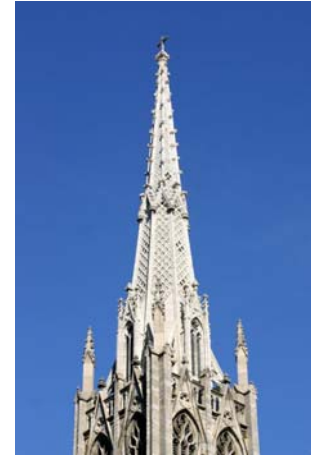


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### in New York City



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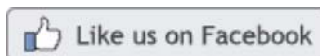
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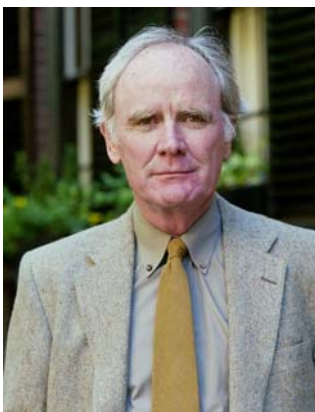
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**SUNDAY@10 AM**



James Carroll. Award-winning author of eleven novels and eight works of nonfiction.

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## November 13, 2016

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Well, it has been a week unlike any other. Of course, every presidential election produces a winner and a loser, with the euphoria or devastation that follows in the people who aligned themselves with a particular candidate. This time around it was different. Whether you are happy, sad, or somewhere in between about the election's result, the one common reaction that seems to be true in people from coast to coast is surprise, if not shock. On Tuesday morning, all the latest polls pointed to what would be a Clinton victory. By early Wednesday morning it was clear that the pollsters had missed a vast segment of the population who rose up and chose Trump. We now have a completely unconventional President-Elect who redefines the term "Washington outsider." Some say that that is exactly the point and what the nation needs. Others say we have made a reckless choice and will pay a steep price for it down the road. Only time will tell.

Meanwhile, allow me to suggest that however you feel, you channel your emotions into doing something good that will contribute to healing the deep divisions in our society. This weekend a large number of Grace Church parishioners will be cooking pot roasts to serve to the residents of the NYC Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter that we have supported with grants and volunteer hours through the years. Thanks to Lillie Chance for coordinating this major effort. Lillie says that while we

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**COME THOU  
FOUNT OF  
EVERY BLESSING**

*Grace Church in New York  
2017 Annual Campaign*

**Please pray for...**

now have enough people making the pot roasts, you can still help if you're not one of them. What can you do? You can bake cookies - as many as you possibly can - and bring them to the church by 1 pm on Sunday. What better way to turn the page on a rancorous election than by providing a feast for some of God's struggling children?

You can also come to this week's Sunday Forum in the Reception Room at 10 am. If you read below, you will see that we have with us the distinguished author, James Carroll, who has thought deeply about Jewish-Christian relations, and how catastrophes have shaped faith, particularly the meaning of Jesus.

It has been an extraordinary week that has caught most people by surprise. Don't miss a unique opportunity to take steps along the journey from surprise to understanding.

See you in church.

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

Rector

**This Sunday**

**November 13th**

**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 Choir of Men and Boys

**6 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**2017 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN** – We ask all Grace Church members to make a financial pledge to the



### ***Those who suffer***

Dilys Smith  
Linda Bridges  
Debbie McAdams  
Donna Lee  
Richard Johnson &  
family  
Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

### ***and those who have died***

Mary Burdell Keane  
Andrew Dalton  
Cella Irvine

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](#).

### **JESUS AFTER THE HOLOCAUSTS: HOW CATASTROPHES SHAPE FAITH – THE SUNDAY FORUM**

**@10 AM.** James Carroll, bestselling author of *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews*; National Book Award winner for *American Requiem: God, My Father, and the War that Came Between Us*; and *Christ Actually: The Son of God for the Secular Age* will speak about "Jesus after the Holocausts: How Ancient and Modern Catastrophes Shape Faith." A savage Roman war against the Jews decisively altered the meaning of Jesus. A Christian reckoning with the savage Nazi war against the Jews must transform the meaning of Jesus again – the beginning of repair. This is how Faith works. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

**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 [email the Rev. Chase Danford](#) if you are interested in attending.

**PIE TASTING AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE TODAY!  
THANKSGIVING PIES TO BENEFIT THE**

**CHOIRS' 'Special Projects Fund'** – The Fund supports opportunities for the choirs not covered in the operating budget such as the summer concert tours. You can help by ordering delicious pies for your Thanksgiving feast! You can place your order [HERE](#). Here is a perfect way to say "thank you" to a hostess, teacher, nanny, tutor or loved one, while \$10 from every purchase goes directly to the Special Projects Fund! THANK YOU for all your prayers and support! *Order deadline: Sunday, Nov 13th, Pickup day: Tuesday Nov 22nd.*

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!** – It's time for a little yuletide cheer. Christmas trees from the DiDomenico Tree Farm are once again available for purchase to benefit the continued restoration and preservation of Grace Church. The trees, which have been generously donated, are beautiful short needle spruce evergreens and stand 5 to 7 feet tall. Trees can be purchased for \$100. (Charitable tax-deductible portion: \$60) Share in the fun and place your order by contacting James Romanik [HERE](#) or visit our donation page [HERE](#). *Your one-of-a-kind Christmas tree will be available for pick up on Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm service.* Thank you and Happy Christmas!

**NYC RESCUE MISSION MEAL TODAY** – Many thanks to all who contributed home-cooked pot roasts and desserts, as well as time and resources to provide a nourishing meal for hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission this afternoon.

***Coming Soon***

**NOV 19 – SHOPPING IN THE GUILDED AGE: A WALKING TOUR** – Sponsored by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, and led by Esther Crain, the voice behind the popular blog Ephemeral New York, this walking tour will explore

the real-life sites and subjects of her new book *The Gilded Age in New York*. A walk through Ladies Mile and the NoHo Historic District will include stops at sites including A.T. Stewart's department store at Broadway and 9th and the famed Fleischmann's Model Vienna Bakery, operating next to Grace Church until 1905. After the tour, enjoy the beautiful sanctuary of Grace Church for a short reception and book signing with Esther. Saturday, Nov 19, 11am – 1pm. *Free. Reservations required. [RSVP HERE](#) and say you are a friend of Grace Church. Meeting place will be provided upon registration.*

**NOV 20 – GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY** is the day we celebrate the common history and mission of Grace Church and Grace Church School. At the 11 am service, we'll welcome The Very Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle, Dean and President of The General Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher. Music will be offered by the Alumni of the Choirs with The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir. After the service, please come to Tuttle Hall for a festive reception.

**NOV 20 – TEACHING ABOUT FAITH, VALUES & SPIRITUALITY AT GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** George Davison, Head of Grace Church School, and the Rev. Mark Hummell, Chaplain, lead a panel discussion on religious education at Episcopal schools in general and Grace Church School in particular.

**NOV 23, 24 – THANKSGIVING SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST** will take place in the Chantry at 6 pm on Wednesday, Nov 23, and at 11 am on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 24. Ms. Alissa Anderson will preach.

**NOV 27 – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** is on recess today and will resume next week.

**NOV 27 – ADVENT BEGINS – COME AND MAKE A WREATH!** Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way to keep our thoughts focused on the coming of Christ, and to help teach our children the real meaning of Christmas. On the first Sunday of Advent, Nov 29th, after the 9 am, 11 am or 6 pm services we'll have all the materials ready for you. All are welcome! *Experienced wreath-makers are encouraged to help others! Sign up as a volunteer by contacting [Fr. Chase Danford](#). (Min. sugg. donation per wreath: \$25.)*

**NOV 27 – THE ANNUAL ADVENT COLLECTIONS** for local charities will begin on Sunday, **Nov 27th, with a collection of travel size toiletries** for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea project. On Sunday, **Dec 4th, we will collect hats, scarves, and gloves** for the Church of the Ascension food pantry. On Sunday, **Dec 11th, we'll collect new men's underwear (larger sizes) and socks for the NYC Rescue Mission.** Donations will be collected in the baskets at the back of the church at all services. Please give generously this Advent!

**NOV 30 – NEW 20'S AND 30'S-ISH 'SMALL GROUP'**  
– Join us on Wednesday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm for the next 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. Questions? Email the Rev. Chase Danford.

**DEC 2, 3 – THE CHORAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS** Tickets are now on sale for Friday, Dec 2 at 8 pm and Saturday, Dec 3 at 3 pm at Grace Church. Mozart: Mass in C, KV 262("Missa

longa"). With music by Palestrina, Handel, and audience carol sing. Tickets available online [HERE](#).

**DEC 4 – ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS** Readings of scripture foretelling the coming of Christ are interspersed with beautiful music of the season. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

**DEC 10 – GRACE CHURCH/GO PROJECT VOLUNTEER DAY!** Ever considered volunteering with the GO Project, but not sure you can make a year-round commitment? How about signing up for a one-day event? GO invites all Grace Church members and friends to participate on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am–12:30 pm. Come and see this wonderful program in action, meet the students served by the program and pitch in to help! *Sign up by e-mailing Olivia Nunez [HERE](#).*

**DEC. 11 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AT THE SUNDAY FORUM.** Join us at 10 am in the Reception Room for an update on the Habitat for Humanity/Grace Church build project.

**DEC 11 – GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING –** Decorate a holiday gingerbread house with your children or grandkids after the 9 and 11am services. \$20 minimum suggested donation per house, which will help support "The House that Grace Built" Habitat for Humanity project. [RSVP to Chase](#) *is required by Tuesday, Dec. 6th to make sure we have enough supplies.*

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