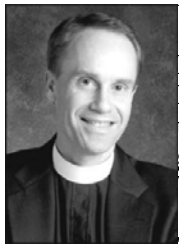


**The Weekly Epistle:
The Third Sunday of Easter, 18 April 2010
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**

Dear Friends,



I have two staff changes to report to you today. The first is Wendy Reynoso, who for the past 8 years has been the Executive Director of the GO Project. As you may have already read, Wendy has recently accepted the call to become the new Head of the Children's Storefront School in Harlem. It's a magnificent opportunity for Wendy to enlarge the good work she already does with at-risk, underserved children and their families. At the end of this edition of the Weekly Epistle you can read Wendy, in her own words, describe her position.

The second staff member who will be leaving the Grace Church family is the Rev. Benjamin Thomas. For the past three years Ben has been with us in a half-time capacity as Assistant Rector while he also pursued doctoral studies in New Testament at General Seminary. Now with his dissertation nearly complete, Ben has accepted the call to become the next Dean of Christ Cathedral in Salina, Kansas. The move out west will be something of a homecoming for Ben, whose family lives in Oklahoma. And it will be not entirely foreign terrain for Ben's wife, Holly, who grew up in North Dakota. At Grace Church Ben has done wonderful work with the small group ministry, youth confirmation, acolytes, preaching, and Bible studies. Ben, Holly, Nathanael, Hannah, and a soon-to-be-born third child will be moving in June, and Ben will begin his new ministry in July. To become a cathedral dean is an opportunity that usually comes about only in the middle or towards the end of a priest's career. For Ben to receive such a call as his first parish is a great credit to him, and something we at Grace Church can take pride in as well. You can take a look at Christ Cathedral by logging onto their website at www.christcathedral.net. It's beautiful!

Both Wendy and Ben will be difficult to replace, but the searches are underway. More from those fronts as the news develops. See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector

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9:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir ~ Nursery care for children ages 0-3; Sunday School for children at 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys~Nursery care for children ages 0-3; Sunday School for children during the sermon

6:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: Mr. Josh Saxe, Seminarian

Music: Hymns with piano, instrumentalists

SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION AND PRAYER

This week's 10:00 Adult Education session held will be lead by our Associate Rector, Linda Bartholomew. How does the Easter message of the resurrected Christ impact and influence your prayer life? Is there a connection between Jesus' victory over death and the way we do or do not approach God? What do the Gospels offer by way of modeling a faithful prayer life grounded in Easter joy? Join us in the reception room for good coffee and conversation.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES resume today in the 3rd floor conference room. 10 am for adults and 12:30 pm for the youth class.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP follow the 9 and 11 am service today in Tuttle Hall and after the 6 pm service in the Reception Room. Do come back and say hello before being on your way.



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

meets at 5 pm each Sunday in the Third Floor Conference Room.



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL -All children ages 4-8 are welcome to attend. At 9 am, parents should drop their children off at the classrooms near Tuttle Hall. Children then rejoin their parents in time to receive Communion together. At 11 am, parents and children begin together in the church, and children follow the crucifer to their classes during the sermon. Parents the collect their children in Tuttle Hall during the coffee hour.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES - Are you looking for summer camp opportunities for your child? An option is Incarnation Camp, which offers an abundance of spiritually rich and fun activities for children and teenagers. Located only 2 hours outside Manhattan, it is a camp adventure close to home. Incarnation is a values oriented camp, which makes chapel and grace at mealtimes an integral part of the fun. For more information, you can visit their website at:



www.incarnationcamp.org

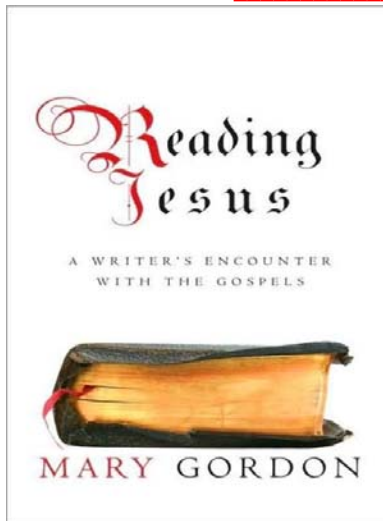
or talk to Maura Hooper for more information.

**Also, mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School, which will run
June 28th - July 1st!**

PARISH LIFE

10TH ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The Choir of Men and Boys and Girls' Choir will offer some of their favorite anthems including those by Bach, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Mozart and Rose on Friday evening 23 April at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to all. Following the concert is a special reception to celebrate the work of the choirs and raise money for the Choir Special Projects Fund that supports efforts by the choirs not covered by the operating budget. Please see a choir parent in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service if you would like to make a donation or purchase tickets for the reception.



MARY GORDON, author of the highly acclaimed

Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospel,

will visit Grace Church and speak to the 10 am education class next Sunday, April 25. All are welcome to attend in the Reception Room for coffee and spirited conversation.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Beginning April 14 and going through June 2 Linda Bartholomew and Ted Pardoe will lead a small group Bible study focusing on the upcoming Sunday readings. Participants can join at any time. Classes meet in the reception room from 7-8 pm. No prior studies necessary. Contact Linda Bartholomew (lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

MANY THANKS to everyone who has so far made a financial pledge in support of the Lord,s work through Grace Church in the year 2010. So far 231 households have pledged for a total of \$846,946. The Vestry has passed a budget for 2010 in confidence that we will reach our goal of \$900,000 in pledges (last year was \$912,000). We have also committed to a maximum 3% draw on the endowment. If you haven't yet made a financial pledge, now is the time to do so in order to avoid further, painful cuts to an already austere budget. If you make a pledge, remember: you can pay it off in 52-weekly installments, and you can

now give to Grace Church online. Please contact Joe Manzella at jmanzella@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

GIVE TO GRACE ONLINE - Our website is now capable of receiving online donations through all major credit cards. Make payments on your annual pledge, adopt a pipe, support outreach and music, put flowers on the altar, help restore the building all through our secure connection.

Go to www.gracechurchnyc.org follow the links.

A CALL FOR HOSPITALITY - The baked goods and other delicious nibbles that we enjoy after the 11 am service are the gift of parishioners who volunteer to bring them. For anyone who wishes to participate in this much needed ministry of hospitality, please visit bulletin board to the left of the ladies room door to sign up. The hospitality committee will be in touch with you shortly.

BAPTISM ~*The next dates for Baptism are Sunday, May 2 at the 9 am service; and Sunday, May 23, at the 11 am service. Please arrange your family plans around one of these times, and contact Ted Pardoe at tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org*

OUTREACH

2010 GO PROJECT ANNUAL BENEFIT - Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7:00 - 10:30 pm Urban Zen Center at the Stephan Weiss Studio 711 Greenwich Street at Charles Street ~The GO Project shapes the futures of low-income New York City public school children by providing critical academic, social and emotional support starting in the early elementary years. Please join us at our Annual Spring Benefit, an auction and cocktail party, to help raise money for this great endeavor. Live Auction items will include a portrait sitting with renowned photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, an Art Basel Miami Beach vacation, and four Field Box to a Yankees game. Tasting tables will be provided by Il Cantinori, JoeDoe, Marc Forgione, Periyali, POP Burger, Rosa Mexicano and ROC. Please join us for a fun-filled evening to support a great cause! To see more information and purchase tickets please visit: <http://www.goprojectnyc.org/events/annual-benefit>

FOOD COLLECTION - Many thanks for yet another large delivery of food we were able to make this month to Jan Hus Homeless Outreach. They send their profound thanks. Let's keep up the tradition of bringing canned and non perishable food items to share each Sunday. Food baskets are in the back of the church awaiting your generous response.

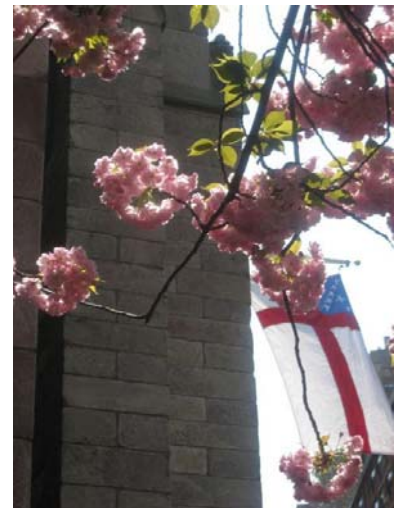


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NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP - All those going on this year's trip will meet each other and do last minute planning for the week of May 1-8. Plan to join in on Monday, April 26th in the Reception room from 6:30-8. Please confirm your presence: Michael Watson mwatson@americatunnelvision.com.

EVERY WEEK:

BACH AT NOON The organ compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach are played between **12:20 - 12:50 p.m.** every Tuesday through Friday.

CHORAL EVENSONG with the Junior Choristers on **Tuesdays, 6 pm**, when Grace Church School is in session.

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets each week at 10:15 am in the Reception Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

WEDNESDAY 6 PM EUCHARIST - The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Chantry with hymns and homily. Perfect for those who missed church on Sunday, or simply need an extra-dose of God's good news in the middle of the week.

ODDS AND ENDS:

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are once again available for the 11 a.m. service. Ask an usher and he or she will be glad to assist you.

PRAYER LIST - If you would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please email Bill Nave: bnave@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000, ext 100 by Tuesday. Names will be read during the services for four weeks unless notified otherwise.