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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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Every year at Christmas time it is the generous donations from our parishioners that enhance the beauty of Grace Church. You may use the **Christmas flower envelope** (found around the

December 8, 2013

The Second Sunday of Advent



Dear Friends,

This coming Saturday, December 7, promises to be a significant day in the life of the Diocese of New York. Beginning at 10 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, delegates from all the churches of the diocese will begin casting ballots to elect a suffragan bishop. A few terms might be helpful. The *diocesan* bishop is the bishop in charge of the diocese. A *coadjutor* bishop is an assistant bishop who has been elected with the right to succeed the diocesan bishop upon the latter's resignation or retirement. A *suffragan* bishop is an assistant bishop who has been elected to serve, but does not have the right to succeed the diocesan. Two years ago, when Bishop Sisk called for the election of a bishop coadjutor, he meant to convey that he was soon to retire. Thus, the diocese gathered and elected Andrew Dietsche, who served as bishop coadjutor, and after a period of transition became our diocesan bishop, The Bishop of New York.

Now Bishop Dietsche is calling for an assistant, but since he has no plans to retire in the near future, this time we will be electing a person who will work with and under the diocesan, without becoming so in the future. The goal here is to elect someone whose spiritual gifts will complement, but not compete with the leadership of Bishop Dietsche. If you'd like to see who the candidates are, and watch a brief video in

Church and Parish House) to offer your cash or check, and place it in the collection plate, the wooden box in the Parish House hallway, or the mail to Grace Church.

You may also [donate online](#) (click GIVE, scroll down to FLOWERS). We recommend donation amounts beginning at \$50, but are grateful for any amount. Thank you!

For your donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" to be listed in the Christmas bulletin, it must be received by Tues, Dec 17th.

Pledge Sunday was November 10...

We are off to a *great start*, but still we hope to hear from everyone!

which they introduce themselves, click this link: <http://suffraganny.org/>.

Each parish, depending on its size, receives a certain number of lay delegates to vote at the electing convention. Grace Church has three delegates, and we send officers of our vestry: Sarah Cogan, Sr. Warden; Brett Pertuz, Jr. Warden; and Paul Demartini, Clerk. Clergy who are canonically resident in the Diocese of New York also receive a vote. Thus, Stephen Holton and I have canceled any Saturday morning plans this week. (Sarah Wood is licensed to serve in New York, but is canonically resident in the Diocese of Virginia, and is therefore ineligible to vote.)

The convention votes by orders - lay and clergy - and if no candidate on the first ballot receives a majority of votes in both orders, then a second ballot is cast - and if need be a third, and a fourth, and so on. Sometimes it takes many ballots before one candidate emerges with a majority of votes in both lay and clergy orders, and sometimes a candidate who is the runaway favorite in one order cannot garner the votes in the other order, and eventually loses the election. It is without doubt an interesting process. As for me, I am hoping that it will also be a quick process! A few ballots, a light lunch, and let's be on our way rejoicing that the will of God has become clear.

Please keep our Grace Church delegation and the entire diocese in your prayers on Saturday. See you in church.

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

This Sunday, December 8th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Combined Jr. Choristers with Adults

*Sing to the Lord
a new song*



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In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church, **please make a pledge.**

You may [pledge online now!](#)

Or look for the brochure above - in your mail or around the Church and Parish House - and fill out the enclosed pledge envelope.

*Remember that **pledges do not need to be paid off all at once.** You can take all of 2014 to fulfill your pledge!*

COMING SOON...

4 p.m. Advent Service of Lessons & Carols
Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

(Service times are updated weekly on the [website](#).)

**TWO MORE SUNDAY FORUMS:
12/8 & 12/15 at 10 AM!**

Danielle Ofri, MD



What HOW EMOTIONS AFFECT Doctors THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE Feel



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—**JEROME GROOPMAN**, author of *How Doctors Think*

Patients often assume that doctors keep all their emotions safely in check, and that all of their decisions are based entirely on cool reasoning. But emotions permeate clinical decision-making at every level, whether acknowledged or not. This



ECW CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

Immediately following the 9 and 11am
services in Tuttle Hall

- ★ Beautiful and delicious Christmas cookies, confections and more will be for sale
- ★ We will also have a children's cupcake table
- ★ Friends and family are welcome

Please come and support the work
of the ECW!

AID TO THE PHILIPPINES

To assist in the recovery efforts following the devastating typhoon, consider [Episcopal Relief and Development](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). ERD is partnering with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to address critical needs and plan for longer term relief and recovery.

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presentation offers an insider's view on how emotions affect doctors and the care they are able to give. Held in the Reception Room at 10 am.

*Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD, and author of **What Doctors Feel**, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at NYU School of Medicine, but her clinical home is at Bellevue Hospital. She writes regularly for the New York Times about medicine and the doctor-patient relationship and is the author of numerous books about life in medicine.*

FAMILIES SERVICE PROJECT Families and friends help stuff Christmas gift bags to be distributed to the children of the [GO Project](#). Miss Melissa will have supplies ready in the GCS Dining Room after the 9am and 11am services. Come help your children share the joy of the season with those in our community. Contact Melissa if you'd like to financially support this effort.

20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH Members and friends in their 20s and 30s are invited to brunch on Sunday Dec 8th after the 11am service at Tink's Restaurant, 102 E 7th Street (between Avenue A and 1st Ave) . Melissa will gather the group in Tuttle Hall before walking together to the restaurant. **RSVP required to Melissa Spindler by 5pm on Friday December 6th at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org!**

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS 4PM - A beautiful service of music, lessons and prayers for the Advent Season with works by *Hancock, Manz, Palestrina, and Piccolo*. Plan to bring a friend and enjoy singing 'O come, O come, Emmanuel,' 'Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,' and many more of your favorite Advent Carols. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

THE ANNUAL ADVENT COLLECTIONS for local charities will continue today, with a **collection of unscented, uncolored lip balm and travel-sized hand lotion for [Seamen's Church Institute](#)**. On Sunday Dec 15th we'll collect new men's boxers, t-shirts, and tube socks (larger sized) for the *NYC Rescue Mission*. Donations will be collected in the baskets at the back of the church. Please give generously!

VESTRY NOMINATIONS - Many thanks to those who've agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee this year. According to our parish by-

laws the Committee must consist of the Warden not up for reelection (Brett Pertuz), two Vestry members (Paul Demartini and Nancy Walcott), two parishioners named by the Rector (Charlie Johnston and Dana Foote), and the Rector, who serves as an ex-officio member. **If you would like to nominate a Grace Church parishioner to serve on the Vestry, please fill out the form you will find on the table outside the Reception Room and place it in the "Vestry Nominations" box by January 5th.**

COMING SOON

DEC 11 - ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING @12:15 PM If you live or work near Broadway and 10th St, come to Grace Church during your lunch break and join the Combined Boys' and Girls' Choirs in a festive half hour of seasonal favorites!

DEC 15 - JEFFERSON'S CHRISTIANITY - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - Faith in the 21st Century Series. Author David Holmes, who has written extensively about the faiths of U.S. Presidents, will connect themes of Thomas Jefferson and the "Jefferson Bible" (i.e. Belief in the 18th century) to present day attitudes on belief. *(The Sunday Forum goes on recess until Jan. 2014.)*

DEC 15 - ECW CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER immediately following the 9 and 11 am services! Delicious and beautiful Christmas cookies and confections will be for sale. We'll also have a children's cupcake table, and plenty of good things to buy today for your holiday entertaining. Please come out and support the good works of the ECW!

DEC 15 - GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING Families are invited to come make a gingerbread house after the 11am service. \$15 per house, and [RSVP required to Melissa Spindler by 5pm on Friday December 13th!](#)

DEC 15 - CEREMONY OF CAROLS BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN will be offered by The Girls' Choir with Alumni of the Choir and members of The Adult and Parish Choirs at 4 pm in the Church.

DEC 23 - GREENING OF THE CHURCH - A few good souls are needed to help dress the church on Monday, Dec 23, for the joyous celebration of Christmas. If you would like to sign up, please [contact Ellen McElduff.](#)

DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Featuring 88 talented beasts, shepherds, and villagers. Doors open at 3:30 pm.

7:30 PM FESTIVAL MUSIC FOR THE ORGAN -
Patrick Allen, *organ*.

8 PM FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS -
The Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' Choir.
Sermon by the Rector.

10:30 PM FESTIVAL MUSIC FOR ORGAN & BAROQUE
TRUMPET -
Patrick Allen, *organ*, John Thiessen, *baroque trumpet*.

11 PM CANDLELIGHT CHORAL EUCHARIST -
The Adult Choir, sermon by the Rector.

DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

11 AM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS -
The Adult Choir, sermon by the Rector.
(No 6 pm Eucharist today. Merry Christmas!)

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