

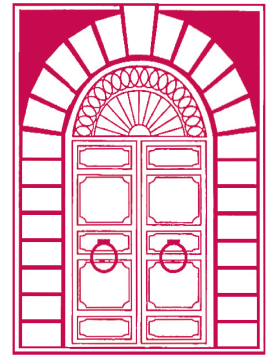
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Spring 2023 Newsletter Annual Winter Benefit 2023



L to R: The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas (Honoree), Rita Walters, Su Yon Pak



L to R: The Rev. Eva Suarez, Kevin Booker, Kathi Watts Grossman, Patrick Kidd



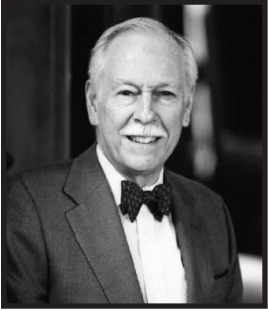
L to R: The Rt. Rev. Andrew St. John, Yvonne Sterling, Margaret Dietsche



Guests gathered in the Library for dinner

At the Winter Benefit Dinner on February 25th, 2023 we honored The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, the Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary. It was a wonderful gathering culminating in a sit-down dinner in the Library. Dr. Douglas, the first African-American woman to head an Episcopal seminary, spoke eloquently about her experiences during her time at Union, and of her impressions of the House, which she was visiting for the first time.

Notes from the President



On January 25th the House held its first benefit dinner since 2020. Over eighty people sat down to a delicious meal provided by our caterer in the library. Many expressed their pleasure at being back at the House after the hiatus caused by the pandemic. We were very pleased to have as our honoree The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Dean

of the Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Douglas is a distinguished theologian, author and preacher. Her most recent book is *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter*. We were honored by her presence and appreciative for her words of wisdom to our guests.

The window restoration project is on track. We anticipate by late mid-April all the windows will have been returned to the House and the scaffolding removed. This project was made possible through the generosity of many people and I should like to express our thanks once more. We could not have done it without you.

Some will no doubt remember Susan C. Winslow, a frequent volunteer at the House and a faithful member of the Bible Study formerly led by the Rev. Edward Johnston. For a number of years Susan could be found checking in people at the Garden Party. Susan died in 2020 and we recently learned that she had made a generous provision for the House in her estate plans. Her thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the board of trustees.

Percy Preston, Jr.
President

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Priests-in-Residence, March - June 2023

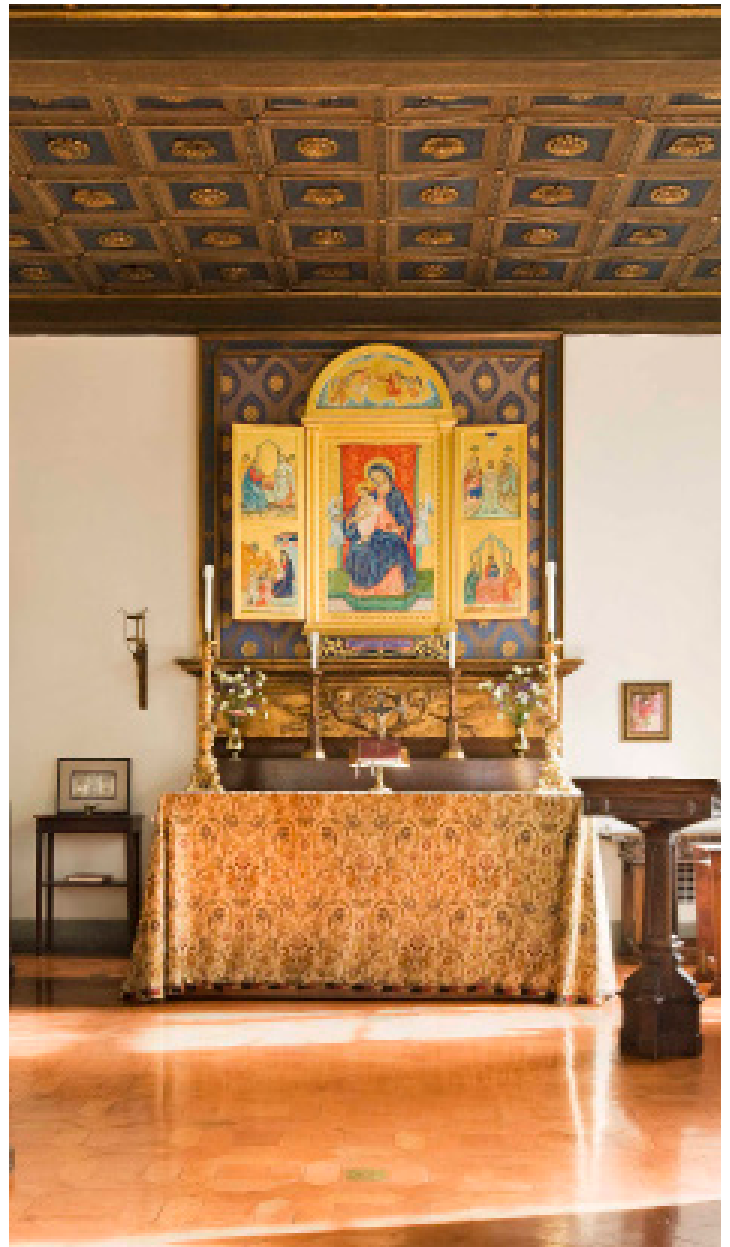
The Rev. Michael Shafer, March 1-31, has served congregations in Lewisboro, Albany, Watervliet, Chatham and Pine Plains, NY. His book, *Old Values for a New Generation: Letters Concerning God and the Ten Commandments*, was published in 2002.

The Rev. Dr. Michael Rowe, April 1-30, who was educated at McGill, Oxford and the University of the South, has served as a priest in Montreal, UK, Bermuda, ME—and now FL. He has taught history and liturgy at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, Bangor, ME Seminary, and the Diocese of Southwest Florida School for Ministry Development.

The Rev. William O. Derby OGS, May 1-15, has served Anglican/Episcopal Parishes, ecumenical and formation ministries in the US, Canada, and Mexico for over 50 years. He retired as Rector Emeritus of The Church of St. Edward the Martyr NYC in 2020, and now divides his time and life mostly between Montreal and Mexico, working in French and Spanish as well as English. As US Prior of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, he leads retreats and welcomes new aspirants to the Oratory life.

The Rev. Robert K. Gieselmann, May 16-31, is retired from full-time parish ministry. Currently living in Hailey, Idaho, he is helping the Diocese of Idaho with several of its smaller parishes. He graduated with a Master of Divinity from Sewanee: The University of the South, Tennessee, and is educated in both law and economics. Rob is the author of five books, including *A Walk Through the Churchyard* (2013) and *Irony and Jesus* (2019).

The Rev. Cn. John F. Rice, D. Min, June 1-30, retired in 2001 following 45 years of full-time parish work. First Canon for Congregations in MA, Rev'd Rice has also been a communications trainer, an executive for PERCEPT, Inc. and assistant to the Anglican Church on the island of St. Barths. He currently does supply and interim ministry from the Diocese of Virginia.



The House Chapel

OUR PROGRAMS ARE LIMITED THIS SPRING DUE TO THE ONGOING HOUSE WINDOW PROJECT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING WHILE WE GET THIS VITAL WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

A Gentle Comedy: Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*

Nemorino loves Adina so much he can hardly see straight, but he thinks he's nowhere near good enough for her. Desperate to impress her, the naive fellow falls for a traveling quack's sale pitch about a magic "love potion," guaranteed to work in 24 hours (by which time the salesman plans to be miles away, of course). Of course, all ends happily - and nobody dies (at least, not onstage!) Suzanne Martinucci, frequent panelist on the Metropolitan Opera Quiz broadcasts, presents a talk on this *bel canto* gem.

Tickets: \$25. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Wednesday
April 12
6:30 PM**

Fabbri Concert: Short and Sweet

Join musicians from the New York Philharmonic, with special guest Cloe SanAntonio, Mezzo-Soprano, as they perform works by Brahms, Schubert, Schumann, Kreisler and Ellington. Post-concert Meet The Artists reception with light refreshments.

Tickets: \$45. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Wednesday
May 24
7 PM - 9 PM**

Garden Party

Join us for our festive annual Garden Party and reception. Help us celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Window Restoration Project. Every year we welcome our friends and neighbors to enjoy the beauty of the House.

Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Thursday
June 8
6:30 PM - 9 PM**

Events Coming in the Fall!



**Fabbri Concert featuring the American String Quartet
TBD**

**Matei Varga Piano Recital
October 16**

**Mannes School of Music
November 30**

**Annual House Christmas Party
December 11**



Religious Offerings

All are welcome to the weekly religious activities at the House:

Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday through Friday 8:00 am and 5:30 pm
(Eucharist on Tuesday Evening and Thursday Morning)

If you would like to add names to the Chapel prayer list, please let us know.

Weekly Bible Study Schedule

The House offers Bible Study from September to June on Wednesdays on Zoom at 3:30 pm.

Leading the Bible Study is Helen Goodkin, the former director of the Master's program and Lay Education at The General Theological Seminary, who has extensive experience in leading Bible Study programs, conferences, and quiet days. Her approach to adult Bible Study is grounded in the text and historical context in which it is written, with group participation being essential.

There's no need to sign up and no cost – visitors are always welcome to join.

Please consider including the House in your estate plans. Bequests have been important to the House over the years, especially unrestricted bequests, due to the flexibility they provide.

The suggested language for your will is:

“I give the sum of \$___ to House of the Redeemer, New York, NY for its general corporate purposes.”

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