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### in New York City



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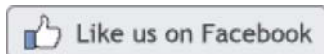
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**MARCH 1ST**  
**LENT BEGINS**



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Service Times**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist,  
in the CHANTRY.

12:10 p.m. &

## February 26, 2017

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

On the church calendar, this coming Sunday is properly called "The Last Sunday after the Epiphany." However, at Grace Church our recent custom has been to name this day "Shrove Sunday," in keeping with Shrovetide,

the three days prior to Ash Wednesday. In earlier times the goal of Shrovetide was to use up all those tasty treats you were planning to abstain from in Lent: flour, butter, sugar, eggs, alcohol, tobacco, etc. Thus, Shrovetide came to be a time of considerable feasting and merriment, including pancake suppers and Mardi Gras. For us it will be a delicious pancake brunch following the 11 am service this Sunday. I can taste the pancakes and bacon already!

By the time Ash Wednesday rolls around on March 1<sup>st</sup>, I hope to have recovered from all the feasting. We'll have three opportunities to make a right beginning of Lent: at 8 am, 12:10 pm, and finally at 6 pm. All three services include the imposition of ashes and the Eucharist. The first two liturgies are designed to last just 45 minutes. See below for details. Also, at the top of the hour from 1-5 pm, we'll offer the Litany of Penitence and imposition of ashes for anyone who comes to the church.

Even still, during the day you might be tempted to partake of the modern Ash Wednesday novelty called "ashes to go." Resist this temptation! Because you are a discerning penitent, "ashes to go" at a train station or on a

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist,  
in the CHURCH.

Homily at all services:  
The Rev. Martha S.  
Korienek

## PRAYING AS A PARISH FOR LENT



### DAILY DEVOTIONS BY E-MAIL...

Want to engage in a practice of daily prayer but not sure where to start? Consider taking two minutes out of every day to pray using a brief, daily devotional guide written by Grace Church parishioners for each other and delivered daily (Mon-Sat) to your e-mail inbox.

*These devotions begin on Ash Wednesday, Mar 1, so sign up today by clicking [here](#).*

### Please pray for...

subway platform, served up quick and easy by some unauthorized dealer just won't do. I ask you: where is the quality control in "ashes to go?" Where do "ashes to go" come from, anyway? The contents of an ash tray? The bottom of a fireplace? The "old foggy's stogie?" Who knows what has been cut through the "ashes to go?" You want none of this. You want top quality Episcopal ashes, freshly burned from last year's Palm Sunday palms. That's what you'll get at Grace Church: nothing but the best for those who are truly sorry for their sins. So if people offer you "ashes to go," just say no. And if they ask if you'd like an order of fries with your "ashes to go," say no to that too. You've given them up for Lent.

See you in church. Real pancakes on Sunday, real ashes on Wednesday ☺.

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

## This Sunday

February 26th

### 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

**HOW GRACE ADDRESSES FOOD SECURITY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD & AROUND THE WORLD – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** All this month the Outreach Committee will be raising the issue of food security in various ways within the Grace Community. Today a panel of parishioners will discuss our work with Hope



***Those who suffer***

Robert Zaytoun  
Wayne Faust  
Carol Haines  
Peter Mottar  
Jennifer Nahoom  
Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

***and those who have died.***

for Our Neighbors in Need (feeding program), NYC Rescue Mission (housing and re-establishment programs), and the youth trip to the Heifer International farm (international aid). Held in the Reception Room at 10 am; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion.

**SHROVE SUNDAY BRUNCH!** Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous "Mardi Gras" Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service. \$15 per person/\$25 per family requested donation at the door. Volunteer help is most appreciated! To find out how you can help, please contact [the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

***Coming Soon***

**MAR 1 – ADULT BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

– Adults interested in being baptized at the Easter Vigil (April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm) or confirmed when Bishop Dietsche visits Grace Church (May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am) are encouraged to sign up for classes. Held in the Reception Room on Wed. evenings, 7–8 pm, starting Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. *To sign up, please email Martha [here](#).*

**MARCH – YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

– Classes for youth in grades 7–12 begin in early March to prepare for Confirmation on Sunday, May 21 at 11 am. *Please contact the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#) to register.*

**MAR 2 – LENTEN READING GROUP**

– The people of Grace are invited to read and study *The Book of Forgiving* together on Thursday evenings in Lent. Written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter, the Rev. Mpho Tutu, the book is a journey into the meaning of forgiveness and a guide to

forgiveness in our own lives. Held in the Reception Room at 7 pm on Thursdays, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6<sup>th</sup>. *The group is limited to 12, so please [email Martha here](#) to reserve your place.*

**MAR 4 – SIGN UP NOW! THE NEXT HABITAT/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAY** – Upcoming dates: Saturdays, Mar 4, 18, Apr 1. Carpool to "the House that Grace Built" from in front of the church at 8 am. Return is usually by 4 pm. *Information and registration online [here](#), or contact the Rev. Martha Korienek [here](#).*

**MAR 5 – SILENCE – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** On the First Sunday in Lent a panel of speakers will lead a discussion of the book and movie *Silence*, an engrossing tale about the challenges faced by 17th century Jesuit missionaries in Japan at a time when all Japanese Christians were under intense persecution. *Silence* raises thought-provoking questions about faith that are forever relevant. *All are welcome to attend, but do go see the film or read the book to be a more informed participant.*

**MAR 5 – 20'S AND 30'S-*ish* SUNDAY BRUNCH** (Rescheduled from 2/12) – Young adult parishioners and guests are invited to brunch after the 11 o'clock service and coffee hour on Sunday, March 5. We'll meet in the Rectory Garden by the 802 Broadway gate and walk to a nearby restaurant. Plan to bring \$10–20 in cash. *RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#).*

**MAR 5 – A SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES** Sundays in Lent, classes will be offered in the Chantry immediately following the 6 pm service (approx. 7–7:45 pm). On March 5, find out why people eat fish on Friday and give up chocolate with "Lent 101." On March 12, we will discuss "Refugees and the Church." On March 19, we'll learn about the Christian martyrs and Ignatian spirituality of the book and film, "Silence." On March 26, we will confront "Anti-

Semitism in the Passion Narratives," and on April 2, "Holy Week 101" will take us from palms and foot-washing to the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

**MAR 8, 15, 22, 29 – CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** – Led by parishioner Currie Estreich, contemplative, or "centering prayer" is an ancient Christian practice of being still and quiet and connecting with the Spirit of God dwelling in each of us. For more information, contact Currie [here](#). Held in the Chantry at 5:30 pm, just prior to the 6 pm Eucharist.

**MAR 12, 19, 26, APR 2 – WHAT'S ON THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR? – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** On the Second through Fifth Sundays in Lent the preacher of the day will lead a conversation on the scripture readings of the day. This will be a chance for them to share thoughts that they couldn't fit into their sermon, the things that ended up "on the cutting room floor."

**20'S AND 30'S-ish LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS** at Grace and other NYC Episcopal churches. Grace will host at 7 pm on Friday, Mar 24, with a tour of the church (perfect opportunity to invite a friend!), sushi, salad, and the brief but beautiful service of Compline (Night Prayer). [Contact Fr. Chase](#) for details on Sushi Friday opportunities with the diocesan Young Adult Network in other weeks during Lent.

**MAR 12 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS** – Newcomers to Grace Church are warmly invited! Held on the second Sunday of each month in the Reception Room at 12:30 pm, each class will discuss how to become a member of Grace Church, as well as a variety of special topics (**this month: Church History**). We suggest that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, meet other newcomers, and grow in your faith.

**MAR 14 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY WINTER RECEPTION** (Inquirers welcome!) This team of friendly volunteers provides a welcoming presence to weekend visitors, answering questions about our beautiful building and church community. Please join us for dinner, fellowship and answers to your questions about volunteering. Tuesday, Mar. 14, 7–8:30 pm in the Reception Room. *RSVP and/or info: contact Singleton Cox [here](#).*

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