

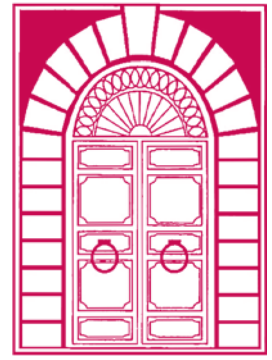
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The House of the Redeemer, a place apart, based in the Episcopal tradition is open to all. Housed in a landmarked building, we provide hospitality through worship, spiritual renewal as well as cultural and community events.

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Fabbri Chamber Music Series Names New Artistic Director



Andrew Armstrong (pictured), pianist and Artistic Director, has delighted audiences across the world in performances at Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, London's Wigmore Hall, Prague's Rudolfinum, the Grand Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, and Warsaw's National Philharmonic.

Andrew's orchestral engagements across the globe have encompassed a vast repertoire of more than 60 concertos with

orchestra. He has performed with such conductors as Peter Oundjian, Itzhak Perlman, Günther Herbig, Stefan Sanderling, Jean-Marie Zeitouni, and Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, and has appeared in solo recitals and in chamber music concerts with the Ehnes, Elias, Alexander, American, and Manhattan String Quartets, and as a member of the Caramoor Virtuosi, Boston Chamber Music Society, Seattle Chamber Music Society, and the Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players.

Recent and upcoming seasons find Andy continuing to perform as soloist and chamber musician around the globe, while continuing to build and grow several chamber music series that he directs in Beaufort and Columbia, SC, New Canaan, CT and now the Fabbri Chamber Music Series.

Notes from the President



Have you ever wondered as to the identity of the elegant gentleman in full Episcopal regalia whose portrait graces the second floor of the House? He is The Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, who served as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York from 1921 to 1946. Although retired by the time Mrs. Fabbri donated her home for a retreat facility, Bishop Manning was a believer in the value of retreats.

The portrait was painted by Sister Mary Veronica, a member of the Community of Saint Mary, who spent time at the House when the sisters were in residence between 1949 and 1980. An accomplished artist, Mary Veronica is also responsible for the cross on the west wall of the House's chapel.

Shortly, sitter and artist will no longer be anonymous, as a brass plaque identifying both will be affixed to the wall next to the portrait. We are also placing small plaques on certain windows to honor major donors to our extensive window restoration project. Such outstanding support warrants recognition.

The 2023 Annual Appeal, I am pleased to report, brought in more money than either of the two previous appeals. The board of trustees greatly appreciates your generosity, which is so important to the financial health of the House.

A gathering of Susan C. Winslow's friends was held at the House on February 1st. Ms. Winslow died in 2020, but between the pandemic and other factors the memorial was delayed. She was a long-time supporter of the House and an accomplished watercolorist. Dozens of her works were on display in the Refectory, and guests were invited to help themselves to mementos.

February 2024 at the House is truly a time of remembrance and salutation. In a few weeks, on February 22nd, we will host our Annual Winter Benefit. Our honorees are the retired XVI Bishop of New York, The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, and his wife Margaret M. Dietsche. Both have been steadfast supporters of the House and frequent participants in our events. I hope to see many of you at the celebration.

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Priests-in-Residence, February-June 2024

The Rev. Tom Slawson, February 1-15, retired in October 2022. Tom spent most of his ordained life in the Diocese of Mississippi, having served 4 churches, the longest of which was St. Philip's in Jackson for 15 years. In 2012, Tom was called to St. Peter's in Ellicott City, MD to help heal and stabilize a church that, thankfully, was able to experience a rebirth. In 2017, he was honored to serve as rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church in the Diocese of Bermuda (Church of England). St. Peter's is Bermuda's first and oldest church (1612). Tom and his wife Sonja live in Biloxi, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Rev. John Baker, February 16-29, has served churches in West TN, NJ, and VA. He served for 20 years as the rector of St. Aidan's in Alexandria, where he helped establish the Center for Spiritual Deepening to provide support for spiritual growth and practice. John continues to study the works of writers ranging from Gregory of Nyssa to Carl Jung and to preach, teach, and lead classes about the soul work to which we are called. In addition to reading about spiritual things, John enjoys painting, traveling, and spending time with his family.

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 Rt. Rev. Neff Powell, April 1-15, graduated from Claremont McKenna College in CA and received his M.Div. from The Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. He was ordained in 1973 and served in OR and NC before being elected Bishop of Southwestern VA in 1996. Bishop and Mrs. Powell retired in 2013 to Eugene, OR, to be near their children and grandchildren.

The Rev. Robert K. Gieselmann, April 16-30, is retired from full-time parish ministry. Currently living in Hailey, ID, he is helping the Diocese of Idaho with several of its smaller parishes. He graduated with a M.Div. from Sewanee: The University of the South, TN, 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. 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. Dr. Susan Carter, May 16-31, is a retired priest in the Diocese of MI where she served at St. John's Howell and St. Paul's Lansing. She also was the priest-in-charge at Christ Church, Clermont-Ferrand, France. Previously, she was a professor of journalism at Michigan State University. The Rev. Carter is presently a chaplain in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. A graduate of General Seminary and Seabury Western, she holds a Ph.D. in history. Her dissertation explored the relationship between John of Salisbury and Thomas Becket. She and spouse Linda are eager to be back in NY and at House of the Redeemer.

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. 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

2024 Annual Winter Benefit

Join us as we honor The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, XVI Bishop of New York, and Mrs. Margaret M. Dietsche at our annual benefit. This will be a festive and celebratory evening with cocktails in the Refectory at 6:30 pm followed by dinner in the Library at 7:30 pm. Business/Cocktail Attire.

Reservations required. Tickets at various levels of support are available through [Eventbrite](#) or call the House office (212-289-0399) for further information.

**Thursday
February 22
6:30 PM-9:30 PM**

Fabbri Chamber Concert

The Fabbri Chamber Concert Series has brought together guest artists to join Andrew Armstrong (Fabbri Chamber Concert Artistic Director and pianist) in a performance of Ernst von Dohnányi electrifying *Sextet in C Major for horn, clarinet, strings, and piano, Op.37*. Our cherished Fabbri Renaissance Library will also host performances of Rachmaninov, Saint-Saëns, Rebecca Clarke and Florence Price as well as Gershwin. March musicians will also include: Alexander Fiterstein, clarinet; RJ Kelley, French horn; Gabriela Diaz, violin; Matthew Lipman, viola; Raphael Bell, cello. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

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

**Wednesday
March 6
7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

The Bunner Sisters

Anthony Newfield, Artistic Director of I Fabbri, will present a reading of *The Bunner Sisters* by Richard Alleman. *The Bunner Sisters* was inspired by an Edith Wharton novella about two unmarried sisters living and working as seamstresses in a tenement in Lower Manhattan in the 1880s. Unlike much of Edith Wharton's fiction, which deals with the upper classes of New York's Gilded Age, the play focuses on the lives and struggles of two working-class women of that era. Richard Alleman has written for *Vogue*, *Travel + Leisure*, and numerous other publications. He also authored the books *Vogue on Location*, *Hollywood: A Movie Lover's Guide*, and *New York: A Movie Lover's Guide*, among others. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

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

**Wednesday
April 3
6:30 PM**

Fabbri Chamber Concert

The indomitable Alison Shearer (composer and performer) will present the World Premiere performance of a work (Title TBD) for alto sax, strings, and piano. This Spring Fabbri Chamber Concert will also feature works by Arthur Foote, Ernst von Dohnányi, Cécile Chaminade, Rachmaninov, and Vaughan Williams. April musicians will include: Alison Shearer, Alto saxophone/flute; Abigél Králik and Karl Stobbe, violins; Joan Der Hovsepian, viola; Ani Aznavoorian, cello; Marguerite Cox, double-bass and Andrew Armstrong, piano. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

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

**Wednesday
April 10
7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

Calendar of Events

A Talk with The Rev. Christina Rees

Florence Li Tim-Oi was ordained 80 years ago, on January 25, 1944, becoming the first woman to be a priest in the Anglican Communion. The Li Tim-Oi Foundation was founded by Rita Lee Chui, Tim-Oi's sister, and Christopher Hall, son of the bishop who ordained Li Tim-Oi. The Foundation "empowers Christian women as agents of change within their own culture" with educational grants throughout the Anglican Communion. The Foundation's director, The Rev. Christina Rees, will speak about the 30 years of vital work of this organization in educating and empowering women. Members of the Global Women's Fund of the EDNY will also be present. Reception with light refreshments to follow. **Free of charge. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).**

**Wednesday
May 8
6:30 pm**

Annual Garden Party

Join us for our festive annual Garden Party and reception. Every year we welcome our friends and neighbors to enjoy the beauty of the House, as we thank and acknowledge them for their ongoing, appreciated support.
Tickets available. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Thursday
June 6
6:30 PM-9:00 PM**



Coming in the Fall

An Evening with Community at the Crossing

Join us and learn about the Community at the Crossing, an intentional community based at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

**"In Venice: An Opera about the Pursuit of Love and Inspiration
(not necessarily in that order)"**

coming in late September, details to be announced

Fabbri Chamber Concert

Mannes Sounds Festival Concert

Annual Christmas Party

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

House of the Redeemer Bible Study has resumed for the winter via Zoom from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm every Wednesday. For Zoom log in, contact the House office.

Leading Bible Study is Helen Goodkin, former Co-director of the Master's program and Lay Education at General Theological Seminary. Helen has extensive experience in leading Bible Study programs, conferences, and quiet days. Her approach is grounded in the text and the historical context in which it is written, with group participation being essential. This winter/spring we are reading the Passion Narrative in all four Gospels. Everyone is welcome to join! There is no charge, no experience is required and all questions are welcome!

If you would like more information, please contact the House at info@houseoftheredeemer.org.

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.”

Donors contemplating making a gift of marketable securities should contact the office for instructions on how to deliver those securities.

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