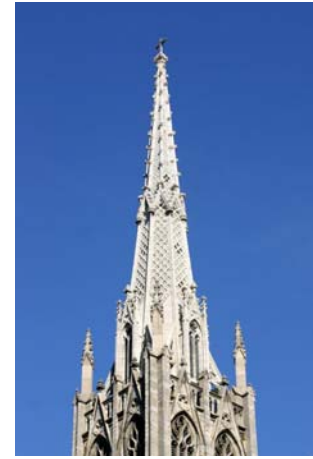


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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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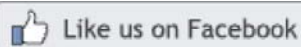
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This Saturday

Sept 17!

**GRACE CHURCH
& HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY**

Spots available!

Come on out and [volunteer](#) at "The House that Grace Built" this Saturday, September 17th. We will meet at the house in St. Albans, Queens at 9:15

September 18, 2016

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

It may be a statement of the obvious, but if you look below at the schedule for this coming Sunday's worship services, you will notice that much is new. First, [the Rev. Martha Korienek](#) will preach her first sermon as

Associate Rector of Grace Church at

the 9 and 11 am services. Months ago when I made out the preaching ROTA we had yet to fill the position. In fact, Martha's name had not even entered the conversation. But I went on faith that by the third Sunday in September our new Associate Rector would be in place, and that in the natural flow of things the time would be right for this person to climb the pulpit steps and put in a good word for Jesus. Little did I know then that Jesus himself was not going to make it easy for Martha. The Gospel passage appointed for Sunday happens to be the most difficult parable that Jesus ever told: the Parable of the Dishonest Manager (Luke 16:1-13). Good luck, Martha! Despite what may seem to be a practical joke, we really are glad you're here!

Good luck to The Rev. Chase Danford, as well. The second new thing to notice if you look below is that Chase will be preaching at the 6 pm service. Wait a minute: You thought Chase was the Youth and Family Minister, the Sunday School guy, the pageant coordinator, etc. What is Chase doing at the 6 pm service? Actually, Chase is going to be preaching at a lot of 6 pm Sunday services. It has not escaped my notice that since joining our staff only thirteen months ago, Chase has been doing some really great work at Grace Church. He not only connects well with youth and families, but also young adults, who happen to make up a large portion of the Sunday 6 pm congregation.

am and be done by 4:30 pm.

[Sign up NOW!](#)

ENTER the CONVERSATION...



*"Strengthening Our Presence,
Securing Our Future."*

Join us **Sept. 29th** or **Oct. 6th** for a conversational tour as we discern the next steps in the restoration and continued growth of Grace Church. More about the discernment phase [here](#).

[RSVP for Sept 29 or Oct 6 HERE](#).

Please pray for...



Those who suffer

Tim Morehouse
Katusha Davison

Thus, it was my pleasure to promote Chase to being the mainstay priest and preacher for Sundays at 6 pm. He's already choreographed two visiting choirs from England, and this Sunday he gets to preach on - you guessed it - the Parable of the Dishonest Manager!

Also below, notice that the Sunday Forum is back, and a new series begins this week: Shakespeare and Christianity. Many thanks to the Adult Education Committee for their hard work over the summer to put together this seven-week series commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. Do plan to attend, and bring a friend.

Finally, if all has gone according to plan most of you reading the Epistle should have received in the mail a brochure outlining the first steps towards possible further interior restoration of the church. If you didn't receive the brochure, you can pick one up on the narthex on Sunday, or simply click [here](#). In the coming months we will seek to gather everyone's opinions on this matter as part of a feasibility study. No capital gifts are being solicited this fall, so please say yes when you are invited to participate.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Church today

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

MEASURE FOR MEASURE AND THE NEW LAW – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. For the next seven weeks, leading scholars discuss how Shakespeare's relationship to Christianity is relevant to us now, in

Michael Goldstein
Tobias
Tom Leaman
Josephine Ferraiuolo
Howard Small
Trish Lawrence

and those who have died.

2016, the 400th anniversary of his death. *Measure for Measure* is the one Shakespeare play that takes its title from the New Testament, but its exploration of law and virtue has often proven perplexing. This talk will try to unravel the mysteries and possible Christian meanings of this fascinating drama. *Led by Nicholas Birns, NYU. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.*

Next week: "Shakespeare, Memory, and the Sacred" with Cecilia Rubino, The New School.

YOUTH ACOLYTE MEETING! PIZZA AND ICE

CREAM! Have you ever wanted to carry a cross or torch in the Sunday procession? Acolyte service is a wonderful way to experience church! Acolytes have an important role in the worship service – lending support to clergy and other volunteers, and adding to the sacred beauty and pageantry of the procession. **If you are a young person in 3rd grade or higher** who would like to learn more, come and join the acolyte meeting today directly after the 11 am service. Both returning acolytes and potential newcomers (and their parents) are invited to the music room for a pizza lunch and ice cream, followed by a brief meeting/training session in the Church. *Questions? Contact Fr. Chase [HERE](#) or at 212-254-2000 ext 113.*

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. This week's topic will be "Ask a Priest!" 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–

Beginning Sunday, Sept 18, there will be an off-site social hour after the 6 pm service at nearby Milk and

Hops (779 Broadway). Please join clergy and fellow parishioners for conversation and a bite or beverage.

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

SEPT 29, 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 Sept. 29th or 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](#).*

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 1 –20'S and 30's-*ish* at HABITAT BUILD – On Saturday, Oct 1, join fellow young adults and other parishioners for a build day at The House that Grace Built. Sign-up online [HERE](#) or contact Fr. Chase [HERE](#) or at 212-254-2000 ext 113 for further information.

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 – A FALL COCKTAIL PARTY hosted by the GO Project's Young Leadership Council will raise funds to directly support year-round programming for struggling NYC public school students. Food, open bar, music, a silent auction, and raffle featuring unique prizes and experiences – all for a good cause!

Click on the image to buy your tickets!



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