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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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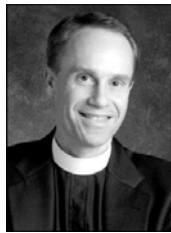
Ash   
Wednesday

**8 am in the Chantry**  
**12:10 in the Church**  
**6 pm in the Church**

All services include  
homily by the Rector,

## Sunday, February 10, 2013

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



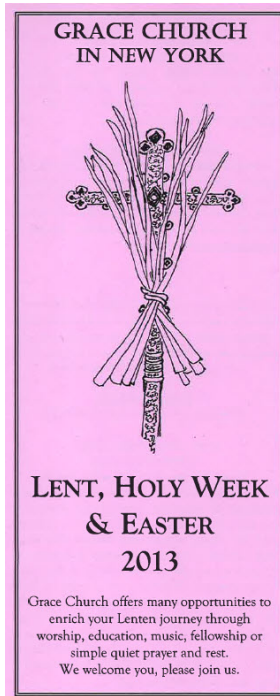
Dear Friends,

Those of you who have visited our website recently ([www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)) may have noticed a new icon on the homepage entitled [Canterbury Downtown: An Episcopal Campus Ministry](#). For some years now the Diocese of New York has sponsored a campus ministry for students attending the many institutions of higher learning in our neighborhood. **The Rev. Mary Cat Young** is the current chaplain, and she has been developing a lively program of worship, service, and fellowship that has attracted a dedicated band of Episcopal students from all over the country. A key part of the week has been a Sunday evening Eucharist, followed by a student dinner that has met at the Church of the Ascension over on 5th Avenue. In addition, Mary Cat is now adding another worship opportunity called "Night Prayers" that will meet on Wednesday nights, 9 pm, in the chapel of the Catholic Center at NYU.

The good news for us is that the Canterbury Downtown Sunday evening program will be shifting over to Grace Church. Something that has always prevented us from entering more fully into a supportive relationship with the campus ministry is that their Sunday evening service ran head-to-head with ours. Now, with the new task of launching Night Prayers on Wednesday evenings, Mary Cat has asked if her Sunday evening congregation can simply join in with our worship service, and then have their dinner here. I think it's a great idea that will infuse

Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes. (The earlier two services are expected to last approximately 45 minutes.)

## "Lent, Holy Week & Easter" Brochures Now Available



Find them in your service bulletins this Sunday and around the Church and Parish House. *(Highlights under Lent, Holy Week & Easter below.)*

## OUTREACH News & Events

### February 23 - Announcing... HURRICANE SANDY

**BENEFIT: VIVALDI GLORIA**  
The Adult Choir will offer Vivaldi's beautiful GLORIA on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 4 pm in the Church to help our neighbors with so much need after the damage of Super Storm Sandy. Please come

new life and vitality into our already robust Sunday 6 pm Eucharist. If you come to the service you will notice that Mary Cat is taking turns with the Grace Church clergy in celebrating the Eucharist and preaching, and we hope to add students to our teams of ushers, readers, and altar guild volunteers.

Over the years I have been struck by how many of our church's finest members look back on a campus ministry at their college as an especially formative time that enriched their faith. I am very pleased to welcome Canterbury Downtown into our midst, and look forward to a mutually beneficial partnership in ministry.

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)  
Rector

## This Sunday, February 10, 2013

### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Parish Choir

### 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

**THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM: THE FUTURE OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER** with the Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy, Associate Dean and Professor of Liturgics, General Theological Seminary. For the past 450 years Anglican Christians have set forth their theology and liturgy in subsequent editions of The Book of Common Prayer. Today the internet is changing everything; people are no longer book oriented, and they expect more choice and flexibility than can be bound in a printed volume. Have we seen the last edition of the Book of Common Prayer? Come join the discussion. Reception Room at 10 am. Coffee is served.

**20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH** Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for our February brunch on Sunday February 10th at Lillie's at 13 E. 17th Street (between Union Square West and 5th Ave) following the 11 am service.

RSVP by Friday, February 8th to Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

to enjoy the music and to make a difference!

#### TWO WAYS TO HELP: FINANCIAL

**CONTRIBUTIONS** to support ongoing rebuilding efforts on Staten Island. One hundred percent of your contributions will provide shelter, heat, hot water, building repair or other recovery measures. (Checks payable to "Grace Church," mark "storm relief" in the memo line. Contributions are tax-deductible as provided under law).

**FOOD DONATIONS:** Canned and dry goods that will support *Hope for our Neighbors in Need*, the feeding ministry at the Church of the Village (13th St and 7th Ave). This weekly feeding program seeks to provide short term hunger relief to our neighbors in the Village, while education and information efforts help to offer long term solutions.

**AFTERWARDS**, plan to attend the **GRACE AND THE ARTS (event description below) WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION** in Tuttle Hall and support local (including members of Grace Church) artists! Enjoy a perfect night out - classical music, wine, fellowship and good works too!

**OUTREACH MINISTRY - RECENT AND FUTURE PROJECT UPDATES** Many thanks to all who participated in *Don't Walk By* this past weekend, a ministry to our homeless neighbors.

For opportunities to serve a meal at **New York City Rescue Mission**, to volunteer with the **GO Project**, to help families rebuild from **Storm Sandy** on Staten Island, or to join **mission trips** to West Virginia, watch this space for

**ACOLYTE MEETING - NEWCOMERS WELCOME!** Serving at the altar can be a wonderful way for young people to become more engaged in the worship (to say nothing of not having to sit with their parents!). Anyone from 4th grade through adulthood is welcome. After today's 11 am service, the clergy will lead a 30-minute informational training session for current and prospective acolytes. Youth acolytes should go straight to the Music Room for pizza with the choristers, and then the acolyte rehearsal will begin at 12:45 pm in the chancel. If you'd like to serve but can't attend today's meeting, contact the Rector at [dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org).

**NEWCOMER CLASS CONTINUES - 12:30 PM** - Everyone new to Grace Church in the past year is encouraged to attend on Sundays through Feb 17 at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come to learn more about the history of Grace Church, life at Grace today, and how to connect with other parishioners and ministry opportunities. A light lunch is served. Today's topic is the English Reformation-the Birth of Anglicanism.

### Coming Soon



Come and enjoy pancakes, kids' crafts and parish-wide fun! Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Contact [Melissa](#) if you can volunteer to help!

### Lent, Holy Week & Easter

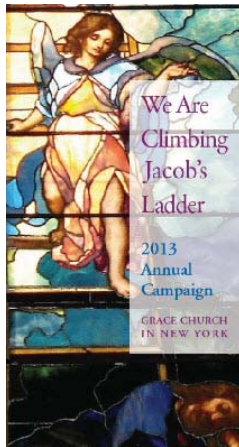
*This year as every year, we'll offer many opportunities to enrich your Lenten journey through worship, education, music, fellowship or simple quiet prayer and rest. We welcome you, please join us.*

**Ash Wednesday, February 13**  
**8 a.m. in the Chantry**  
**12:10 and 6 p.m. in the Church.**

updates, come to our monthly Outreach meetings or contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**WANT TO HELP FRIENDS IN WEST VIRGINIA?** The parish is planning a return to McDowell County to repair homes, volunteer in local ministries, and to share fellowship with our neighbors in the mountains of West Virginia. To learn more and to help us plan, please [visit this link](#) for information and a brief survey.

**2013 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE!**



**Our thanks to our challenge pledger and to all who have pledged to the Annual Campaign thus far! As of today, 211 households have pledged for a total of \$919,990.** Our total now compares favorably to last year at this time, when we had 203 pledges for a total of \$920,875.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PLEDGED,**

Please join the membership of Grace Church by [pledging now](#).

**20s30s Lenten Sushi Fridays**

**7 p.m.-February 15, 8, March 1, 8, 15 & 22**

Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship with others in their 20s and 30s at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. Various locations. RSVP and learn the location by 5 pm each THURSDAY to Melissa Spindler at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

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*The following program of Lenten adult education seeks to offer both newcomers and long-time members of the parish spiritual nourishment, opportunities to get to know one another, and in-depth discussion on issues that are central to both the church and individual members.*

**SUNDAYS IN LENT**

**February 17, 24, March 3, 10 & 17**

**10am - The Sunday Forum**

**Trying Christians:**

**Challengers of Complacent Faith**

Classes will focus on the lives of Christians who challenge the foundational beliefs and practices of our shared faith. They are simultaneously inspiring and infuriating; unifying and divisive; charismatic and corrosive. Each has succeeded in moving the Church in one direction or another as they write books, develop followings, and manage to hold sway with what some to see as prophetic ministries. As we each adopt Lenten disciplines of self-reflection, a meditation on these figures reminds us to guard against complacency in our own religious lives. *Held in Tuttle Hall; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion.*

**7pm - JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: FROM SIN TO FORGIVENESS**

On Sunday evenings directly after the 6 pm service in the Chantry, we will reflect on our spiritual journeys from sin and brokenness to forgiveness and healing. This series is centered on the Eucharistic lections and uses outside readings, film, lectures, and discussion/reflection groups. We begin with light refreshment and will end by 8:30 pm. Topics include Prayer: A Daily Conversation (Feb 17); Sin, Self & Freedom: Jesus as Martyr (Feb 24); Judgment: A Biblical Perspective (Mar 3); Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son (Mar 10); and Grace: Accepting God's Love (Mar 17). Make these classes a part of your Lenten journey; join for one or all of them. Led by the clergy of Grace Church and special guest speakers.

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

**February 20, 27, March 6, 13, & 20**

**Film Study: The Decalogue**

The Reverends Sarah Wood and Stephen Holton will lead a study on five of the ten films Krzysztof Kieslowski directed for Polish public television in the late 1980s



entitled *The Decalogue*. We will consider the characters established within the cinematic medium, discover theological threads: temptation, examination, repentance, forgiveness, and grace, and finally acknowledge the ways in which our own lives express these habits. Class will begin as early as 6:45 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) and conclude by 8:15 pm, in the Music Room.

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**PALM SUNDAY, March 24**

**9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church**

**Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music at 11 a.m. by Buxtehude, Gibbons, & Guilment  
The Adult Choir

**4 p.m. in the Church**

**Choral Evensong with excerpts from**

**Part II of Handel's MESSIAH**

The Adult Choir

**HOLY WEDNESDAY, March 27**

**6 p.m. in the Chantry**

**1st Century Agape Meal**

In place of our usual 6 p.m. Eucharist, we will experience in food and format what the earliest Christians would have known in their gatherings together. Families and children are very welcome and encouraged. A \$10 suggested donation per adult will help offset costs.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28**

**7 p.m. in the Church**

**Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,**

**Stripping of the Altar**

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Wood

Music by Duruflé, Farrant, Tallis, & others

The Adult Choir

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29**

**12 - 3 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion:**

**The Seven Last Words of Christ**

Preachers: The Rev. J. Donald Waring,

The Rev. Stephen Holton, The Rev. Sarah Wood, The Rev.

Rebecca Myers, The Rev. Mary Cat Young,

The Rev. Timothy Morehouse.

**7 p.m. in the Church**

**Choral Vespers**

**OLIVET TO CALVARY**

**by John Henry Maunder**

The Adult Choir

A moving account of the Passion set to music and sung by the choir with tenor and bass soloists.

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30**

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Easter Eve Walk**

Children ages 4-12 and their families are invited to experience the Passion and Resurrection through interactive storytelling, crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt. Suggestion donation \$10.

**7 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter  
Holy Baptism & Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton  
Music by Byrd & Fauré  
The Adult Choir

**EASTER DAY, March 31  
All Services in the Church**

**9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Combined Grace Church Choirs.

**11 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music by Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock,  
Parker, & others  
The Combined Grace Church Choirs,  
Brass & Tympani

**4 p.m. Organ Music for Easter Day**

Music by Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor

**6 p.m. Festive Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring.  
Music by Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, & others  
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