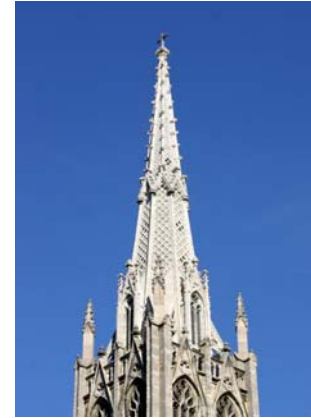


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### in New York City



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## January 17, 2016

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

Earlier this week I did something I have done only one other time in my life. I bought a lottery ticket. The last time I made such a purchase was 1995. Stacie and I were in NYC and had just become

engaged. So, since we were in the mode of throwing caution to wind anyway, we splurged on a ticket. Did we win? Yes and no. I believe I hit the jackpot with my wife, but expecting to win the lottery as well all in one day would have been just plain greedy. Since then I've never thought to buy another ticket.

But lately, who didn't get caught up in the frenzy of a \$1.5 billion Powerball jackpot? I began to imagine all the things I could do. Most especially, I would complete the interior and exterior restoration of Grace Church, and then provide such an endowment that we would never again have to defer maintenance. I had a whole list of worthy causes that I would bless, and no, I would not quit my job. Oh, the possibilities! Finally, after hearing once too often that you can't win if you don't buy a ticket, I relented, chose my own numbers, purchased one ticket, and hoped for the best. After all, someone had to win, so why not me? Alas, I matched only one number, so on Wednesday night it was a quick trip back to earth for all but three people. It was back to the reality of never having enough to do the worthy things we'd like to do.



**OUR NEXT BUILD DAY is next Saturday, 1/23** from 9:15 am to 5 pm. Visit our website [here](#) to learn more about the project, and to sign up for this and future work days.

***Future build days: Wed, Feb 10 (1-5pm), Sat, Feb 20 (9:15am-5pm).***

### **DON'T WALK BY. SIGN UP!**

**DON'T WALK BY** is an annual outreach in New York City in which volunteers walk through the streets of Manhattan on a search and rescue mission for the homeless. This year's team from Grace Church will participate on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 1:30 to 8 pm. Please join the team! More info [here](#).

You may register [here](#) (select "Street Engagement Volunteer" click "register" and fill out the form. For name of team put "Mike Watson," and name of church "Grace Episcopal Manhattan.") If you have any questions, contact Mike [here](#) or at 646-234-5799.

This coming Sunday we will hear the familiar Gospel story of the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-12). For many reasons it is one of my favorite passages in all of the Bible. If you recall, Jesus was attending a wedding celebration, and the host ran out of wine. Jesus told the servants to fill six stone jars with water, each one holding 20-30 gallons. I imagine it was a thankless, time-consuming, backbreaking task for the servants, who probably wondered how all the water was going to rescue a wedding. Nevertheless, they followed the instructions of Jesus. They had the jars and they had the water, and Jesus provided the wine. The story has many layers of meaning, but among them is that when we are faithful, God is able to transform the common resources we have into the wine of life.

Friends, you and I have already won the jackpot in that we share in the joy of God's existence. Just imagine the possibilities when we commit to Jesus our time, talent, and treasure, entrusting that he will transform them to build up God's kingdom. If you are looking for a contemporary example, search no further than the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose legacy we celebrate this weekend.

See you in church.

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

## **This Sunday**

### **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

#### **9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Parish Choir

#### **11 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

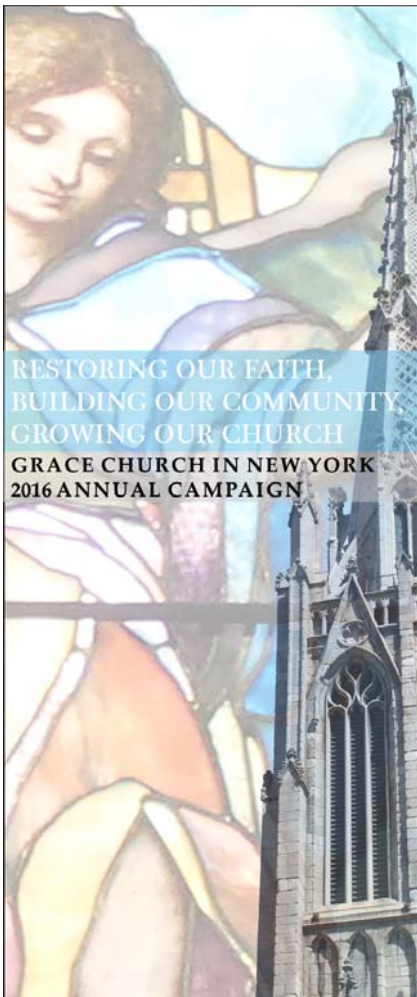
Music: The Adult Choir

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

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Registration deadline  
2/15/16.

**In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life...**



Don't forget to [make YOUR pledge!](#)

**Please pray for...**



Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**WE WELCOME DR. BARRY ROSE.** [Our great friend Dr. Rose](#) is conducting the choir this Sunday at 11 am and will spend next week working with all the choirs. Under his direction – THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – will take place on Sunday, Jan 24 at 4 pm in the Church (see details under Jan 24 below).

**LOVING YOUR ENEMIES – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** – Dr. Nicholas Birns will speak about Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1957 sermon, "Loving Your Enemies," and how its perspective on Jesus Christ relates to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's recent call to "[join the Jesus movement.](#)" *Join us each Sunday for coffee, lively discussion and spiritual enrichment in the Reception Room at 10 am!* [Read Dr. King's sermon, here.](#)

**GUEST CHOIR AT 6 PM, SERVICE IN THE CHURCH** – The 6 pm Eucharist will be held in the church, not the chantry as we welcome the Girls' Choir from Christ Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, as our guest choir. Their offerings tonight will include: Selections from Messe Basse by Gabriel Fauré, Thy perfect love, John Rutter and Panis angelicus, César Franck. *The Christ Church Choir of Men and Girls was founded in 2013 by Organist/Choirmaster David Jernigan. Centered around music of the Anglican Cathedral tradition, the girls of the choir, ranging in age from grades 3 – 12, often sing with an adult section of altos, tenors, and basses and maintain a busy schedule of services and concerts.*

***Coming Soon***

**JAN 24 – LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** – The Rev. J. Donald

*those who suffer*

Elsie Lewis  
Gabriel Teodorescu  
Dan Mahony  
Elizabeth & Sam Brown  
Flor Hernandez  
Jack McDaniel  
Bill Nave  
Greg Gillies  
Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence  
Paul Tillotson

*those who have died.*

Marilyn Renfroe

Waring will continue the Epiphany series of presentations based on the Presiding Bishop's challenge to be part of "[the Jesus movement](#)." What does the Presiding Bishop mean, and what implications might this have on the lives of all members of the church – lay people and clergy alike? Join us at 10 am in the Reception Room for coffee and discussion.

**JAN 24 – ECW – BOOK DRIVE RESULTS!** On Sunday, Jan 24th, there will be a list of donors and honorees in the service bulletins at all services. **All 246 new pew books**, with dedication labels, will be on view in Tuttle Hall after the 9, 11, and 6 o'clock services. Thank you for your generosity in restocking the pews at Grace Church!

**JAN 24 – THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES** – Our friend Dr. Barry Rose will be back to work with the Novice and Junior Choristers and lead them in this special annual event that celebrates music for the soprano chorister's voice. At the concert Novice Choristers will be "whited" (awarded their surplice) and promoted to Junior Chorister. Sunday Jan 24 at 4 pm in the Church.

**JAN 31 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. Lunch will be served (\$5 per person suggested donation).

**THE VESTRY HAS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT** and is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a second two-year term as a Churchwarden: LEE

CHAMBERLIN. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member: JUSTIN BROWNHILL, ELANA FOUNDOS, ANASTASIA ROTHEROE. For a first three-year term as Vestry member: OWEN BOGER. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

**FEB 7 – SHROVE SUNDAY!** Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Fun activities for all ages included. Share a meal with friends before Lent begins. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service. \$15 per person requested donation at the door. Volunteer help is most appreciated! To find out how you can help, please contact the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#).

**FEB 14, 21 – NEWCOMERS' CLASSES** –Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it's like to be a member of Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, Feb 14 and 21, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room. *Newcomer classes are held about 3 times per year and will next be held in April.*

**FEB 14 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE MISSION** – On Sunday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We are seeking volunteers to prepare pot roasts and cupcakes at home and to serve the meal at the Mission. We have a super easy and delicious pot roast recipe for you! Please join us in this rewarding volunteer opportunity which is so appreciated by folks at the mission. To sign up, [e-mail Lillie Chance](#).

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