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in New York City



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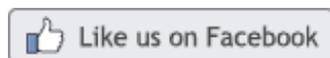
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November 12, 2017

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

We have an exceptionally busy weekend ahead of us at Grace Church, including the ECW Christmas Fair on Saturday and Sunday, a newcomer class, a fascinating Sunday Forum, and the opportunity to benefit the choirs through the purchase of Thanksgiving pies. In addition, on Saturday, six people will represent Grace Church at the Diocesan Convention to be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. In addition to your clergy delegates, Owen Boger, Lee Chamberlin, and Jason Slibeck will be voting yes or no to the various resolutions that come to the floor.

Last weekend was busy too. In fact, Sunday was so full that I had no chance to check in on the world outside. Thus, it came as a surprise to me at the 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry when someone added an impromptu petition to the prayers: "For those who lost their lives today in Texas." After the service I inquired into what had happened in Texas, and then learned the full, awful reality of the church shooting, in which a crazed gunman massacred 26 people in the midst of a worship service.

As the news sank in, pondered questions that I'm sure many of us were asking at the time: Where was God, whom the Psalmist proclaims to be *a very present help in trouble*? What can be done to stop gun violence in America? But then my mind went to another place: what is to prevent something like that from happening at Grace Church? One difference between us and the church in Texas is that we do have a trained security presence on duty every Sunday. When crowds are expected to be larger we hire more. But should we be taking additional measures? This week we

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have raised the question at three meetings: staff, Vestry, and Fabric & Grounds. We are also checking in with other churches and synagogues in New York City to learn how they secure their environments and remain a houses of prayer that are open for all people. At the very least, we be making sure that all of our exits in the church are well-marked, and that people know how to use them.

Late this week two officers from the NYPD stopped by for a courtesy visit. They had no agenda other than to say hello, and let us know that they have their eyes on Grace Church. I was grateful for their call, and thanked them for the work they do in the community.

Being the Body of Christ in the world will always have its risks. Sometimes it even involves a cross. Let's do our best to *"walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:2)."*

See you in church.

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

Rector

*Please pray
for...*



those who suffer

Alejandro Mota
Ernest Hansen
Anna Ring
Heather and Michael
Dollenger
Mary Enockson
Rick Panetta
Ernest Rose
Josephine Ferraiuolo

*and those who
have died*

This Sunday

November 12th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha Korienek

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Martha Korienek

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR – The big weekend is here for the annual 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

Julia Harvey
Elizabeth Lee
Gladwin G. Johnson
The victims of the
church shooting in
Texas

and sweets available for purchase throughout both days. GREAT vendors! Children's table! For more information contact Elana by email [here](#). VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MEN ALSO!" Contact Lethe Black by email [here](#).

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 Nicholas Birns, Ph.D., Grace Parishioner and Professor of Literature at NYU School of Professional Studies.

NEWCOMERS CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class. The class is today in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at 12:30pm. We will discuss how to become a member of Grace and highlight the various ministries of the parish. Newcomer classes are usually offered on the second Sunday of the month. 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 by email [here](#).

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 service today in the Reception Room, 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.

2018 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: "ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL" – Last month 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 [online](#) . Questions about pledging? Contact James V. Romanik [here](#) or at 212.254.2005.

Coming Soon

NOV 13 – 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 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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