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in New York City



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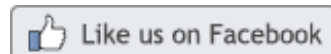
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"UNITY HOUSE," HOLY WEEK & A CHALLENGE GRANT!

A generous parish family has stepped forward with a \$25,000 challenge grant to help us fund our half of "Unity House," the next

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Holy Week & Easter 2018



Dear Friends,

One of the hazards of navigating the sidewalks of New York City (and many other places, I suspect) is people who are paying far more attention to their phones than they are to where they are going. Have you ever noticed that when people are

walking toward you at full pace, texting as they approach, it is you, the one paying attention, who is supposed to get out of their way? "One of these days," I think to myself, "I'm going to hold my ground, not move out of the way, and see what happens."

Make no mistake, I am not being a curmudgeon here, and I have no quarrel with smart phones. I have one myself and use it all the time. Texting and various social media apps are simply the way we communicate these days. Indeed, with a son now in college it came clear to me that if I wanted to be in frequent touch with him I would have to learn Snapchat. So far I have mastered the "snap" and the "chat." Still to come is putting them together into a unified Snapchat. Whatever happened to a simple, live phone call? Well, we do that too, but the argument can be made that we live in a time when virtual reality is often preferred to the real thing. What is on screen takes precedence to who may be next to you or approaching on the sidewalk. The worry is: What might we be forgetting or overlooking?

My guess is that most of you know that this coming Sunday is Easter Day - the highest feast day of the Christian year. Here it comes! But watch out for these three important days of preparation leading up to Easter -- [Maundy Thursday](#), [Good Friday](#), and [Holy Saturday](#). Yes, I am aware that you are reading these words on a screen. But starting tonight at 7 pm, do your best to "look up and raise your heads, because your

rebuilding project through Habitat for Humanity, with our Muslim partner organization [Who Is Hussain](#).

The community of Grace Church has been raising funds for "Unity House" through their Lenten daily devotions. Now that we've come to Holy Week, we are asking everyone to consider their many blessings and, in honor of those blessings, [make a contribution](#).

With the addition of our challenge grant, each dollar you contribute, up to \$25,000 will be matched! Bring your check to church on Easter day, or [give your gift online now](#). Groundbreaking on Unity House is Saturday, April 28th, so time is of the essence!

Ways to Celebrate GO!



redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28). Easter will have all the more meaning if we have walked intentionally the road to Jesus' tomb, and with eyes wide open, greet the rising Son.

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

Holy Week continues, please join us.

**(Tonight!) MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29
7 p.m. in the Church**

Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar

Preacher: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music by *Durufle, Farrant, Tallis*, & others.

The Adult Choir.

Service times for **GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY**, and all of Holy Week and Easter Day, visit our website [HERE](#).



This Sunday, Easter Day, April 1st

All services in the church.

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the GO Project. On Sunday, April 15th Grace Church will celebrate GO Project Sunday with a special Sunday Forum and a festive reception following the 11 am service.

Thursday, May 3 will be a gala dinner and auction at the Ziegfeld Ballroom ([purchase your ticket or sponsorship today](#)).

Finally, GO is seeking photos and stories from anyone who has been a GO Project volunteer over the years! If you can help, please call (212-254-2000 x100) or [e-mail](#) the Parish Office!

WE GIVE THANKS

to all who supported the Easter flower fund, including our special thanks to Ellen McElduff, head of the Flower Guild, for her tireless, loving and faithful service. The generosity of all will be in magnificent evidence, to the Glory of God, on Easter Day!

Please pray

9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring.

Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

11 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker & others.*

The Combined Choirs of Grace Church with Brass & Tympani.

4 p.m. Organ Music for Easter Day

Music by *Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor.*

6 p.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring.

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, & others.*
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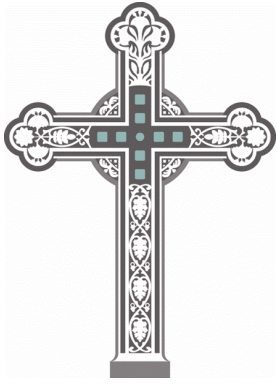


Coming Soon

APR 2 – The Church and Parish House are closed on Easter Monday.

APR 8 – **TWO AUSTRALIAN POETS ON RELIGIOUS LIFE–THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** Dr. Lachlan Brown, an evangelical Christian and poet who grew up attending Glenquarie Anglican Church, is currently teaching and researching in English Literature and Creative Writing at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, His first book of poetry, *Limited Cities*, was highly commended for the Dame Mary Gilmore Award. Nathanael O'Reilly, faculty member in the

for...



those who suffer

Lauren and Kimberly
Snyder

Albert Statman

Flordelisa Mota

Josephine

*and those who
have died.*

Department of English at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, teaches Australian, British & Irish, Postcolonial Anglophone, and Transnational literature. He lived in a Christian cult until his early twenties and will read poetry stemming from that experience.

APR 8 – EVENSONG WITH EXCERPTS FROM PART III OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH @4 PM – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part III (the Easter Portion) of MESSIAH.

APR 15 – GO PROJECT SUNDAY– This spring the GO Project celebrates its 50th anniversary. In honor of our parishioners who have helped to make this program such a success and everyone who has contributed to its thriving, and to give thanks for the important work it does in our community, we will celebrate the GO Project on Sunday, April 15th with a special Sunday Forum and a festive reception after the 11am service.

APR 22 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited. Each session will discuss how to become a member of Grace, as well as this session we will be talking about *The 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. Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. Lunch will be provided; RSVP to Martha at mkorienek@gracechurchnyc.org.

APR 27 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR CONCERT with the Combined Choirs of Grace Church takes place on Friday, April 27th at 7 pm in the Church. The concert is free and open to all. There will be a festive reception in Huntington Close following the concert to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund.

APRIL 28 – "UNITY HOUSE" IS ALMOST HERE! We begin this new building partnership with *Who Is Hussain* on Saturday, April 28th. Together we will rebuild a home in Queens through Habitat for Humanity. Please contact Martha for more information or to learn how to sign up.

MAY 2 – ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES – In May there will be a class for adults who are interested in being confirmed when Bishop Glasspool visits Grace Church (June 3rd at 11am). It will meet 7–8 pm in the Reception Room on Wednesdays, May 2–30. To sign up, please email Martha

Next Sunday, April 8th

**The Second Sunday of Easter
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford
Music: The Parish Choir

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Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

4 p.m. Choral Evensong
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MESSIAH
The Parish and Adult Choirs

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

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Happy Easter!*

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