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in New York City



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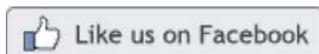
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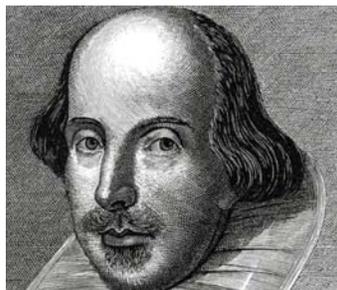
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SUNDAYS @ 10 AM



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October 2, 2016

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

As I write this it is Thursday afternoon, and I am supposed to be thinking about a sermon for this coming Sunday. Instead, I find myself still stuck on the Gospel passage from last week (Luke 16:19-31). You will recall that we

heard the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus, homeless and ill, lies at the gate of the rich man's house hoping to feed himself with the scraps that fall from the rich man's table. Meanwhile, the rich man feasts sumptuously every day, and has apparently grown accustomed to the sight of Lazarus. He doesn't even notice anymore. It's a picture of complete disparity, and it costs the rich man his soul when he dies. But the gist of the parable is that it's not too late for the rich man's brothers who are still living. Hint: it's not too late for you and me.

What are we supposed to do? One of the perils of life in New York City is that the parable is all-too real. Take a walk through Union Square at any time of day, or under some sidewalk scaffolding after night falls and you are almost certain to encounter Lazarus. When he (or she) asks if you can spare some change, what is the most helpful way to respond? On the one hand, I've been told by those who work closely with the homeless through shelters and relief agencies that what is not helpful is to give money on the street. Giving money directly to the homeless only encourages them to stay on the street for another day, and prevents them from seeking the type of help they truly need. On the other hand, the parable teaches us that merely walking by Lazarus is to put our own souls in jeopardy.

ENTER the CONVERSATION...



"Strengthening Our Presence,
Securing Our Future."

Join us on **Oct. 6th** for a conversational tour as we discern the next steps in the **restoration and continued growth of Grace Church**. Read more [here](#). [RSVP for Oct 6, click HERE.](#)

A CALL FOR MENTORS

The Homecoming Life Skills Empowerment Program (LSEP) is **seeking mentors to work with homeless veterans from New York City** as they rebuild their lives through the strengthening of essential skills.

Mentors commit to seven Thursday evenings, beginning October 20th. **LSEP is especially seeking mentors who are veterans or military family members.** The Homecoming program was launched by the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and

I make no claim to have discovered a universal response for those who follow Jesus. What I do is carry in my wallet an information card that directs people to the NYC Rescue Mission - an organization that Grace Church has supported over the years. If I am approached on the street, I have something to give: a place where people can go and begin reclaiming their lives. Over the years, some have accepted the card, and some haven't. Some have been polite, others have been angry. One time, on my way into a fast food joint, a man who had asked me for money angrily rejected the card. As I passed him again on my way out he apologized and said that on second thought he'd like to take the card if I would still give it to him.

We have these cards available in the narthex of Grace Church and in the pamphlet racks outside the parish office. They are not doing anyone any good there. Help yourself to a few, and when the Spirit moves you on the street, try giving it to someone whose need is great.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

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 Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

CHARISMA & SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY - THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. Charisma is consummately a group experience and tragedy provides the ideal platform to observe its breakdown. Charismatic figures in Shakespearean tragedies become increasingly isolated from their missions as leaders, destroying the group ideal that defines charismatic

Housing in 2012, and is now hosted at Rauschenbach Metro Ministries on Ninth Ave and 40th St. Since the program began, Grace Church has provided volunteer mentors, hosting, and other services to celebrate the success of those who complete the program. *For more information, please [contact Jason Slibeck here.](#)*

Please pray for...



Those who suffer

The Fahy family
 Betty Nelson
 Tim Morehouse
 Katusha Davison
 Michael Goldstein
 Tobias
 Tom Leaman
 Josephine Ferraiuolo
 Howard Small
 Trish Lawrence

and those who have died

authority. Think of Othello, for instance, divided from the exclusive male cohort and libidinal bond of his generalship by a new wife. His murder of Desdemona reflects his diminution as a leader and his tragic isolation from his unique charismatic mission in war. Similarly, Antony—charismatically ascetic in battle, a victorious Roman general, descendant of Hercules and ruler of one-third of the known world—is unmanned by Cleopatra when he chooses to isolate himself from his followers. **With Raphael Falco, University of Maryland.** Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

During our fall series "Shakespeare and Christianity," leading scholars discuss how Shakespeare's relationship to Christianity is relevant to us now, in 2016, the 400th anniversary of his death.

NEXT FORUM Oct 16: Race, Gender, and The Tempest with Catherine R. Stimpson, NYU.

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. Sundays, Sept 25, Oct 2 & Oct 16, from 12:30–1:30 pm in the Reception Room.

YOUTH GROUP TODAY @2:15 PM (NOW WEEKLY!) – Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to take a break from studies and meet for snacks and conversation on faith and life. We'll meet in the 3rd floor Conference Room from 2:15–3:30 pm. (Choristers, please note: we'll now be meeting weekly after high school choir rehearsal. On weeks when middle school choristers rehearse, they are also invited to join after rehearsal.)

NEW SOCIAL HOUR AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE – Please join clergy and fellow parishioners for conversation and a bite or beverage after the 6 pm service at Milk and Hops (779 Broadway, visible from the chantry door!). This low-key venue works both for those who are only staying for quick refreshments and those who want to stay a bit longer.

Michael Fahy, who
died protecting our
city

Theodoros Ipsilantis

NEW FOR KIDS: *THE SUNDAY PAPER JUNIOR* – a fun, kid-friendly version of the scripture lessons for the day, with a "note for parents" on the back that offers great background information. Grab a copy on the table as you enter the church. Copies will also be available in Sunday school.

Coming Soon

OCT 6 – STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENCE, SECURING OUR FUTURE. Over the past decade, we have worked tirelessly to restore the vast interior of our beautiful space. Now, prayerfully, let us discern what work God is calling us to do. **Join us Oct. 6th for a conversational tour** as we discern the next steps in the restoration and continued growth of Grace Church. [RSVP to James Romanik here](#). *For more information about the discernment phase, please click [here](#).*

OCT/NOV/DEC – NEW DATES! SIGN UP FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAYS – As you have no doubt been hearing, we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. Volunteers have already been hard at work since July and would love to have you join them! *Build dates for fall and winter are available now: **Oct 1, 15, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3.** For more information, photos and to sign up, please click [HERE](#).*

OCT 13 – ECW MEET AND GREET POTLUCK –ALL WOMEN who attend the 9, 11 and 6:00 services are invited to a "No Pressure" pot luck supper hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on Thursday, Oct 13 from 6:30–8:30 pm. Let's meet for fun and fellowship! Please bring a dish, a snack or a beverage if you are able! [Contact Teresa Conway here](#) with any questions. See you there!

OCT 16 – REJOICE IN THE LAMB BY BENJAMIN

BRITTEN – Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, Oct 16 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB. More info on special musical events [HERE](#).

OCT 16 – RACE, GENDER & THE TEMPEST – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. To ravish: it can mean rape, or it can mean enrapture. Combine this duality with issues of race and gender, and you have THE TEMPEST. Let us storm this great play together. With Catherine R. Stimpson, NYU.

OCT 16 – OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK – Grace Church is pleased to participate in this year's Open House New York Weekend, a citywide showcase of distinctive examples of architecture, engineering, and design. Tours of the church will also be offered by our Open Door volunteers from 12–4 pm on Sunday afternoon during usual visiting hours. Visit www.ohny.org.

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OCT 30 – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Sunday Oct 30th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30–4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of spooky fun and games, featuring mask-making, craft projects, and cupcake decorating. Lend a hand by helping at one of the tables, making a donation, or contributing non-candy snacks. Drop off packaged snacks to the parish office now through Friday, October 28; baked goods can be brought to Tuttle Kitchen on Sunday morning, Oct. 30 or right before the party. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to volunteer. Please [contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#) with questions.

NOV 5, 6 – SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR! Saturday, Nov 5, from 5–7 pm (Festive Opening Reception) and Sunday, Nov 6 from 10 am – 4 pm. Details coming soon.

NOV 6 – BAPTISMS – The next date for baptism is November 6 (All Saints Sunday). Please be in touch with the Rev. Chase Danford as soon as possible if you are interested in baptism for your child or yourself.

NOV 2 – GO PROJECT FALL COCKTAIL PARTY HOSTED BY THE YOUNG LEADERSHIP COUNCIL! For the fourth year in a row, GO Project's Young Leadership Council is hosting a Fall Cocktail Party to raise funds to directly support year-round programming for struggling NYC public school students. This year's event will take place at the Bowery Hotel and will draw over 300 NYC-based young professionals. The event is 7–10 pm and features food, open bar, music, a silent auction, and raffle featuring unique prizes and experiences.

Read about the relationship between Grace Church and the Go Project [HERE](#).

Click on the image below to buy your tickets!



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