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### in New York City



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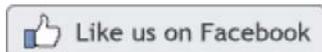
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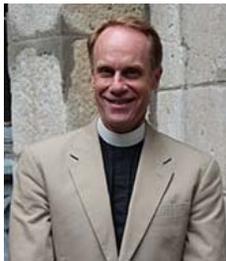
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## November 20, 2016

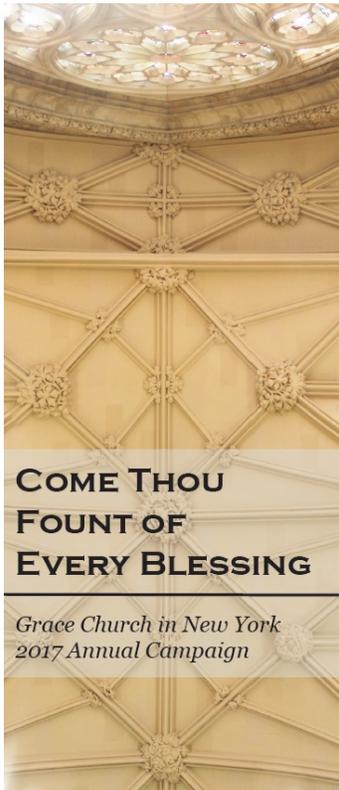
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King



Dear Friends,

Tomorrow - Saturday - is another work day at "The House that Grace Built" (or, more accurately, "is building") in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. I am looking forward to seeing the progress since I was last there in October. If you recall, what we are doing is a gut renovation of one half of a side-by-side duplex. If you go to the third floor and look up you will see large patches of daylight. I imagine that once we finish with the demolition of what needs to go, the first thing to be installed will be a new roof. From there the pace of transformation will quicken, and by the first half of 2017 a family whom Habitat has selected and worked with will be able to call the house home. In the meantime, crews of Grace Church parishioners are working at the site usually on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Do consider joining in the fun.

Habitat has become an important partner in ministry for Grace Church. Recently, they took out an ad in Crain's to thank their major New York supporters - and look here!



**COME THOU  
FOUNT OF  
EVERY BLESSING**

*Grace Church in New York  
2017 Annual Campaign*

**Make your pledge  
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**CHRISTMAS TREE  
SALE!**



At the DiDomenico Tree Farm!

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the DiDomenico Tree  
Farm are once again



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We are listed with some corporations that usually play in a philanthropic league that is beyond our capabilities. Pride is a dangerous thing in the spiritual life, but we might risk just a brief moment to acknowledge that the Spirit of God is doing a wonderful thing through us. By joining forces with others we are able to accomplish much more than we could on our own.

Grace Church has other important partners in ministry as well: The Diocese of New York, The GO Project, the Grace Church Choral Society, and Grace Church School. Every year we set aside a Sunday (lately, right before Thanksgiving) to celebrate our common history and mission with Grace Church School. The day is at hand, and you will see below that the Sunday Forum will be led by George Davison, Head of GCS, and the Rev. Mark Hummel, the Chaplain. Their topic will be "Faith, Values, and Spirituality at GCS." Then at the 11 am service the combined choirs will sing, and the guest preacher will be the Very Rev. Kurt Dunkle, the Dean and President of General Theological Seminary. A festive reception follows in Tuttle Hall, so plan on a fun morning under the roof of Grace Church!

Speaking of the roof, thanks to those who are participating in the early stage of our feasibility study for a potential capital campaign. At the same time that we are restoring the house in Queens, our hope is to restore the interior ceiling of the church. Next week an electronic survey will go out to everyone, gauging your awareness of the plans and potential support of the project. Please read below and be sure to weigh in with your opinions.

See you in church.

available for purchase to **benefit the continued restoration and preservation of Grace Church!** Share in the fun and **place your order by Monday, Nov 28th.** Your tree will be available for **pick up on Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm service.** You may get details and place an order with James Romanik [here](#), or online [here](#). Thank you!

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

**This Sunday**  
**November 20th**  
**Grace Church School Sunday**

**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: Ms. Alissa Anderson

Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Sermon: The Very Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle

Music: Alumni of the Choirs with  
The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir

**6 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**Please pray for...**



***Those who suffer***

- Peter Duncan
- Julia Harvey
- Donna Lee
- Dilys Smith
- Linda Bridges
- Debbie McAdams
- Josephine Ferraiuolo
- Howard Small
- Trish Lawrence

**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.

**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 discussion on religious education at Episcopal schools

*and those who have died*

in general and Grace Church School in particular. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

Kendyl Monroe

***Coming Soon***

**GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR – Thank you!**

The ECW wishes to thank all our parishioners and friends who made the Christmas Fair another successful and fun event! Admission fees at the door raised over \$300 for the Church of the Village food pantry.  
**COMING SOON: new ECW activities and events for 2017!**

**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 – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY –** Thank you to all who have participated in the discernment phase of the capital campaign. We've hosted receptions and tours that have provided background on our proposed plans. Now, it's time to hear from you. On November 27th, the Episcopal Church Foundation will be sending out an electronic feasibility study survey to the congregation. We ask that you participate in the survey thoughtfully; this is a chance to share your thoughts about the campaign and consider how you'd like to help. Be on the lookout for an e-mail from Erin Tharp at ECF: [erin@episcopalfoundation.org](mailto:erin@episcopalfoundation.org).

**NOV 27 – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** is on recess 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 3, 18 – 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! *Next build dates: Dec 3 & 18. For more information, photos and to sign up, please visit [HERE](#).*

**DEC 4 – UPDATE ON THE WORK OF [THE GO PROJECT](#)  
– THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.**

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

**DEC 7 – THE COMMUNITY CAROL SING** All are welcome to come and sing with The Combined Boys' and Girls' Choirs in this festive annual event! 12:15 – 12:45 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 11 am 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.*

**DEC 11 – A CEREMONY OF CAROLS BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN** will be offered by The Girls' Choir with Alumni of the Choir and members of The Adult and Parish Choirs at 4 pm in the Church.

*To find service information,  
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