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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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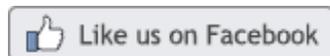
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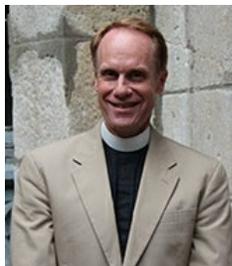
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November 5, 2017

All Saints' Sunday



Dear Friends,

Well, it has been quite a week here in New York City, this fragile island home of ours. On Tuesday a man claiming allegiance to the terrorist group ISIS carried out a long-simmering plan to murder innocent civilians. He drove a rented truck down the Hudson River bike path that was crowded with cyclists, and when he finally came to a stop, eight people lay dead. Eight people who were mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, husbands, and wives are now gone because of an evil miscreant.

Then on Wednesday morning gun shots interrupted the normal rush to school and work, and in an instant, Elizabeth Lee lay dead, the victim of someone who had stalked her for months. Elizabeth (mother of Sasha and Hunter Herman) was a well-known and much-loved person in the wider Grace Church community. Among her numerous roles she had been a choir mother, P.A. President, and was currently working as the Assistant to the Assistant Head and Board Coordinator of Grace Church School. These two terrible, senseless tragedies have left people numb and speechless, with the unenviable task of wrestling through grief and anger.

This coming Sunday is All Saints' Sunday. It is a day when we celebrate not only the saints of old, but also what it takes to be a saint today. The Communion of Saints is a wonderful and sacred mystery that articulates a promise of God. God's people are a

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Grace Church in New York
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family that death cannot dissolve. Thus, we have a reasonable and holy hope for a joyful reunion with those we have loved and lost. We will light candles in memory of them, and as a way to proclaim that their light still shines in the kingdom of heaven, which is the mind of God.

I can think of no better place to be on Sunday for any one of our four worship services listed below. See you in church.

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

Rector

This Sunday

November 5th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Baptism & Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys with
The Girls' Choir and High School Singers

4 p.m. Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong with the Fauré REQUIEM

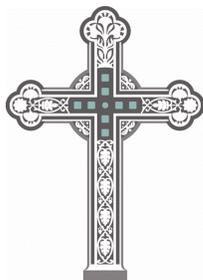
The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

*Please pray
for...*



those who suffer

Ernest Hansen

Anna Ring

Julia Harvey

Heather and Michael

Dollenger

Mary Enockson

Rick Panetta

Ernest Rose

Linda Flood

Josephine Ferraiuolo

and those who

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. Following the service, please return the plastic candle holder to the basket in the narthex for future use.

have died

Elizabeth Lee

The eight victims
of the terrorist attack
on the bike path

2018 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: "ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL" – Last week we launched the annual campaign in support of the Lord's work through Grace Church in 2018. Annual giving achieves two goals that are important to the spiritual health of every Christian: saying "thank you" to God for life's many blessings with a tangible expression of gratitude, and empowering the ministries of God's church. Letters and brochures to all parishioners, newcomers, and friends inviting us to participate in the annual campaign went out last week. In addition, the brochures are in your pews today. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope and return it to the parish offices. You may also make your pledge [here](#). Questions about pledging? Contact James V. Romanik at 212-254-2005 or jromanik@gracechurchnyc.org.

THE POETRY OF WWI – THE SUNDAY FORUM

@10 AM – More than 9 million soldiers and 7 million civilians died in World War I. This carnage, the deployment of chemical weapons (such as tear and mustard gasses), and the brutality of trench warfare had a profound impact on poetry. A movement away from idealism and toward skepticism and disillusion inspired powerful poetry that still moves us. Led by Dr. Diana Benet, Grace Parishioner and Professor Emerita at the University of North Texas. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

WILL YOU BUY A PIE TO SUPPORT THE

CHOIR? The 15th Annual Grace Church Choir Pie Sale has begun! Once again, choristers are selling seven flavors of pie from the legendary Eli's Bakery and assorted boxes of Seroogy's chocolates. You can sample flavors at coffee hour after the 11 am services on Nov 5 and 12, and order pies on our website. If you don't need an actual pie, you can still support the choir by purchasing a virtual pie! All proceeds go to the Choir Special Project Fund. Place your order [here](#) by Tuesday, Nov 14th.

REQUIEM by *Gabriel Fauré* at 4PM sung by The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir and offered during Choral Evensong celebrating All Saints' Sunday. Evening Service in a minor by *T. Tertius Noble* with prayers set by *William Byrd*.

POST-HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE – Today we are collecting individually wrapped Halloween candy for the benefit of the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI), a ministry to mariners since 1834. Your donation will be part of SCI's Christmas at Sea project, which distributes gift bags to seafarers, toiling in maritime commerce, far from home at the holidays. Here is an opportunity to clear your home of excess Halloween candy, as well as to take advantage of half-price sales after the holiday! Please leave it in the baskets marked "candy" near the door of the church or chantry.

Coming Soon

NOV 6 – LUNCHTIME CENTERING PRAYER, also known as "contemplative 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 Church from 12:15 – 12:40 pm on Mondays Nov. 6 to Dec. 18. For more information, contact Currie Estreich [here](#).

NOV 7 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS AND INTERVIEWS! All children and youth aged 5 and older are invited to participate in the annual pageant, held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. All participants must submit an online cast information sheet by Nov 6. Those interested in singing a solo, duet, or trio must also sign up for an interview (Tues, Nov 7 from 2–6 pm in the Music Room). A full pageant schedule is available on the bulletin board in the Parish House. *Please email the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#) for links to the cast info sheet and the interview sign-ups.*

NOV 11, 12 – GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR sponsored by the ECW. Saturday, Nov 11, 10am – 7pm and Sunday, Nov 12, 10am – 4pm in Tuttle Hall. \$2 admission to feed the hungry. NEW "CATHARINE'S CAFÉ!" offering savories and sweets available for purchase throughout both days. GREAT vendors! Children's table! *For more information contact Elana [here](#). VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MEN ALSO!" Contact Lethe Black [here](#).*

NOV 12 – GRACE CHURCH AND WWI – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM – From the innovative war writing of city residents John Dos Passos, Edith Wharton and Willa Cather to the ideological convulsions of chauvinism, pacifism, and disillusionment, New York grew up as a city during World War I. Grace Church contributed to this process, sending over a dozen men to give their lives in the war. The massive deaths of wartime caused Christians to think differently about the afterlife, reflected in the revisions in the 1928 Prayer Book partially written by Grace's rector, Charles Lewis Slattery. Led by Dr. Nicholas Birns, Grace Parishioner and professor at The New School and NYU.

NOV 12 – NEWCOMERS CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class. The class is 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 *the various ministries of Grace Church*. 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 [here](#).*

NOV 15 – WALK IN GRACE (FALL NEWCOMER EVENT!) – Anyone new to Grace Church may join us on Wednesday, Nov 15th at 6:45 pm for light refreshments and a tour of our beautiful church led by the Rev. J. Donald Waring. *RSVP to James Romanik [here](#).*

NOV 18 – NEXT HABITAT BUILD DAY: Projects in Manhattan and Queens! On Saturday, Nov. 18th we offer a choice of two projects: in Manhattan we are now working to preserve and maintain affordable housing, this week by doing home maintenance repair for a co-op on the Lower East Side. While over in Queens, we will put finishing touches on "The House that Grace Built." *To sign up, please [visit the website here](#) or e-mail Martha Korienek [here](#).*

NOV 19 – GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY is the day we celebrate the common history and mission of Grace Church and Grace Church School. We'll welcome The Rev. Robert Pennoyer II, Assistant Head of School and Director of Studies at Grace Church School, as our guest preacher at the 11 am service and Sunday Forum presenter at 10 am. 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.

**NOV 19 – LINCOLN'S DEATH AND THE DANGEROUS
THEOLOGY OF CERTAINTY – THE SUNDAY FORUM**

@10AM – Abraham Lincoln was shot on Good Friday, and he died the next morning. That Easter Sunday, preachers throughout the North tried to comfort their congregants and make sense of the president's assassination. The sermons that survive include several that are deeply unsettling to modern ears. The Rev. Robert Pennoyer II, will speak about those sermons, about Lincoln's own theology, and about how Episcopal schools are well suited for grappling with matters like these. The Rev. Robert Pennoyer II is the Assistant Head of School and Director of Studies at Grace Church School.

NOV 19 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE

MISSION – On Sunday, Nov 19th we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We need volunteers to prepare pot roasts and cupcakes at home and to serve the meal at the Mission. We have a super easy and delicious pot roast recipe for you! Please join us in this rewarding volunteer opportunity which is so appreciated by folks at the mission. *To sign up, e-mail Lillie Chance [here](#) or click [here](#) for a sign-up sheet.*

NOV 26 – THE SUNDAY FORUM is on recess for the Thanksgiving weekend.

DEC 2 – GRACE CHURCH/GO PROJECT VOLUNTEER DAY

Have you 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 [here](#).*

DEC 9 – EPISCOPAL ASIAN SUPPER TABLE (EAST)

Guest speaker Fr. Gideon Jebamani, an Episcopal priest who has fought for the rights of the Dalit people (the so-called "Untouchable" caste of India), will speak on "Religious Cultural Diversity and the Challenge of Creating an Inclusive Faith Community." EAST celebrates the dignity of Asian and Asian-American spirituality. Our monthly events are a welcoming space to share stories, seek God, and bridge diverse cultures. We are a growing ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Saturday, Dec 9, at 5:30 pm in Tuttle Hall. *RSVP: EAST@diocesenyc.org.*

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