



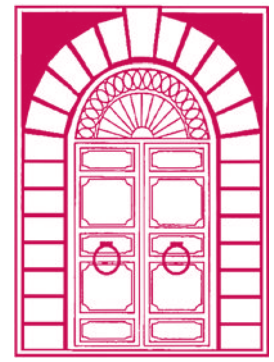
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The House of the Redeemer, a place apart, based in the Episcopal tradition is open to all. Housed in a landmarked building, we provide hospitality through worship, spiritual renewal, and cultural and community events.

Spring 2025 Newsletter

Annual Garden Party



L to R: Kevin Booker, Patrick Kidd and Judi Counts



Bidding on the Auction



L to R: Leslie Rupert (Trustee), Paul Lawler and Amy Lee Straton



L to R: Francesca Olivieri, Annabel White, Henry White and Frances R. Olivieri (Trustee)

On June 6, 2024 the House celebrated the Annual Garden Party.

For more photos of the 2024 Garden Party please visit: <https://karaflannery.zenfolio.com/gardenparty2024>

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Notes from the President



The year 2025 promises to be a watershed one at the House in more ways than one. First, by July 1st we will, God willing, have a new Executive Director, as Judi Counts is retiring in June. The job description will be posted on various platforms in early January and we anticipate a brisk response. The search committee will then get to work in earnest vetting the candidates.

Second, the project to replace the existing, antiquated furnace will commence in the Spring once the heating season is over. This project is under the supervision of the Property Committee, of which Leslie Rupert is chair.

In September, you should have received information about the House's Planned Giving Program. Over the past decades, bequests and other types of planned gifts have provided important support to the House. It is no exaggeration to write that such gifts have helped keep the House open. If you have not already done so, I hope you will consider including a provision for the House in your estate plans. To acknowledge the people who inform us that they have done we are establishing the Edith Fabbri Society to recognize them. Our plan is to host an event each year for members of the Society.

To those of you who responded generously to the annual appeal, thank you. Your support is crucial to keeping the House open to visitors. If you have not yet made your gift, it is never too late.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to Anthony Newfield, leader of I Fabbri, who produced the Christmas party on December 9th. This was the twenty-ninth year he has done so. This year they presented *Un Natale Italiano (An Italian Christmas)*, as adapted by Richard Alleman. The cast included Chris Chinn, Jennifer Fouché, Polly McKie, Mark York and Anthony himself, all of whom have our profound thanks. As usual, the performance concluded with everyone singing traditional Christmas carols, followed by a reception.

With my very best wishes for a peaceful 2025.

Percy Preston, Jr.

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Priests-in-Residence

January 2025 - June 2025

The Rev. Dr. Adam D. McCoy, OHC, January 2-31, is a solitary monk of the Episcopal Benedictine Order of the Holy Cross and lives in Southern California. He was Prior of Mount Calvary Monastery in Santa Barbara, California 2014-2020, and also was President of the Board of Trustees of the House from 2003-2013. He is a historian of monasticism.

The Rev. Robert K. Giesemann, February 1-15, 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 Christina Rees CBE, February 16-28, is Director of the Li Tim-Oi Foundation, a Christian charity supporting women through educational grants across the Anglican Communion. She speaks and preaches widely and is a writer and broadcaster. Christina was also a leading campaigner for women bishops in the Church of England. Born on Long Island, Christina was raised in the Bahamas and Europe and has lived in England for many years.

The Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D., March 1-15, is retired from full-time parish ministry. Currently residing in Milford, NH, he teaches as an adjunct Lecturer in Theology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. Craig received his undergraduate education at Brown University and graduated with an M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School. He subsequently earned a Doctorate in Theology and Ethics from Duke University. Throughout his ministry, Craig has served parishes in OK, MO, NC, PA, and VA. He is a former assistant professor at Temple University and has also taught at Duke University, UNC Chapel Hill, Georgetown University, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Rosemont College. His scholarly contributions have been published in numerous academic books and journals.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, March 16-31, was consecrated a bishop in March 2012, and installed at NY's Cathedral of St. John the Divine as the 16th Bishop of NY in February 2013. From 2001 until his election as Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Dietsche served as Canon for Pastoral Care in the Diocese of NY – a position in which he was responsible for the pastoral care of the clergy and their families. Before that he was, for 11 years, the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Springfield, MA. Prior to his ordination, Bishop Dietsche was a freelance graphic designer and cartoonist.

The Rev. Michael Shafer, April, 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. Barry Morgan, May 1-15, retired as Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff in 2017, having previously been Bishop of Bangor. Educated at the Universities of London and Cambridge (with degrees in history and theology) he trained for the ministry at Westcott House Cambridge. He obtained a doctorate from the University of Wales, Bangor while serving as chaplain and university lecturer. He has just retired as the Pro Chancellor of the University of Wales, a Fellow of five Welsh universities, and holds honorary doctorates from two of them. He has contributed to a number of publications and written a book on the poetry of the Welsh poet priest R.S. Thomas.

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Flynn, May 16-30, holds a Master's and PhD in musicology from Northwestern University and a Certificate of Theological Studies from The Seminary of the Southwest, Iona Initiative. As a bi-vocational priest, Tim is rector at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Lansing, MI and professor of music at the University of Olivet (Olivet, MI). Tim has presented his research in music at conferences throughout the US and the EU and has published widely on 19th century French music. Tim has also published articles on Franciscan spirituality and prayer in *Franciscan Connections: The Cord – A Spiritual Review*. Tim was ordained to the priesthood in 2021 by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, XI Bishop of the Diocese of MI.

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

Calendar of Events

2025 Annual Winter Benefit

Join us as we honor Judi Counts, retiring Executive Director, 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 20
6:30 PM-9:00 PM**

Community at the Crossing

Join us for a presentation and conversation with members of the Community at the Crossing - an intentional ecumenical community based at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. Find out more about ways of journeying with the Community through their rhythms of prayer, study, and shared life. **Free of charge. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).**

**Tuesday
February 25
6:30 pm**

Fabbri Concert: Strings and Piano

Fabbri Chamber Concerts will open 2025 with Amy Schwartz Morreti, violin and Andrew Armstrong, piano. Amy Schwartz Moretti is the Director of the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings, Caroline Paul King Chair in Strings, and professor of violin in the Mercer University Townsend School of Music. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

Tickets \$50. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Wednesday
March 12
6:30 PM**

Fabbri Concert: Abigél Králik, Raphael Bell and Andrew Armstrong

Abigél Králik, violin, is quickly gaining attention as “a shooting star in the truest sense of the word” (*Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk Kultur*). Raphael Bell, cello, is currently principal cello of the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra in Belgium and co-Artistic Director of La Loingtaine in Montigny-sur-Loing, France. This concert will also feature Fabbri’s very own Artistic Director and dazzling pianist, Andrew Armstrong. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

Tickets \$50. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Wednesday
April 16
6:30 PM**

1925 - Dancing as Fast as They Could

One hundred years ago, the musical and cultural world was full of flux and uncertainty after World War I. Maurice Ravel introduced his second opera, *L'enfant et les sortilèges*, with a libretto by Colette. At the same time, the Jazz Age was in full swing; F. Scott Fitzgerald published *The Great Gatsby*, and Charlie Chaplin enjoyed one of the biggest successes of his career with *The Gold Rush*. Suzanne Martinucci, frequent panelist on the Metropolitan Opera Quiz broadcasts, presents a talk on this frenetic and fascinating year.

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

**Wednesday
April 23
6:30 PM**

Fabbri Concert: American String Quartet and Andrew Armstrong

Fabbri Chamber Concerts will close the Spring season with the American String Quartet (Peter Winograd - violin; Laurie Carney - violin; Daniel Avshalomov - viola; Wolfram Koessel - cello) and Andrew Armstrong. Internationally recognized as one of the world’s finest quartets, the ASQ is famous for its “luxurious and beautifully sculpted performances” (*The New York Times*). Reception with light refreshments to follow.

Tickets \$50. Reserve through [Eventbrite](#).

**Wednesday
May 7
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 5
6:30 PM-9:00 PM**

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

House of the Redeemer Bible Study will return Wednesdays at 4:00 pm starting February 19, 2025. Leading Bible Study is Helen Goodkin, former director of the Master's program and Lay Education at General Theological Seminary. Professor Goodkin has extensive experience in leading Bible Study programs, conferences, and quiet days. This 7-week series will focus on Lady Wisdom, with readings from Job 28, Proverbs, Ben Sirach, and The Wisdom of Solomon.

Everyone is welcome to join! No experience is required and all questions are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact the House at info@houseoftheredeemer.org. There's no need to sign up and no cost – visitors are always welcome to join.

Programs at House of the Redeemer are supported by:

The Achelis and Bodman Foundation
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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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