in public memory, so those old wounds feel particularly fresh. Nathan Harris makes those extraordinary, still contested times comprehensible through an immersive, incredibly humane storytelling about the lives of ordinary people.

This will be our final book of the year. [Click here](#) to read the full NPR review:

Possible discussion date: Sunday, January 14th

Enjoy the summer and be safe during your travels to your happy destinations!

As I am giving you an approximate schedule for our long overdue reunion to discuss books, I am wondering if Sunday TBC meetings might be easier for folks to attend our buffet & books discussions later in the afternoon like 3:00 PM. This would allow our out-of-town members more of a chance to join us and there would not be any conflict with Sunday bible discussions once they re-start. Any thoughts? Let me know at cquintero1506@gmail.com



LOAVES AND FISH

DINNER SERVED BY GRACE WITH GRACE!

Saturday June 24th found the Grace Ossining Loaves and Fish team serving grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, potato and orzo salads, sliced tomatoes and onions followed by brownies and watermelon for dessert.

Early Saturday morning Ed Schultz picked up the donated baked goods and bread from ShopRite. At 4:00 PM, Jean Bonito carefully sliced tomatoes and onions and the team put up and set the tables for the guests. Sue Monroe created a very popular orzo salad while Jo McGrath prepared 13 pounds of potato salad. Meanwhile, Mark Monroe and Darryl Moy grilled the much-appreciated dogs and burgers at home then rushed them to Potter Hall to be served for dinner.

Elfreda Okyne, Darryl Moy, and Jean Bonito dished up food in the kitchen. Cha Moy, Ed Schultz, and Bev Vaillancourt served our guests in the dining room. Rev Hal kept an eye on the incoming customers, ate dinner, chatted with guests, and helped with the clean up! All in all, it was a successful meal and service to those in our community who need a hearty home-cooked meal.

Thank you to all our team members Jean Bonito, Jo McGrath, Mark Monroe, Sue Monroe, Cha Moy, Darryl Moy, Elfreda Okyne, Joe Orfino, Ed Shultz, and Bev Vaillancourt for their hard work and commitment to this worthy ministry. The team has served five sit-down meals over the past year.

Please join us as we build relationships within our congregation and into our community while doing God's work. If you are interested in joining or contributing either through working with us or contributing financially to the ministry, please contact the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS AND LOVE TO THIS NEW COUPLE!

Victoria Pollack and Jonathan Miron

June 24, 2023

(Victoria is Beth and Grant Pollack's daughter—and Beth made her gown!)



GRACE'S GLOBAL REACH!



Hi. My name is Sue Bayliss, cousin to Cha Moy. Between 2003-2008, I attended St. Paul's. I found friends in the Church including Sarah, Raymond and Ann Farrell, Sue and Mark Monroe, Carolyn and Art, and Marti and Jim Bowen.

I live in a suburb of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and watch the service when I can, during daylight saving it is 12:30 AM. I am always telling people how I belong to a church in Ossining, New York! Although I live in Australia, I love to get the monthly newsletter and read what is happening at St. Paul's. (Now Grace with Trinity.)

I attended my "church in Ossining" this morning and one of the hymns was *Trust and Obey*. This was a favourite with my many Scripture classes over 39 years. Then this morning I received the email message below and knew

that God was talking to me, asking me to share this with you. As the chorus says, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Love,

Sue

"Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

Proverbs 3:5- 6

Stay strong in the Lord in His words and His promises. Hold onto Him, cling onto His every Word. What you sow is what you reap. God's love is eternal; there's no boundary to God's plan for you. God wants the best for your life. All He cares is your well-being so tap into the spiritual realms and feel His love for you. His love for you is so strong and solid. Appreciate life, and everything that God has given you, even the rain and sunshine and the air you breathe. Do things according to His will for your life and see your life bloom.

By Joshua Chin Hong Lim

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Grace in Grief

A confidential, safe, and welcoming grief support program that meets bi-monthly from 10:00-11:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month in St. Paul's Campus Family Room. Open to people of all faiths, seeking support for the loss of a loved one. Our summer dates are:

July 8
July 22

August 12
August 26

This is open to all who may be grieving in our Ossining/Briarcliff community! If you, or someone you know, may be seeking a group to help you process, live, and learn from a supportive community please, have them contact Fr. Hal hal@graceossining.org or Cecilia Quintero cquintero1506@gmail.com for more information.

DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE
O Holy Night: Following That Star
August 13-19, 2023



The
Episcopal Diocese
of New York

The conference is a week-long event for the young people of the New York Episcopal Diocese (Grade 6 through the first year of college). It is a combination of many things; part retreat, part camp, and part convention. A chance for the youth of the Diocese to escape the pressures of the outside world, meet people their own age, discuss topics relevant to their lives, define their own personal spirituality, and have fun all at the same time. It is a spiritual retreat for teens in a summer camp setting. We come together for a week of faith, fellowship, and fun. Our days consist of a theme-related morning program with discussion groups, daily services, swimming, boating, and sports. Our evenings are full of activities like a dance, talent show, and campfire. We return home a little different than when we arrived; stronger for the love and friendship we've added to our lives. Please join us for the week and make friendships that can last a lifetime! For more information and to register, [click here](#).



The
Episcopal Diocese
of New York

Jonathan Daniels Civil Rights Youth Pilgrimage

Thursday, August 10, 2023 - Saturday, August 12, 2023

**High School Students are invited to join
this Historical Pilgrimage**

**Visiting Atlanta, Georgia, and Birmingham, Selma,
Montgomery, and Hayneville, Alabama**



Blessed Jonathan Daniels, a young seminarian and a saint of the Episcopal Church, was martyred in Hayneville while working for the civil rights of the people of Alabama. Each August, people gather in Hayneville to march and remember him and the many others who died striving for equality and freedom during that tumultuous time in our country's history. During the trip, we visit sites important to the Civil Rights Movement and examine the pivotal role that young people played in its success. Our purpose is to inspire our young people of today.

For more information contact the Pilgrimage Coordinator: Carla Burns at biblio999@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Anti-Racism Committee of the Diocese



SUMMER EVENTS

JULY

- 8 Grace in Grief
(10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 22 Grace in Grief
(10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
- 30 Fifth Sunday
(*Art in Action*, Noon, Trinity Campus)

AUGUST

- 12 Grace in Grief
(10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
 - 19 Vestry Retreat
 - 26 Grace in Grief
(10:00 AM, St. Paul's Campus)
 - 26 Hospitality Committee
(11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
 - 30 Vestry Meeting
(11:00 AM, Trinity Campus)
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Crawford	1	John Farrell	20
Bill Losee	1	Edward Aryee	21
Donna Chadeayne Harvey	2	Kathryn Howard	21
George Holsten	2	Peter Flihan	21
Brian Plank	4	Catherine Kamp	21
Joan DiLoreto	11	Peter Madison	22
John Houghtaling	12	Karen Kamp	23
Joe Scappaticci	16	The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer	23
Cameron Beaudreault	17	Alexa Shaw	24
Roland Rose	17	Dennis Parker	26
Lia Beaudreault	20	Stephanie Kip	30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Emma Flihan	1	Marian Schneckner	13
Laura Vookles	1	Gene Micklas	14
Lisa Gibson	2	Luis Barceló	15
John Muth	3	Barbara Hunt	17
Juliet Blair	3	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	Lori Kennedy	22
Alison Mahlau	10	Barbara Mahlau	23
Jack Kouloheris	11	Victoria Pollack	25
Jim Blair	12	Kari Ann DiLoreto	28
Sally Evans	13	Maribeth Barnes Osgood	29
Tina Farrell	13	Barbara Bethea	30
Susan Monroe	13	James Michael Liberti	30
Timothy Noye	13	John William Liberti	30
Barbara Olivier	13		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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



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 Tamsen Hernández, Parish Administrators
Carolyn R. Black, Music Director Emeritus
Katherine Pendzuk, Verger
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.