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in New York City



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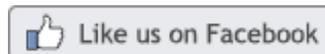
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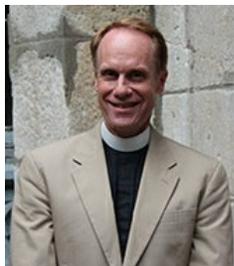


2018 is Here!

**Please let us hear
from you...**

January 7, 2018

The First Sunday after the Epiphany. The Baptism of Our Lord.



Dear Friends,

Bombogenesis is a word that I have never before used, and prior to this week I didn't even know it was part of the English lexicon. Nevertheless, bombogenesis is the name of the weather system that hit us on

Thursday, producing a respectable amount of snow and terrifically high winds. Indeed, to quote some popular Christmas songs: "The weather outside is frightful," and "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

Except, Christmas is now just about finished for another year. Today is the 12th Day of Christmas. Saturday is Epiphany. It will be time for the Christmas tree and the decorations and the lights to come down and be packed away. For the children it will be back to school - perhaps the three most dreaded words in a child's vocabulary. Soon the credit card bills will arrive. The pressures of life will re-assert themselves, if they haven't already. For us, Christmas 2017 is fading into the past.

I am always sorry to see Christmas end. For various people, the celebration of Christmas provides moments that seem to occupy a thin place in the veil between heaven and earth. Moments like your whole family crammed into a pew on Christmas Eve, kneeling there with a candle in your hand and singing Silent Night in the darkened church, little children on Christmas morning rushing toward the tree to open their presents, three generations of culinary artists at work

ALL THINGS
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL



Grace Church in New York
2018 Annual Campaign

Many thanks to those who have responded to our call to make a pledge for 2018. If you have yet to pledge or make a gift, it is now 2018, so please let us hear from you. You will find campaign brochures around the Church and Parish House – or you may read about pledging by clicking the image above. **Want to make your pledge now?** You may do so [here](#). Questions about pledging? Contact James V. Romanik at 212-254-2005 or [here](#).

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in the kitchen preparing the afternoon feast, everyone you love gathered around the dining room table. These are moments when you want to stop the clock right then, and stay there indefinitely. But the troubling truth is, time marches on, bearing all our years away.

The Christmas narratives in Scripture tell us that time marched on for the Holy Family as well. The stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born was an island of peace and joy for Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. But it was not a place where they could stay. An angel of the Lord warned Joseph in a dream to "get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt." So for them it was off into an uncertain future. Nevertheless, they discovered that they did not leave God behind in Bethlehem. Yes, God was present in a happy memory in their past. But God was even more so present in front of them, leading them and directing them -- even protecting them. God sent angels to warn Joseph in his dreams. God saved Jesus from Herod and eventually established the Holy Family in Nazareth. God was leading them all the way, all the time.

What was true for Mary and Joseph can also be true for us. God has new things in store for us this year. God invites us each anew in 2018 to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. When we say yes and come along on the journey, the Spirit of the Lord moves us deeper into the presence of God. Then by faith we can trust that our best years are always ahead of us, never behind us.

Happy New Year! See you in church.

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

Rector

This Sunday

January 7th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Baptism & Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

Music: The Adult Choir



4 p.m. Amahl and the Night Visitors
by Gian Carlo Menotti
Offered by The Adult Choir
as part of Evening Prayer

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists



THE SUNDAY FORUM is on recess and will resume on January 21 at 10 am (see description below).

20's/30's BRUNCH – Young adult parishioners and guests are invited to brunch after the 11 am service and coffee hour this Sunday, January 7. We'll meet inside the Parish House door (802 Broadway) at 12:55 pm and walk to a nearby restaurant. Plan to bring \$15–20 in cash. *RSVP to the Rev. [Chase Danford](#).*



AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS BY GIAN CARLO MENOTTI – The Adult Choir offers this dramatic sacred opera in the context of evening prayer, at 4pm in the Church.

2018 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available at Coffee Hour after the 9 and 11 am services. If you would like envelopes for 2018 and have not yet made a request, please contact James V. Romanik, Assistant Director of Membership & Communications, [here](#) or 212-254-2005.



Coming Soon

JAN 11, 12, 13 – ABRACADABRA! A workshop on the art of Anglican Service Playing. Dr. Barry Rose will offer a workshop at Grace Church featuring the Bicentennial organ on service playing in the Anglican tradition. Church music colleagues



Grace staff on duty from the wee hours, and we've got the clearest sidewalks in the neighborhood!

Please pray for...



those who suffer

Anthony Nan Qiu
Christopher Mooney
Isabella
Krista Kostenko
Josephine

and those who have died

and students from around the country – as far as Hawaii and Florida will attend! As part of the workshop there will be **four public musical offerings**. The first three under the banner of *MADE IN ENGLAND – Marches, miniatures*. These will take place on Thursday 11 January at noon and 8 p.m. and Friday at 8 p.m. in the Church. On Saturday there will be a closing choral program at 3:30 p.m. featuring the participants with the Adult Choir offering the anthems they have prepared during the workshop. All public events are free admission. Each will last about one hour.

JAN 16 – EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY – Join Chase and Martha for an Epiphany Season Bible study. We will meet in the Reception Room from 6:30 –7:30 pm on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6; come to one session, or come to all! The Reception Room will be available beginning at 6:15 pm for those who wish to come and chat with friends–or make new ones–before the Bible study begins.

JAN 19 – CATHARINE LORILLARD WOLFE ART CLUB BENEFIT RECEPTION As part of the 121st Annual Open Exhibition Jan 9–26, there will be a Benefit Reception for the Travel and Research Fund of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Friday, Jan 19 from 5:30 to 8 pm. at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South. A minimum donation of \$25 per person is required to attend. <https://www.clwac.org/>. The Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club was established at Grace Church in 1896 using an endowment left by Ms. Wolfe. The purpose at the time was to provide aid, counsel and exhibition opportunities to young women artists in New York City.

JAN 21 – I'VE BEEN TO THE MOUNTAINTOP – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last speech, "I've Been To The Mountaintop," delivered in Memphis on April 3, 1968 just before his murder, is an astonishing orchestral blending of central Biblical themes, especially the Exodus, the prophets, and the life and mission of Jesus Christ. Join us as we discuss how indispensable a Biblical sense of justice was to Dr. King's ultimate proclamation of good news. *Led by Parishioner Nicholas Birns, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature at NYU School of Professional Studies.*

JAN 21 – THE TENTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – The Junior Choristers of the Grace Church Choirs with Dr. Barry Rose and the Whiting of Novices. Held in the Church at 4 pm.

JAN 28 – NEWCOMERS CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class on Sunday, Jan 28th in the

reception room at 12:30 pm. Each session will discuss how to become a member of Grace, as well as this session we will be talking about *Spiritual Practices*, a conversation led by Fr. Chase. 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](#).*

JAN 28 – NEWCOMERS CLASS FOR KIDS – Children ages 5+ who are new to Grace Church are invited to their own special class on Sunday, Jan 28th. We will meet in the reception room at 12:30 pm and have lunch with the adults (including their parents) and then go into the church and ask any questions we have about Grace Church. [RSVP to Martha](#).

FEB 3 – DON'T WALK BY – An outreach effort to the homeless in lower Manhattan, "Don't Walk By" is an afternoon/early evening of meeting the people who live on the street and listening for ways to connect them with resources in our community; the day begins with training. Parishioners Mike Watson and Ashleigh Madureira are co-leaders of our team. *For more information or to register, speak with Mike or Ashleigh, or email Martha [here](#).*

FEB 4 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb 4th, immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. Lunch will be served (\$5 per person suggested donation).

FEB 10 – HABITAT BUILD DAY – We will be partnering with the Muslim community Who Is Hussain to work on a Habitat home in Queens. *For more information or to register, contact Martha [here](#).*

FEB 11 – SHROVE SUNDAY BRUNCH! Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous "Mardi Gras" Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service. \$10 per person/\$20 per family suggested donation at the door.

FEB 21 – ADULT BAPTISM CLASSES BEGIN – Wednesdays in Lent, there will be a class for adults who are interested in being baptized at the Easter Vigil (March 31st at 7pm), 7–8 pm in the Reception Room on 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28. To sign up, please email Martha [here](#).

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