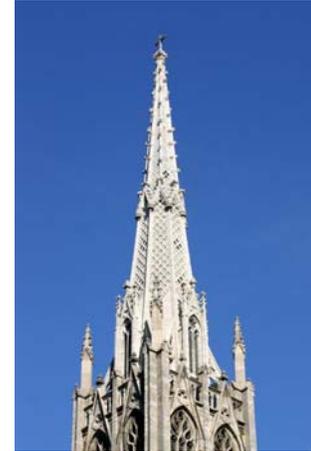


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### in New York City



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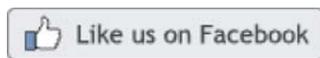
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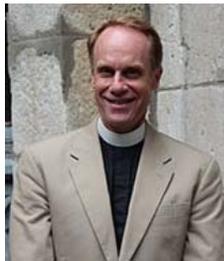
### Glorious EASTER FLOWERS for the CHURCH



...are donated each year by YOU – our parishioners and

## March 26, 2017

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then it stands to reason that two pictures are worth two-thousand words. Since I have two pictures to share with you this week, it means that I am free to write you a much shorter letter than I

normally do.

Over the past year you have heard much about "the House that Grace Built," our partnership with Habitat for Humanity to restore an abandoned house in the St. Alban's neighborhood of Queens. The house is actually a side-by-side duplex that was built about one-hundred years ago. The right side of the house is occupied and in good repair. The left side has been vacant for twenty years, and has suffered all the ravages of vandals, squatters, critters, and weather. The people of Grace Church adopted the house, and we began working on it last July. When I first pulled up to the address, it was as if I had arrived at the home of Herman Munster: 1313 Mockingbird Lane. By November, as you will see in the photo, things were still looking rather bleak.

But now we seem to have turned the corner. Last Saturday a hearty band of



friends! You may donate in memorial or thanksgiving and we will list this in the Easter service bulletins. Simply find an Easter flower donation envelope around the church and parish house starting this week. **\*Or click [HERE](#) to donate now.\***

*(If your gift is dedicated "in honor of" or "in memory of," please list this in the comments box and it will be included in the Easter service bulletin. **Donation must be received by Palm Sunday, 4/9.**)*  
As always, thank you!

**PALM SUNDAY,  
HOLY WEEK &  
EASTER SERVICE  
INFO [HERE](#).**

**Please pray for...**

parishioners put in a long, cold, but productive work day. By late afternoon, behold: here's how the house looks now. The insides, which were entirely gutted, are currently framed



so it's possible to imagine rooms and closets, and even how a family will make it their home. It's been a terrific effort, and by late spring when we are finished, we will have made a tremendously positive impact on a neighborhood and a family.

It means a great deal to me that as we are gearing up to restore a portion of our own house - Grace Church - we have done the same for what will be someone else's house.



***Those who suffer***

Linda & Tom Hall  
David  
Elisa Galjour  
Ramzi Abed  
Rayma Hayes  
The Michael Family  
Larry Birns  
Nita and Max Slover  
Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

***and those who have died***

Bronson Rash  
Hazel Waites

Thanks to all of you who are giving, working, and praying on both fronts.

See you in church.

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

**This Sunday**

**March 26th**

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

Sermon: The Rev. Alissa Anderson

Music: The Parish Choir

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

Sermon: The Rev. Alissa Anderson

Music: The Adult Choir

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

Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**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." Sundays through Apr 2.

**A SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES** 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).

**THE RT. REV. MARY D. GLASSPOOL**, Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, is making her annual visitation to Canterbury Downtown this evening at the 6pm service. Grace was one of the first parishes Bp. Mary visited after her appointment last spring, and we are pleased to welcome her back.

#### **CANTERBURY DOWNTOWN CAMPUS MINISTRY**

All college students are welcome to come to the 6 pm service in the Chantry, followed by student meet up time and a home-cooked meal during the semester. Visit [www.canterburynyc.org](http://www.canterburynyc.org) for more information or contact Chaplain Mary Cat Young [here](#).

### *Coming Soon*

**MAR 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. Wednesday, Mar 29 will be the final session this season of Lent. For more information, contact Currie [here](#).

**APR 1 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAYS** – We are partnering with Habitat to rehabilitate a condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need (see the Rector's letter above!). Volunteers have been hard at work since last summer and would love to have you join them! The next build days are Saturdays April 1, April 22, May 6, and May 20. *Info and registration [here](#), or contact Martha Korienek [here](#).*

**APR 4 – 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, Apr 4, 7–8:30 pm in the Reception Room. *RSVP and/or info: contact Singleton Cox [here](#).*

**APR 8 – JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR MOVIE VIEWING AT 3PM & 7PM – Hosted by the ECW.** Since watching a movie is an experience of mindfulness, we can turn our movie viewing into a spiritual practice by being mindful of God's presence throughout the story. This Lent, you are invited to practice this spiritual mindfulness by watching *Jesus Christ Superstar* in community while eating a meal, then participating in a group discussion afterwards. **The movie will be watched with a Last Supper themed seated meal**, to create an immersive experience. *Jesus Christ Superstar* is a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, based upon Jesus' Last Week. There will be a screening and food serving at both 3pm and 7pm in the Reception Room. The meal will be prepared by Ysanne Spevack. To cover the cost of ingredients there is a suggested donation of \$20 per person. Saturday, April 8th at 3pm and 7pm. *Space is limited, so to reserve your seat at the table please [e-mail Martha](#) by March 26<sup>th</sup>.*

**APR 9 – 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: The ministries of Grace Church**). 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.

**APR 9 – EVENSONG with EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH** On Palm Sunday at 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring

excerpts from Part II (the Easter Portion) of Handel's MESSIAH.

**APR 15 – CHILDREN'S EASTER EVE WALK** – Join us on Holy Saturday, April 15, from 10:30 am–1:30 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt. Activities are designed for kids ages 4–12, but the whole family is welcome (and teens often volunteer as helpers). [\*RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford.\*](#)

**APR 15 & JUNE 4 – BAPTISMS** – The next baptismal service for adults and children will be at the Easter Vigil on April 15 at 7 pm. The following date is Pentecost Sunday, June 4, at 11 am. *Please [contact](#) the Rev. Chase Danford for further details.*

**APR 22 – VOLUNTEER AT "HOPE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED"** the food ministry of Church of the Village (201 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St.). We will be serving a hot meal to those who need it on Saturday, April 22nd from 12–2:20 pm. To sign up, please email Martha [here](#).

**APR 28–30 – LIFT UP THINE EYES KICK-OFF WEEKEND**  
Join us for a joyous weekend celebration for our capital campaign, *Lift Up Thine Eyes*. In addition to the Annual Spring Choir Concert and reception on Friday evening, Apr 28th, we will also enjoy a festive event immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday Apr 30th, including the premiere of our campaign video and festive fellowship for all. Please mark your calendars!

**APR 29 – EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S ONE-DAY RETREAT** – On Saturday, April 29th, the women of Grace Church are invited to a one-day retreat on the theme of "Sabbath." How can we create a rhythm of rest in the midst of our busy lives? The retreat is 9am–5pm at House of the Redeemer (95th, between Madison and 5th). There is a suggested donation of

\$45/person. Space is limited to 20 people. *To sign up, please email Martha [here](#).*



**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 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. Stay tuned for more details on the campaign.

#### **THE ORGAN**

Prep work on the ceiling has actually begun, 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.

*To find service information,  
you may visit [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org), updated weekly.*

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