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### in New York City



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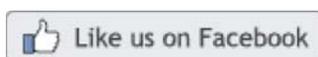
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**THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR**  
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**Sundays in Lent @10 am**

At the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine...  
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## March 12, 2017

The Second Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

I read recently that the US Marine Corps is about to roll out a new recruiting campaign to meet changing times. For years they have relied on phrases that are now part of the American lexicon: "The Few. The Proud. The Marines."

Also, "We're looking for a few good men." The success of these slogans was due, in part, because they did not whitewash how difficult the life of a Marine would be. In other words, "You may not be tough enough to handle this. We dare you to try."

As I look ahead to this coming Sunday, I am tempted to employ the recruiting slogan of the Marines. We'll be looking for a few good people. Yes, Sunday morning will be a tough pill to swallow, and there is no way to sugarcoat it. In fact, you may not be tough enough to handle all the Lent that is in store for us. Consider yourself warned!

First, if your intention is to come to church, on Saturday night you will have to set your alarm clock ahead one hour. It is that weekend when we spring ahead. What this bizarre contortion of the natural order means to me, and probably to you, is simply that we lose sixty beautiful minutes of sleep. So Sunday will arrive an hour early.

Second, Sunday will arrive cold. Speaking of contortions of the natural order, last week we enjoyed spring-like weather, but now winter seems to be back with a

Monday Evenings  
 March 13, 20, 27  
 @ 7 pm: Info [here](#).

**PRAYING AS A  
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**Please pray for...**



***Those who suffer***

- Ramzi Abed
- Rayma Hayes
- The Michael Family
- Larry Birns
- Nita and Max Slover
- Robert Zaytoun

vengeance. The temperature on Sunday morning is projected to be all of 20-degrees.

Finally, if you meet the first two challenges, you'll be greeted with a third when you arrive here. In order to compress the restoration of the nave ceiling into the summer time frame we are planning, prep work needs to happen now. Over the next few weeks the work will create dust, which is the enemy of pipe organs. Thus, we have shut down and bagged the organ until Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. In its place Dr. Allen will be accompanying the hymns on the small, portable chamber organ, and the choir will offer many of their anthems acapella. It's going to feel and sound different, and those who venture to sing won't be able to hide behind the cover of the big organ.

So there you have truth in advertising. Lent II will dawn this Sunday: early, cold, and somber. Are you tough enough to handle it? We'll be looking for a few good people.

See you in church.

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



**LIFT UP THINE EYES** is the theme of our upcoming capital campaign to fund restoration of the nave ceiling. The campaign committee (co-chaired by Doug Evans and Sarah Cogan, and Owen and Meg

Wayne Faust  
Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

*and those who have  
died.*

Boger) chose the theme because it is Biblical (see Isaiah 60:4), it is inspiring, it is literally what we need to do to see the ceiling, and it is God's call to us in confusing times. Prep work will actually begin within the week, and it is going to create dust. Dust is the enemy of musical instruments, especially pipe organs. Therefore, the Bicentennial Organ is being tarped and will be shut down until Palm Sunday, April 9, when it will sound again for Holy Week, Easter, and the remainder of the program year. In its place we will use the chamber organ and, if needed, the piano.

## **This Sunday**

**March 12th**

### **9 a.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

### **11 a.m. A Penitential Order & Morning Prayer**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

### **6 p.m. A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**WHAT'S ON THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR? – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** On the Second through Fifth Sundays in Lent (Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2) 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."

**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 (**today: 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.

**A SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES – March 12: "Refugees and the Church."** March 19, "The Spirituality of *Silence*." March 26: "Anti-Semitism in the Passion Narratives." April 2: "Holy Week 101." Held in the Chantry immediately following the 6 pm service (approx. 7 pm).

### *Coming Soon*

**MAR 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. Held in the Chantry at 5:30 pm, just prior to the 6 pm Eucharist on Wednesdays Mar 8, 15, 22, 29. For more information, contact Currie [here](#).

**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: Singleton Cox* [here](#).

**MAR 24 – 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.

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