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in New York City



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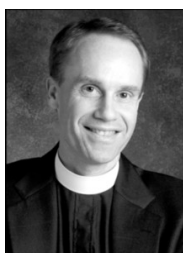
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The Temptations...

May 11, 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

Not long ago I was with one of my sons in a pizza parlor on 14th St. picking up what would be our supper. The restaurant is open to the sidewalk, and an aggressive panhandler had made his way to the cash register, where he begged for the change from every customer in line. He then went from table to table shaking his coin cup at people as they tried to eat. I was surprised that none of the employees did anything about it. On the way out I decided to give the man one of the cards from the New York City Rescue Mission that I carry in my wallet, and encouraged him to go there to find the help that he needs. You may recall that a while back we included these cards in our Sunday bulletins as a resource for all of us to provide meaningful help on the street when asked. So how did the man respond to my gift? Well, let's just say, not well. He wanted money, not direction, and he told me as much in so many four-letter words.

All of us want to be merciful and generous, but we struggle with how to reach out wisely. Is the answer to give money when people on the street ask for it? All of us need to make our own peace with this question, but the counselors who work with the homeless remind us that when we give money on the street, we only enable the recipient to put off taking the difficult steps toward a better life.



...of St. Augustine.
The Sunday Forum at 10
am (Details at right.)

**Don't Miss
SPRINGTIME
COCKTAILS
ON THE LAWN
MAY 15th**



[RSVP NOW!](#)

On Thursday, May 15th please join us for a festive cocktail party for adult parishioners outside the Rectory. We'll enjoy fellowship, drinks and light hors d'oeuvres from 6 - 8 pm.

*Admission is free, but you **must RSVP today** to be added to the guest list.*

Outreach to the

I have found no perfect solution, but one thing I know that helps is to support the organizations of mercy that work with the poor, the homeless, and the addicted, helping them to address the seemingly intractable challenges they face. The [NYC Rescue Mission](#) is one such organization. [Episcopal Charities](#) is another. Episcopal Charities is the outreach arm of the diocese, helping to fund 93 parish based programs, including our own GO Project. Many of these parish based programs are soup kitchens and food pantries. In recent years, dramatic funding cuts, especially in government grants, have reduced the capacity of these programs to feed hungry people. At the same time, the number of hungry people is on the rise, and some agencies have seen a 10-20% increase in the number of people coming to their doors for assistance. Episcopal Charities keeps these programs going, and at the same time, strengthens the life, witness, and ministry of neighborhood Episcopal churches.

To this end the Diocese of New York is asking us to observe Episcopal Charities Sunday this week, and you will find an offering envelope in your bulletin in hopes that you will make a donation of any amount above and beyond your normal giving. Sunday is also Mothers' Day, so perhaps you might consider making a gift in honor of your mother. 100% of what you give goes directly to helping someone make it through the day and reach for a better life. To learn more about Episcopal Charities, visit their [website](#).

See you in church.

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

This Sunday, May 11th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

Community



JUNE 7, 14 –
REBUILDING ON
STATEN ISLAND is still
ongoing. Join teams
from Grace Church for
two parish work days,
Saturdays June 7 and
14. Many jobs for
multiple skill levels are
available; e-mail
[Stephen Holton](mailto:Stephen.Holton) for
more information or to
sign up.

THROUGH JUNE 15
EPISCOPAL SOCIAL
SERVICES SUIT DRIVE
FOR YOUNG ADULTS –
Now through June 15 –
we will collect business
attire and accessories
for young adults in
foster care. [Episcopal
Social
Services](#) provides
professional
development and job
placement support to
the youth in their care
to ensure they achieve
their full potential, in
spite of the challenges
they have faced in the
past. We are collecting:
like-new or new suits
for both men and
women of all sizes (as
a courtesy, please dry
clean before donating),
as well as professional
accessories such as
leather folios, purses,
briefcases, etc. Please
bring all donations to
the nursery or [contact](#)

11 a.m. Morning Prayer
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys
with the Girls' Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers in our midst,
in our minds, and in our hearts today. We give
thanks for the countless ways that God has shined
his love upon the world through you.

BRAVO! 6 NEW SENIOR CHORISTERS ELEVATED at
the 11 am service. Congratulations to our newest
Senior Choristers who have been leading with
strength and joy in the Junior Chorister services,
rehearsals and concert this year! BOYS: Maarish
Hinduja; Ian Rotheroe. GIRLS: Lila Carr; Maya
Carrigan; Imogene Dunn; Cadence Plenge.

THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM – The Temptations of
St. Augustine. Roy Tsao, who has taught the history
of political thought and philosophy at Georgetown
and Yale, will discuss aspects of the life and
thought of St. Augustine of Hippo (354–430),
perhaps the single most influential post-Biblical
writer of the Western Church. The talk will focus on
Augustine's persistent sense of troubled perplexity
at the spiritual hazards inherent in human society,
especially for those (like himself) in positions of
authority and influence.

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY – Episcopal Charities
provides support to the 45 parish-affiliated feeding
programs operating in the Diocese of New York.
Hundreds of thousands of people will directly
benefit, many of them children and the elderly.
Today you'll find an envelope inside your service
bulletin, which we hope you will consider using to
make a donation to this worthy cause. Please seal
your cash donation or check (made out to Episcopal
Charities) in the envelope and place it in the
collection plate. For more information, visit
episcopalcharities-newyork.org.

JOIN THE ECW IN OUTREACH TO *WOMEN* AT THE
NYC RESCUE MISSION, which now provides
emergency shelter to women after 142 years of
serving only men. The ECW would like to welcome

[Melissa Spindler](#) for more information.

THE GO PROJECT SUMMER INTERNSHIPS Attention 9th-12th graders! Help Shape Academic Futures! Become a GO Getters Intern! Are you passionate about educational equity? Are you committed to having in depth, change-making conversations with your peers? Do you want to spend a summer giving back to your community? If you replied yes, apply NOW for the GO Getters Summer Internship at goprojectnyc.org! (Deadline MAY 19th.) Questions? [Contact Olivia Nunez](#).

Please also see under "This Sunday" outreach opportunities through Episcopal Charities Sunday, the ECW/NYC Rescue Mission and on May 20th the Open Door Ministry here at Grace!

them with bags containing (TRAVEL SIZE): Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body lotion, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Dental floss, Bar soap, Washcloth. You may also make a monetary donation to supply the above. (Checks payable to Grace Church.) ECW will have a donation table after the 11 am and 6 pm services on Sundays, May 11, 18 and 25. Also JOIN US to assemble bags on SUNDAY, JUNE 1 after the 11 am service! Contact Elana at elanafoundos@gmail.com with questions. Info and a video here: <http://nycrescue.org/womens-shelter/>

COMING SOON

MAY 17 – CONSECRATION OF BISHOP SUFFRAGAN
The Diocese of New York invites you to join in the celebration of the Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Allen K. Shin as Bishop Suffragan of The Episcopal Diocese of New York at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, in the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine.

MAY 18, JUNE 1 – NEWCOMER CLASS CONTINUES.
The next of a three-part session meets on these Sundays with the Rector from 12:45 – 1:45 pm. Come to learn more about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and Grace Church. A light lunch is served in the Reception Room, and then we'll move to the Music Room for the class. *To reserve your space please email Jennifer Metz at jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org.*

MAY 18 – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM – THE GO PROJECT invites Grace Church parishioners to join us on May 18th at 10 am where we will discuss the Grace Church-Project partnership and how, together, we work to level the educational playing field for under-resourced children in our community. Through media, articles, and conversation, we hope to spark an ongoing dialogue.

MAY 20 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS! *Thirteen thousand visitors* crossed our Church threshold on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in 2013! The Open Door ministry seeks to provide a welcoming presence for them all. Please consider volunteering just 2 hours a month to support this worthy mission – and for fellowship

and fun as well! To find out more, come join the Open Door volunteers at our next meeting and celebration on Tuesday, May 20 @ 7pm. *RSVP to Singleton Cox at singleton.cox@gmail.com.*

MAY 29 – ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING – All women of Grace Church are invited to this meeting at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Bring a "lite bite" for the table if you are able. No pressure! Please try to attend this last meeting before the summer.

CALL FOR RECIPES for the ECW and Grace Church Cookbook – deadline June 15! Our goal is 100% participation from ALL the women and men of Grace Church! Ask your husband, wife, sons, daughters and grandparents for a recipe, add a brief comment related to your recipe, and send to magracecookbook@gmail.com (or place a hard copy in the ECW mailbox in the parish office). *If you don't have a recipe to share, but would like to contribute to the effort, please consider a donation to help defray the cost of printing. Your gift is tax deductible, and your name will appear in the cookbook!*

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