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in New York City



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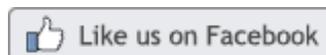
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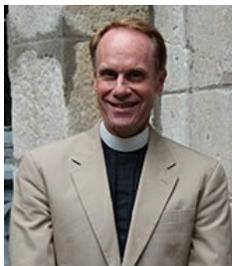
Your Vestry Nominees

For a third two-year term as a Churchwarden:

LEONA CHAMBERLIN.

February 4, 2018

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday is the day we will hold the Annual Meeting of Grace Church. Following the 11 am service, instead of coffee hour we will enjoy lunch together in Tuttle Hall, then hear reports from various lay

leaders who are overseeing many of our committees. Towards the end of the meeting I'll share my observations, generally referred to as "the state of the parish."

The Annual Meeting is also the time when we pay formal attention to leadership transition. This year we have a unique situation. The Vestry consists of two wardens and twelve Vestry members. The Vestry members serve three-year terms, with the possibility of being nominated for a second term. The whole body is grouped into three classes of four. Typically, a Vestry class of four will have two members serving a first term, and two members serving a second term. Thus, when we arrive at the annual meeting, the nominating committee will likely present two new people to serve a first term, and two existing Vestry members to serve a second term. We then give thanks for the work of the two off-going Vestry members. At least, that's the way it works on paper.

But life has a way of happening. From time to time, for various reasons, Vestry members will need to vacate a seat in the middle of a term. What happens then is that the Vestry goes to the list of names considered by the Nominating Committee, and appoints a person to fill



Lee and her husband Win have worshipped at Grace Church for over 30 years. Their children Brandon, Felicity and Ned were baptized at Grace Church and attended Grace Church School; Brandon and Felicity were Grace Church choristers; and Felicity and Kade Sparrow were married at Grace Church in 2016. In addition to her responsibilities as Junior Warden and for the Vestry, Lee also serves as Co-Head Usher and is a Trustee of Grace Church School and a Director of The GO Project. Lee is an attorney who prior to her retirement was Associate General Counsel for New York University and is a graduate of Cornell University and the New York University School of Law.

For a second three-year term as a Vestry member:

HARPER ANDERSON.

the unexpired term. When the term is expired, that person then can be nominated for his or her own first term. Or, in the nominating process, a Vestry member might decline the offer to serve a second term. To cut to the chase, we can wind up with years like this year, when the staggered Vestry class is completely altered.

The class of 2018 consists of four Vestry members who are all serving their first term, and are all eligible to be nominated for a second term. Harper Anderson, Anne Rieselbach, Jason Slibeck, and Erik Sorensen are wonderfully productive and engaged members of the Vestry, so the Nominating Committee will present them to the parish on Sunday as the class of 2021. The committee will also present Leona Chamberlin to serve a third (and final) two-year term as warden. The Nominating Committee had an easy job this year in that they did not need to find any new people to serve. Next year we'll need to find three, and in three years the committee will need to find four. But let's take things one year at a time. Concerning the class of 2021, you can see a photo and read a short bio for each, at left.

In Tuttle Hall we will also find some art work of the church produced by Grace Church School students, and we'll have the opportunity to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Details below.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

February 4th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists



Harper has been a parishioner of Grace Church since 2003. He met his wife, Teresa Conway, at Grace, and is step-father to Teresa's children, Claire and Bennett. Harper is Associate General Counsel of LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), a national community development organization established by the Ford Foundation. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia, and of the University of Virginia School of Law.

For a second three-year term as a Vestry member:

ANNE RIESELBACH.



Anne and her husband Grant Marani have

VALUES IN ACTION – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM – Every year the Trinity Institute at Trinity Church Wall Street has a conference, and this year the theme is "Values in Action." Keynote speakers include Michael Curry, Michelle Alexander, and Pádraig Ó Tuama. The Rev. Martha Korienek is attending this year and will share what she has learned about how we can all put our values into action. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

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).

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Bring cash to the annual parish meeting to support Grace Church's food security programs. If you want your team to win the "Souper Bowl," drop a few bills into the corresponding soup pot. Donations will go to local food ministries.

GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT – The 8th Grade Music & Art students at Grace Church School have been working on One Point Perspective. They chose different perspectives from the inside of Grace Church and the 86 4th Ave. Campus. The students used pencils to draw their individual vantage point on wood and then used a wood burning tool to add value and depth. They thought the church community might enjoy seeing their work, which will be on display in Tuttle Hall today.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Classes for youth in grades 7–12 will take place on Feb 4, 11, March 4, 11, April 8, 15, 22, 29 from 3:15 to 4:15

worshipped at Grace Church since September 2001. Both of their children, Julia and Matthew were choristers and attended Grace Church School. Anne has served on the Spire Campaign Committee, as Tour Guide and Open Door volunteer, Sunday School teacher, Bicentennial Committee member, on the more recent restoration committee, and the Archives Committee. She now serves on the Fabric & Grounds committee, co-chairs the Adult Education Committee, and regularly serves as a reader and chalice bearer. She has been serving on the benefit committee for the GO Project for the past decade. Anne is the Program Director at The Architectural League of New York, a non-profit cultural organization founded in 1881, and a board member of Open House New York. She is a graduate of Lawrence University with a B.A. in Art History, has conducted graduate studies in Architectural History at Cornell University and received a M.A. from the General Theological Seminary, with a focus on architectural/spatial form and liturgy.

pm. Confirmation will be Sunday, June 3 at 11 am. *Parents should [contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#) by Friday, Feb 1 to register.*

LAST CALL – 2018 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

TODAY is the last day to pick up your envelopes after services. After the 9 and 11 am services, they can be found in Tuttle Hall. After the 6 pm service, they may be found in the Reception Room. 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 at 212-254-2005.

Coming Soon

FEB 6 – EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY – Join Chase and Martha in the Reception Room from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6; come to one session, or come to all! On Feb 6th, we will be discussing the *Transfiguration story (Mark 9:2-9)*. 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.

FEB 10 – ALTAR GUILD DEMO & PIZZA! Looking for a way to participate and serve? On Saturday, Feb 10th from 11 am to 12, the clergy will provide a demonstration of how to set up the high altar and font for the 11 am services of Holy Eucharist and Baptism. The session is meant to be both a brush-up for faithful members of the Altar Guild, along with an invitation to anyone who is looking to become more deeply engaged in worship "behind the scenes." We will also take a deep dive into the sacristy safe to reveal its treasures. And...there will be pizza and green salad for all afterwards in the Reception Room! [RSVP to Jennifer Metz here.](#)

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

FEB 11 – HOW MUCH FORGIVENESS? – THE SUNDAY

For a second three-year term as a Vestry member:

JASON SLIBECK.



Jason enjoys participating in the church community and serving God in many different aspects of Grace Church. These include annual events like helping with the Advent Drive, and monthly activities like working on "The House that Grace Built," volunteering as a lector and usher during the 11 am worship or as a host to visitors through the Open Door ministry, and serving on the Vestry. Grace Church has provided him with countless blessings and opportunities to put faith into action. Since 1995, Jason and Sara Queen have lived and raised their two children, Bennett and Emma, in Stuyvesant Town. Professionally, Jason is an entrepreneur who has been involved with a number of start-up companies and new ventures usually managing operations,

FORUM @ 10 AM – In the past 18 months New Yorkers have witnessed three acts of violence that severely test the Christian call to forgiveness: a bombing in Times Square, a terrorist rampage on the Hudson River bike path, and a shooting near Grace Church School. In each instance the perpetrator of the violence survived, leaving us to wonder how Christians are to regard these individuals. The Rector will lead a panel discussion including parishioners Andrew Blane and Sally Hines. Held in the Reception Room. Coffee is served.

FEB 11 – SHROVE SUNDAY BRUNCH AFTER BOTH MORNING SERVICES -- Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous "Mardi Gras" Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Held in Tuttle Hall after both the 9 am and 11 am services. \$10 per person/\$20 per family suggested donation at the door.

FEB 11 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE MISSION – On Sunday, Feb 11th we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. Volunteers are needed to prepare pot roasts and/or 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 at lilichance@gmail.com or click [here](#).*

FEB 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be held at 8 am in the Chantry, and 12:10 and 6 pm in the Church. The two earlier services are expected to last for approximately 45 minutes. All services include homily by the Rev. J. Donald Waring, Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes.

FEB 14 – LENTEN E-DEVOTIONAL – Thinking about a Lenten spiritual discipline? Consider taking two minutes out of every day to pray using a brief, daily devotional guide written by Grace Church parishioners for each other and delivered daily (Mon-Sat) to your e-mail inbox. These devotions begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, so sign up today. *Please click [here](#) to sign up.*

FEB 20 – WHAT OUR FAITH SAYS ABOUT RACE, JUSTICE & PERSONHOOD: A LENTEN READING GROUP – Join the Rev. Chase Danford and the Rev. Martha Korienek as we explore the writings of prominent African-American thinkers from the 19th through the 21st centuries. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7-8 pm on Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, and 20. Email Chase or Martha to register or inquire for more information.

technology, and multi-disciplinary teams. The most recent venture is launching a farm in Vermont. When not participating in the life and culture of the East Village or working on the farm, he is slowly backpacking toward completion of the 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail.

For his own second three-year term as a Vestry member:

ERIK SORENSEN.



Erik Sorensen has been a member of Grace Church for over 12 years. He currently serves on the Development Committee and Music Committee. Erik has served on the Vestry since 2012 when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term that came vacant. He is married to Melinda Weir, and they have three children: Mahlon, Katharine, and Anna, all of whom attended Grace Church School and have been active as choristers and acolytes

FEB 21 – ADULT BAPTISM CLASSES – 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](#).*

FEB 25 – JUST WHAT WAS THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS?

For two centuries, many Americans have claimed that the United States was founded on Christian principles. Others—including some of the key Founding Fathers themselves—have disagreed. Brooke Allen, author of *Moral Minority: Our Skeptical Founding Fathers*, will examine the Enlightenment origins of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, and will look specifically at the religious beliefs—or lack thereof—of six of the founders: Franklin, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Hamilton. Brooke Allen teaches Literature at Bennington College.

FEB 25 – NEWCOMERS CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class on Sunday, Feb 25th 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 History 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](#).*

MAR 4 – ECW "THANK YOU TEA" in the Reception Room immediately following the 11 am service. The ECW would like to thank ALL the Grace Christmas Fair volunteers, cooks and bakers – MEN ALSO! Join us for tea, sandwiches and sweets!

of Grace Church. Erik has spent his professional career in law, government and public policy. He graduated from Cornell University and received his law degree from Georgetown University.

Many thanks to those who have agreed to stand for election.

**2018 is Here!
Please let us
hear from you...**

ALL THINGS
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

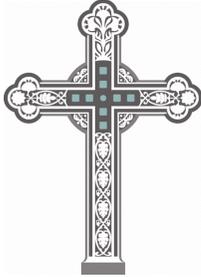


Grace Church in New York
2018 Annual Campaign

Many thanks to those who have responded to our call to make a pledge for 2018. Read about pledging by clicking the image above. **Want to make your pledge now?** You may do so [here](#). Questions about pledging? **Contact**

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[here.](#)

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for...*



those who suffer

Peter Schmidt

The Lester Family

The Peck Family

Bela Fletcher

Ysanne Spevack

Josephine

*and those who
have died.*

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