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### in New York City



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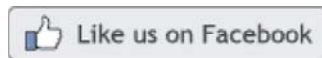
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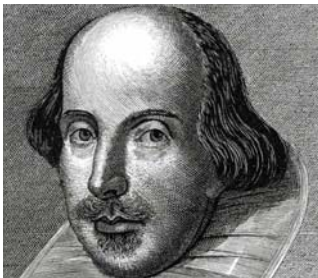
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**SUNDAY@10 AM**



Diana Benet on *The Winter's Tale*. (See

## October 30, 2016

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Last night Stacie and I hosted a party at the rectory to launch the 2017 Annual Campaign at Grace Church. (Yes, this coming Sunday is Pledge Sunday!). The weather outside was frightful. The day had been raw and

by evening a driving rain was pelting the streets. Nevertheless, nearly eighty people came. The house was full, friends and acquaintances connected with each other, and just when we thought the pigs-in-a-blanket had run out, behold: Stacie increased our joy by bringing a new batch up from the kitchen.

At a critical moment when the party seemed to be at its peak, it was time for me to clink a wine glass, welcome the guests, thank our generous givers, and make a very quick case for why we support the ministries of Grace Church. What I tried to do was put a human face on those ministries. Your annual giving is the college student who comes to the Episcopal campus ministry that meets here, and discovers not only fellowship, but a way of being Christian that holds up in the secular city. It is our ongoing effort to build a house with Habitat for Humanity that a family will call their own in 2017. It is the public school student, formerly falling through the cracks, who enrolls in The GO Project and now loves to study and learn. It is the man who had lost hope, who came to church and now depends on the Sunday morning worship service to quiet his soul. It is the chorister at an early-morning rehearsal with Dr. Allen

description below,  
at right.)



who learns music and thrills to sing God's praises. It is the community of people who will prepare pot roasts for the guests at the NYC Rescue Mission later this month. Your annual giving blesses all these people, and more.

Most of all, your annual giving blesses you, the giver. In the Book of Acts (20:35), St. Paul reminds us of some words of Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I have found the saying to be true in my own life, and in the lives others I've witnessed. Being generous opens our eyes to see God's hand at work in our own lives, and helps to cultivate a grateful heart.

If all has gone according to plan, most of you should have received a mailing from me this week with details about the 2017 annual campaign for Grace Church. Our theme is "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Please give special attention to the brochure and letter, be prepared to make a 2017 pledge that will bless others, and bless you.

See you in church.

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

## This Sunday

October 30th

### 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 Girls' Choir with Adults

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY (Next week)



During the services on **Sunday, Nov 6th** we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of

their loved ones. *To include a name on this year's list, please [send the name to Jennifer Metz](#) by Tuesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**NEWCOMERS!**



We'll be "Pulling Out the Stops" on Nov. 3rd...

**Please pray for...**



***Those who suffer***

- Donna Lee
- Richard Johnson & family
- Judy Abernathy
- Bea Washington

**2017 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN** – Today is Pledge Sunday, when we ask all Grace Church members to make a financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2017. God has blessed us with a vibrant parish family, stunning architecture, glorious music, a tradition of reaching out to the least and the last in society, and most of all, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church, each October we urge everyone to commit to a financial gift for the coming year. Pledge letters and [brochures](#) were mailed to your homes last week. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope and return it to the parish offices. You are also welcome to make your pledge [HERE](#).

**EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY THROUGH PAGAN RELIGION IN *THE WINTER'S TALE* – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** Shakespeare's universe in *The Winter's Tale* is ruled by "Apollo," whose will and judgments are revealed by his Oracle at Delphos. Referring to a pagan religion (instead of Christianity) enables the author to explore some essential Christian tenets (like depravity, penance, atonement, redemption, and resurrection) without fear of censorship. *With Diana Benet, University of North Texas. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.*

**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 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.

Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

Please contact [The Rev. Chase Danford](#) with questions.

### *Coming Soon*

*and those who have died.*

**NOV 3 – PULLING OUT THE STOPS (FALL NEWCOMER EVENT!)** – Save-the-Date for our first Newcomer Event of the fall! Anyone new to Grace Church may join us on Thursday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm for light refreshments and a demonstration of the five thousand pipe Bicentennial Organ led by The Rev. J. Donald Waring and Dr. Patrick Allen. *RSVP to James Romanik [HERE](#).*

**NOV 5/NOV 19/DEC 3 – 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: Nov 5, 19, Dec 3. For more information, photos and to sign up, please click [HERE](#).*

**NOV 5, 6 –GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR** Bring your Christmas gift lists as we have fabulous artists and craftspeople selling their wares on both days. On Saturday night is the Festive Opening Reception in Tuttle Hall with Bob Martini and Mary Connally hosting the refreshments table! On Sunday, homemade baked goods will be available for sale in addition to all the hand-crafted goods from our vendors. Sunday's modest \$2 admission fee will be donated to the food pantry at Church of the Village. Please come and be a part of the fun! Sat., Nov 5, from 5–7 pm and Sun., Nov 6 from 10 am–4 pm.

**NOV 6 – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected

with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. *To include a name on this year's list, please [e-mail the name to Jennifer Metz HERE](#) by Tuesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**NOV 6 – HOW WE GOT HERE, PART II – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** Two days before the Presidential election, political commentators and Grace Church parishioners John Avlon and Margaret Hoover speak candidly about how this election year arrived where we are, what we're likely to see on Tuesday, and where the nation goes from here. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

**NOV 6 – A GERMAN REQUIEM BY JOHANNES BRAHMS 4PM** The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong celebrating All Saints' Sunday.

**NOV 6 – POST-HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION –** On Sunday, Nov 6 we will be collecting Halloween candy for the benefit of the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI), a ministry to mariners since 1834. Your donation will be part of the SCI's Christmas at Sea project, which distributes gift bags to seafarers, toiling in maritime commerce, who are far from home at the holidays. Here is a great opportunity to share excess Halloween candy or to pick some up at the post-Halloween sales! Please drop your donations in the baskets labeled "Candy" near the door of the Church or Chantry.

**NOV 8 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS AND INTERVIEWS!** All children and youth aged 5 and older are invited to participate in the annual pageant, held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. All participants must submit a cast information sheet by Nov 7. Those interested in singing a solo, duet, or trio must also sign up for an interview (Tues, Nov 8 from 2–6 pm IN THE MUSIC ROOM). A full pageant schedule is available on the bulletin board in the Parish House.

Please [e-mail the Rev. Chase Danford HERE](#) for a cast info sheet and a link to sign up for an interview slot.

**NOV 9 – NEW 20'S AND 30'S–ISH'SMALL GROUP' –**

The day after the Election...ready for something more uplifting than partisan debates? Join us for the second meeting of our new spiritual formation and fellowship opportunity for young adults. Activities during this time will include reflection on the Sunday scripture readings, short presentations by the clergy, and engagement in various other spiritual practices, such as Christian meditation, lectio divina, and Compline. Held in the Reception Room; light refreshments will be provided. Next meeting: Nov. 30. Questions? Email [the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

**NOV 13 – JESUS AFTER THE HOLOCAUSTS: HOW CATASTROPHES SHAPE FAITH – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** James Carroll, Bestselling author; National Book Award winner.

**NOV 13 – 20's and 30's-ish SUNDAY BRUNCH –**

Young adults are invited to connect over brunch on Sunday, November 13 at 12:45 pm. Location TBD, based on number of RSVPs. Consider inviting a friend who might be looking for community or curious about church. *Please* [e-mail the Rev. Chase Danford](#) if you are interested in attending.

**NOV 13 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE**

**MISSION** – On Sunday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We need 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. Sign up to cook or serve by e-mailing Lillie Chance [HERE](#), or by clicking [HERE](#) for the online sign-up sheet. Financial

support is also welcome! Visit the "GIVE" page of the Grace Church website [HERE](#) and be sure to type "pot roasts" in the comments box. Thank you!

***COMING NEXT WEEK!***

2016 GO PROJECT ANNUAL FALL  
*Cocktail Party*  
 Wednesday, November 2  
 7PM - 10PM  
**THE BOWERY HOTEL**  
*Downtown Chic Attire*  
 Purchase tickets at [goproject.eventnut.com](http://goproject.eventnut.com)

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Please help [the GO Project](#) raise funds to directly support year-round programming for struggling NYC public school students. [Tickets HERE.](#)

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