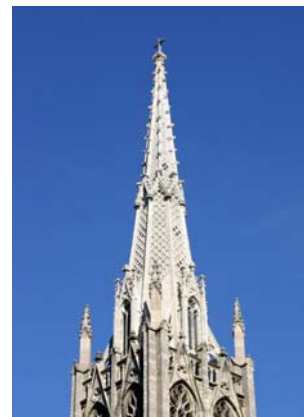


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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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## What does it mean to join the "Jesus movement?"

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Next week 2/7: *The Religious Worlds of Shanghai and New York* with Dr. Mark Larrimore.

## January 31, 2016

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday is the day we will hold the Annual Meeting of Grace Church. Following the 11 am service, instead of coffee hour we will enjoy lunch together in Tuttle Hall, then hear reports from various lay leaders who are overseeing many of our committees. Towards the end of the meeting I'll share my observations, generally referred to as "the state of the parish." The Annual Meeting is also the time when we pay formal attention to leadership transition. We give thanks for the good work of our off-going Vestry members - this year only one: Colbert Cannon. We also elect the incoming class of Vestry members: Owen Boger to a first term, Justin Brownhill, Elana Foundos, and Anastasia Rotheroe to second terms, and Leona Chamberlin as Warden. Concerning the incoming class, you can see a photo and read a short bio for each, [below](#).

The first Vestry meeting of Grace Church occurred on January 11, 1809. If you count that long-ago gathering as the first "annual" meeting, then Sunday will be our 208<sup>th</sup>. I give thanks to God for the two centuries of ministry and witness that have transformed countless lives through this parish.

Also, on display at the lunch will be the new Prayer Books, Bibles, and Hymnals that many of you purchased as memorial or thank-offering gifts last fall. They are now complete with book plates and ready to be disseminated into the pews.

**Next Habitat for  
Humanity/Grace Church  
Build Days 2/10, 2/20.**



Grace Church is overjoyed to be **partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house** in Laurelton, Queens, for a family in need. Click [here](#) to learn more, and to sign up.

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

**FEB 20 – DON'T WALK BY** is an annual NYC outreach effort in which volunteers walk through the streets of Manhattan on a search and rescue mission for the homeless. **Please join the Grace Church team on Feb 20! 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.  
*Register by 2/15/16.*

**Please pray for...**

Do join us on Sunday. See you in church.

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

**This Sunday**

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**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 Junior Choristers  
with Adults

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

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young  
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall 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. We will vote on candidates to fill open Vestry positions. See [below](#) for the bios of the nominees. Lunch will be served (\$5 per person suggested donation).

**SHARING OUR "CHRIST LIGHT" – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** – The Rev. Gretchen Ratterree, Pastoral Resident of Grace Church, will continue the Epiphany series of presentations based on the Presiding Bishop's challenge to be part of "the Jesus movement." This class will introduce ways of recognizing and getting in touch with The Christ within ourselves, and the ways that we can share that Light with others in our



***those who suffer***

Dixie Lynch  
 Sekou and Stacy Andrews  
 Elsie Lewis  
 Gabriel Teodorescu  
 Dan Mahony  
 Elizabeth & Sam Brown  
 Flor Hernandez  
 Bill Nave  
 Greg Gillies  
 Josephine Ferraiuolo  
 Howard Small  
 Trish Lawrence  
 Paul Tillotson

***and those who have died.***

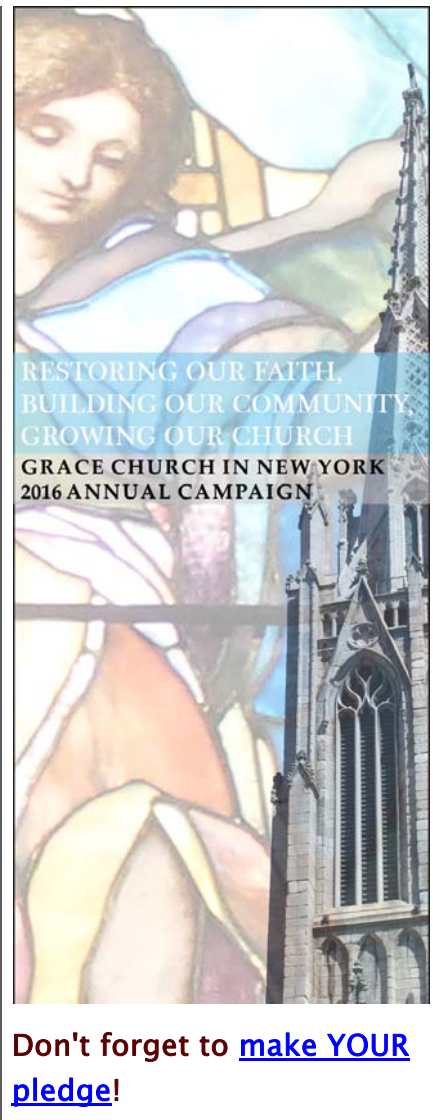
**In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life...**

community and the world. Join us at 10 am in the Reception Room for coffee and discussion.

**WELCOME JUNIOR CHORISTERS!** This morning at 11 am the combined Junior Boy and Girl Choristers are taking up the treble seats in the Choir. Last Sunday during the Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices with guest conductor Dr. Barry Rose, 33 **New Juniors received their surplice in the traditional "whiting" ceremony. Congratulations!** NEW JUNIOR BOY CHORISTERS: Hudson Blanck, Gregg Chase, Jonas Coats, James Erwine, Ollie Janson, Ronan Kenyon, Will Kenyon, Quinn Meyers, Luca Minnich, Owen Paulson, Aidan Robison, Devan Sarkar, Bryan Cepeda. NEW JUNIOR GIRL CHORISTERS: Annika Burke, Allegra Bockhaus, Alessandra Bruder, Maeve Cannon, Liya Carrigan, Amaris Christian, Sophie Crawford, Willa Crump, Chloe El Hadj, Tess Gola, Elizabeth Goldthorpe, Harper Goergen, Lia Kennedy, Clementine McCoy, Juliette Robertson, Josephine Robertson, Francesca Root, Tenley Seirer, Vivienne Skrypek, Daveonna Vincent.

**LAST CALL – 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES –** *TODAY is the last day to pick up your envelopes after services.* After the 9 and 11 am services, you may find them in Tuttle Hall. After the 6 pm service, they may be found in the Reception Room. If you have not already requested envelopes for 2016, you may do so by contacting [James V. Romanik](#), Manager of Membership Services & Communications.

**CANTERBURY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS MINISTRY RESUMES TODAY** All college students are welcome to come to the 6 pm service in the Chantry, with fellowship and a meal directly after. Visit [www.canterburynyc.org](http://www.canterburynyc.org) for more information.



## *Coming Soon*

**FEB 7 – THE RELIGIOUS WORLDS OF SHANGHAI AND NEW YORK – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** – Dr. Mark Larrimore, Associate Professor of Religion, The New School, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Larrimore will share experiences from a year spent in Shanghai, and suggest parallels and contrasts with the religious ecology of New York.

**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](#).

**FEB 7 – HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS THIS WINTER** – Each week we collect canned goods for local food pantries, but cash can help food pantries leverage even more food support. **At the Shrove Sunday Pancake brunch, Grace Church youth will be collecting for "Superbowl of Caring,"** a national movement that raised over \$8 million in cash and food items for pantries last year. Pick your winning team, throw cash or a check in your team's soup pot, and help support our partner food pantry, Hope for Our Neighbors in Need at Church of the Village (13th St and 7th Ave). (Can't be at the pancake brunch? You can make your gift online [HERE](#).)

**FEB 7 – CANDLEMAS** – the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple–On Sunday, February 7, at the 6pm service we will observe the feast of the

Presentation. Sundays after Epiphany are often associated with the light of Christ breaking into the world, and people traditionally have blessed candles on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation, to use in their homes. You're invited to bring a candle from your home to be blessed and lighted during the service.

**FEB 10 – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** will be held at 8 am in the Chantry, and 12:10 and 6 pm in the Church. All services include homily by the Rev. Chase Danford, Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes. The two earlier services are expected to last for approximately 45 minutes.

**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. *Additional Newcomer classes will be held in April.*

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**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. You may sign up online [HERE](#) or by e-mailing Lillie Chance [HERE](#).

**FEB 25 – NEWCOMERS' WELCOME EVENT**– All Grace Newcomers are invited to join us for light refreshments and a special tour of the church by the Rector, Thursday, Feb 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Reception Room. [RSVP to James](#)

[Romanik](#). *We're looking forward to seeing you there!*

## ANNUAL MEETING

**THE VESTRY 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:**



**LEONA (LEE) CHAMBERLIN.**

My husband Win Chamberlin and I have worshipped at Grace Church for over 25 years. Our three children (Brandon, Felicity and Ned) were baptized at Grace Church and attended Grace

Church School, and Brandon and Felicity were Grace Church choristers. Professionally, I am an attorney and recently retired as Associate General Counsel for New York University. In addition to my responsibilities as Junior Warden and for the Vestry, I also serve as Co-Head Usher and on the Newcomer Committee and am a Trustee of Grace Church School and The GO Project. I am honored to be nominated for a second term as Warden and am eager to continue to serve Grace Church and our community in this capacity.

**For a second three-year term as Vestry members:**



**JUSTIN BROWNHILL**

has attended Grace Church for 7 years with his wife Renee and daughter Mariah. He is active on the Outreach Committee, is a member of the Finance and Audit Committee, and looks forward to helping pioneer our parish

partnership with Grosvenor Chapel in England. Professionally, he is managing partner of the merchant bank, SenaHill Partners, LP, bringing the experience of both executive management and investment banking to the Financial Services, Fin-Tech and Software sectors. A native of London, Justin received his BComm in Finance with distinction from

the University of Calgary, Canada. Shortly upon arriving to NYC in 1994, he helped launch an inner-city youth program called Minds Matter of NYC, Inc. He still enjoys many philanthropic efforts, primarily focused on children and communities in need. He was a former international-level swimmer, and is involved as director on a number of corporate boards. He has been an active member of the Business Council of New Orleans and the Association of Trade Finance in the Americas (ATFA). He is an executive mentor to FinTech Innovation Lab's Entrepreneurial Network, FinTech StartupBootcamp and Barclays TechStars.



#### **ELANA FOUNDOS**

has attended Grace Church for 35 years. Her sons Justin and Luca D'Onofrio were baptized and confirmed at Grace. Justin sang in the choir and they were both acolytes for many years.

Elana and her husband Vincent D'Onofrio were Sunday school teachers for over 10 years. Elana is on the Altar Guild and is President of the ECW of Grace Church. She has been on the Vestry for 3 years. She is an artist and graphic designer and has a business ARTeffect.



#### **ANASTASIA ROTHEROE**

attends Grace Church with her husband Kevin and son Ian, a senior Chorister. She is the clerk of the Vestry, and active on the Music, Investment, and Youth and Family committees including extensive support of the

Christmas pageant. Professionally, she is the Senior Investment Officer for European Equities at the Investment Management Division of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. Prior to joining the UNJSPF in January 2002, she was a Director and Senior Portfolio Manager with Bankers Trust in London where she managed a global equity portfolio. Anastasia holds an MBA from Fordham University.

**For a first three-year term as Vestry member:**





**OWEN R. BOGER** is based in New York, joined Warburg Pincus in 2014 and heads project management for the Fundraising and Investor Relations group. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Boger was a Principal at Park Hill Group, a division of

Blackstone, where he served as a senior member of the project management team. Previously, Mr. Boger was with Lazard where he was a member of the Private Fund Advisory and Restructuring groups. He also has worked in the Leveraged Finance group for Lehman Brothers in London. Mr. Boger received a B.A. from Williams College. At Grace Church he attends the 9 am service, where he serves as a member of an altar team. He is a newcomer ambassador, and on the diocesan level has been active in supporting Episcopal Charities. He is a lifelong Episcopalian, married to Meg, and father of two young sons: James and Burke (who was Baby Jesus in the Christmas pageant, 2013).

**Many thanks to the nominating committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.**

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