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### in New York City



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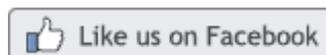
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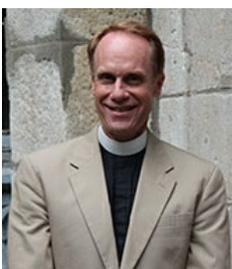
The celebrations continue on Thursday, May 3 with a **gala dinner and auction** at the **Ziegfeld Ballroom**.

[Order tickets now.](#)

**If you have been a  
GOProject**

## April 15, 2018

The Third Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

One of my earliest memories of The GO Project at Grace Church stretches all the way back to July of 2004. I had just arrived as the new rector, and was still learning where all the light switches were (I am still looking for some). At the same time The GO Project was beginning its summer session of providing a full day of classes for at-risk, elementary students who were falling through the cracks of the public school system. Toward the end of the month, for a reason I do not recall, I was waiting with a group of students and said to one of them, "I bet you'll be glad to get your summer back when GO finishes." The student shook her head and said, "No, this is better." The tone of her voice and the look in her eyes conveyed that apart from GO her summer wouldn't consist of much at all. GO was it.

The GO Project is one of the biggest "light switches" we have at Grace Church, and this year the ministry is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. GO began as "The Grace Opportunity Project." It was and is a joint project between Grace Church and Grace Church School. Parishioner Cree Harland and school-parent Elinor Ratnor envisioned how to connect a need with resources. The need was public school students in the elementary grades who were falling behind. Without intervention they would never catch up, and essentially be shunted onto a life path of limited opportunity. The resources were the school classrooms that would be empty all summer, and willing volunteers in the Grace community who could help. Fifty years later, GO has turned on the lights of learning and opportunity for

volunteer over the years and have stories to tell or photos to share, please [e-mail](#) or send them to the parish office at Grace Church.

## Don't Miss Out! "UNITY HOUSE" 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 rebuilding project through Habitat for Humanity, with our Muslim partner organization [Who Is Hussain](#).

Now, [each dollar you contribute](#), up to \$25,000 will be matched!

Groundbreaking on Unity House is Saturday, April 28th. Time is of the essence so don't delay, [GIVE NOW!](#)

Checks made out to Grace Church (write Unity House in the memo line) can be mailed to the parish office, or placed in the offering plate any Sunday this month.

countless students. Today, the ministry serves more than 700 elementary and now middle school students at multiple sites, providing not only the five-week summer session, but weekend tutoring throughout the year, and social services for the families.

This coming Sunday is a day we are calling "GO Project" Sunday at Grace Church. GO's new executive director, Gayle Villani, will be our speaker at the Sunday Forum, 10 am in the Reception Room. During the 11 am service, Associate Rector and GO Board member Martha Korienek will connect the work of GO with the Easter season. Then following the service we will enjoy a festive reception in Tuttle Hall, with delicious food and drink for all, and words from GO volunteers and leadership. Come join the fun, and celebrate one of the brightest ministries of the Grace community.

See you in church.

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

## This Sunday – April 15th

### The Third Sunday of Easter

#### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek  
Music: The Parish Choir

#### 11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek  
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

#### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek  
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**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

*Please pray  
for...*



*those who suffer*

Lauren Snyder  
Kimberly Snyder  
Josephine

*and those who  
have died.*

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 11 am service.

### **THE GO PROJECT at THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.**

Ms. Gayle Villani, Executive Director, will talk about the GO Project – in particular how the programming has been adapted and refined to support families, as their needs have changed along with shifts in the NYC public school system. Please join us in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

### *Coming Soon*

**APR 16–MAY 21 – MONDAY EVE BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS** – During the Easter season, we will read the Acts of the Apostles and learn about the work of the early Church. You're invited for all six sessions, or come week by week as you are able. Mondays, from 6:30–7:30 pm in the Reception Room. For questions, [contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#), Assistant Rector. *For April 16, we'll discuss chapters 1–5 of Acts.*

**APR 22 – AN INKLING'S INKWELL: INSPIRATIONS AND THEOLOGY OF C.S. LEWIS** – Join us for a talk and discussion on the life and writings of C.S. Lewis – focusing on the inspiration for Lewis's most well-known works. Creator of Narnia and Screwtape, Lewis was a man who declaimed to the world on 'mere' Christianity in the midst of war and described the four loves to a generation who had seen the fruits of hate, who outlined the problem of pain and then observed his own grief. Come explore how his experiences, his family and friends, and his theology fit into one of the 20th Century's most enduring literary canons.

**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 the Rev. Martha Koriemek](#).

**APR 24 – ECW "NO PRESSURE" POTLUCK** – You are invited to the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) "no pressure" potluck on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. If you can

bring a food or beverage to share please do, and if not, there is no pressure, please come anyway! Your presence is the greatest gift you can bring. Please contact [Teresa Conway](#) or [Sara Queen](#) with any questions.

**APR 27 – THE ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR CONCERT** with the Combined Choirs of Grace Church takes place on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**APR 28 – "UNITY HOUSE" IS ALMOST HERE (SIGN UP NOW)!** 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 [sign up here](#).

**MAY 2 – ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – In May there will be a class for adults who are interested in being confirmed when Bishop Shin 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 [the Rev. Martha Korienek](#).

**MAY 11, 12 – THE SPLENDOR OF HAYDN** – The Choral Society's Spring Concerts at Grace Church will feature Joseph Haydn's 1802 *Harmoniemesse*, his finest mass setting and last completed work. Powerful, majestic, and heartfelt, with brilliant writing for orchestra, soloists and chorus. [Tickets on sale now](#).

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