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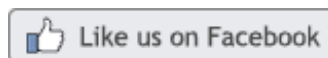
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The Columbarium at Grace Church



A talk with the
architects and the
Rector.
Sunday at 10 am.

LIFT UP THINE

September 24, 2017

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

As I write these words it is Friday morning, and a work crew is out in the church installing the columbarium. The columbarium is the final project associated with our summer of interior restoration funded by the capital campaign: *Lift Up Thine Eyes*.

But you may ask: what is a columbarium? A columbarium is like a cemetery; it is a secure and sacred repository for the mortal remains of those whose bodies have been cremated. The columbarium for Grace Church is the gift of parishioner Ted Keane, in memory of his beloved wife Mary, who died in 2015. It has been designed by parishioner Grant Marani and his colleague David Pearson, both of Robert A.M. Stern Architects. The goal was to create something that looks as if it were always part of the furniture. As you will see, the columbarium is an exquisitely carved cabinet that matches the wood and character of the historic pews. Its location is in the south transept, beneath the stained glass window that is next to the little door leading into the chantry. Even though it is only partially assembled, I can tell you that it is already a thing of beauty.

Both of the parishes that I served before coming to Grace Church had a columbarium. These places proved to be of great pastoral and practical blessing to those suffering loss. When a loved one dies, grief is complicated by numerous decisions that need to be made, not the least of which is arranging a final resting

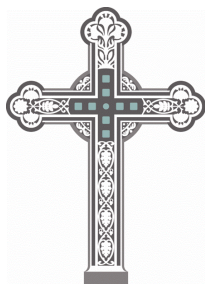
EYES – update!

The campaign has been a resounding success! As of now, over 150 Grace Church families have pledged \$3,101,365. This total is 19% over our primary goal of \$2,600,000. If you haven't made your pledge yet, there's still time! Every gift of every size is welcome.

Thank you to all who have made a pledge thus far!

Visit [HERE](#) to make your pledge or contact James Romanik [here](#) or at 212-254-2005 with any questions.

***Please pray
for...***



those who suffer

John Hill
Marion McDaniel

place for the deceased's remains. Having a columbarium gives a family the option of burial in the church, not from the church. Time and again I saw the columbarium take an immediate load off of grief-stricken minds. Then it became a focal point for families to remember their departed loved ones.

When you come on Sunday you will see the columbarium almost fully installed. All that remains to come are the outer doors that will cover the 120 niches inside. Also, at the Sunday Forum at 10 am, Grant Marani, David Pearson, and I will talk about the project and how it came to be. Join in the Reception Room.

Finally, this coming Monday Ted Keane and I will gather at the columbarium with members of his family. There, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we will commend to Almighty God our sister Mary, and we will commit her ashes to their resting place in the first niche. *Rest eternal, grant to Mary, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

September 24th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

A COLUMBARIUM FOR GRACE CHURCH – THE

Kristin Whitehurst
Josephine
Ferraiuolo

*and those who
have died*

Jeff, Jennifer,
Addison and
Benjamin
Makepeace.
Pierre Pettinger.

SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM – The Rector will lead today's presentation about the columbarium that will be installed in the south transept by the end of this month. We will touch on the changing burial practices in America, various religious perspectives on cremation, and how the idea for a columbarium at Grace Church got started. We will also hear from Grant Marani and David Pearson of Robert A.M. Stern Architects who designed the columbarium. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

The Sunday Forum fall calendar can be viewed [HERE](#).

ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR NEW AND RETURNING VOLUNTEERS – Adults and children in grades 3 and up are invited to serve as acolytes. Acolytes carry the processional cross and torches, help with the collection and at the altar during Holy Communion, and are a vital part of the sacred pageantry of our worship. If you are interested in serving, or if you are a returning acolyte, *please attend one of these trainings: Sunday, Sept 24, from 12:45–1:30 pm; or Wednesday, October 4, from 4:30–5:15 pm (Note: Date changed from Wed., Sept. 27).* [Email Father Chase](#) for more information.

YOUTH GROUP @2:15 – The Grace youth group for 7th–12th graders meets weekly from 2:15–3:30 pm, following the High School Singers rehearsal. We will meet in the Third Floor Conference Room.

"TEA TIME" AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE–All are welcome for light refreshments outside the Chantry directly after the service. Grab a cookie and say a quick hello to clergy and fellow

worshippers or catch up with new and old friends over a well-steeped cup of tea.

Coming Soon

OCT 1 – AUDEN, THE PSALMS AND ME – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM – with J. Chester Johnson. As one of two surviving members of the drafting committee for the retranslation of the Psalms that were included in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*—and as one who replaced W. H. Auden as the poet on that committee, J. Chester Johnson will speak about his recently published text which offers an account of his experience that illuminate this part of the Episcopal Psalter story and Auden's contribution, and describes the key elements that drove the creation of this retranslation

OCT 1 – 20's/30's BRUNCH – Young adult parishioners and guests are invited to brunch after the 11 am service and coffee hour on Sunday, October 1. We'll meet in the Rectory Garden by the 802 Broadway gate at 12:45 and walk to a nearby restaurant. Plan to bring \$10–20 in cash. [RSVP](#) to the Rev. Chase Danford.

OCT 8 (Columbus Day Weekend) The Sunday Forum is on recess.

OCT 8 – NEWCOMERS CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, October 8th in the reception room at 12:30pm. Each session will discuss how to become a member of Grace, as well as this session **we will be talking about *Church History***. We recommend that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, with other new members, and to grow in your faith. *Lunch will be provided, so [RSVP to Martha](#).*

OCT 15 – GRACE CHURCH & THE CIVIL WAR– THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM Jason McDonald is a

technology and history teacher at Grace Church School. In Fall 2017, he is teaching multiple sections of Civil War and Reconstruction. He has connected the course to the history of Grace Church and other New York City locations. McDonald will discuss the class and the Civil War sermons of Grace Church Rector Thomas House Taylor, the Union Rally of 1861 in Union Square, Tom Thumb's wedding, and the 1865 Lincoln Funeral procession. Some students will be available to discuss their learning and experiences.

OCT 15 –REJOICE IN THE LAMB BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, Oct 15 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB.

OCT 24 – OPEN DOOR VOLUNTEERS FALL RECEPTION – A Paella & Sangria Social! Please join the Open Door Volunteers for fellowship and fun as we kick off a new year of welcoming visitors on weekend afternoons to the newly restored sanctuary. Seafood & fully loaded paella as well as Malcolm's signature sangria, along with a virgin/mock/nonalcoholic variety, will be served. [*RSVP to Singleton Cox*](#) or write her to learn more about *Open Door*. Ole!

NOV 11, 12 – GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR sponsored by the ECW. Saturday, Nov 11 10am – 7pm, Sunday, Nov 12, 10am – 4pm in Tuttle Hall. \$2 admission will be donated to the NYC Food Pantry. NEW CAFE! Savory items and sweets available for purchase throughout both days. GREAT vendors! *For more information* [*e-mail Elana Foundos*](#).

NOV 17–19 – PARISH RETREAT @HOLY CROSS MONASTERY – Join others from Grace Church as we spend the weekend at the Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. Cost is \$190/person, which includes lodging, food, and group sessions led by one of the brothers. *Sign-up by October 1st by emailing* [*Martha*](#).

**DEC 2 – 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. 2nd, 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](mailto:Olivia.Nunez@gracechurchnyc.org).*

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