

**The Weekly Epistle**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**30th May 2010**  
**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**



Dear Friends,

I greet you this week with a quick update on some Grace Church happenings:

\* We have nearly met the \$25,000 challenge pledge. This is encouraging news. If you haven't yet responded, please do so this week. You might be the one to push us over the top. Read below for more details.

\* The Broadway sidewalk project is coming along nicely. The entire stretch running the curb between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets is already done, and now the workers are focusing on the inside half nearest the church. At one point we found a sinkhole that was seven-feet deep with nothing over the top but the slab of concrete. You may have to walk across some gangways to enter the church this weekend, but the project will soon be finished.

\* Once inside the church you will notice that the scaffolding in the south transept has grown dramatically, swallowing the pulpit and making the south aisle impassable. To be sure, the restoration work is going to interrupt our traffic patterns, but I rejoice that the Spirit is moving us to put God's house in order. Revelation 21:5 comes to mind: "Behold, I make all things new." Incidentally, Revelation 21:6 reads, in part, "It is done!" I will rejoice even more when this latter verse applies to our restoration efforts.

If you are traveling this weekend, please be safe. If you are staying in the city, do come join us. Dr. Allen has promised that the Trinity Sunday hymns will be happy, peppy, and bursting with love.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector



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**9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew**

**Music: The Parish Choir**

*Nursery care for children ages 0-3*

*Sunday School for children at 9:00 a.m.*

**11:00 a.m.**

**Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

**Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew**

**Music: The Adult Choir**

*Nursery care for children ages 0-3*

*Sunday School for children during the sermon*

**6:00 p.m.**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry**

**Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew**

**Music: Hymns with piano, instrumentalists**

**SUNDAY**

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD** - Sophie Abigail Thomas, daughter of the Rev. Benjamin and Holly Thomas, and sister of Nathanael and Hannah, was born last Sunday evening, May 23. Mother and child are doing fine. Congratulations to the whole Thomas family.

**CHOIR RAFFLE** - The choir is sponsoring another amazing raffle with incredible items including an iPad; ipod touch; a Nintendo DSi; tickets to "La Cage aux Folles" on Broadway; Temple St. Clair earrings; an original signed print from photographer Annie Liebovitz, and much more! Stop by the choir table in Tuttle hall and buy a raffle ticket today. Raffle tickets are \$5 & \$10 each and support the Boys and Girls Choirs' special projects fund. The drawing will take place at the parish picnic on Sunday, June 6th, out in Huntington Close.

**CHALLENGE PLEDGE** - Great news! Those of you who have been following our weekly annual pledge announcements have recognized that we have been stalled at \$850,000 - \$50,000 short of where the budget expects pledging to be. A generous parishioner has stepped forward with a wonderful offer to jump start the engine: a \$25,000 challenge pledge. Every new pledge and all increases to existing pledges will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000. You can give online through the church website at [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org). Click on the main menu button, "Give to Grace Online," then the Donate button by Annual Pledge Campaign, and type "Challenge Pledge" in the comments section. You can even stipulate whether your gift will be a one-time payment, or something you wish to spread out over the year. Don't miss an extraordinary opportunity to double the impact of your supporting the Lord's work through the ministries of Grace Church.

**OPEN DOOR MINISTRY** - The Open Door Ministry staffs Grace Church with volunteers to greet visitors, answer questions and offer brief tours. If you would like to learn more about "welcoming the stranger", please contact Singleton Cox [singleton.cox@gmail.com](mailto:singleton.cox@gmail.com) and Jennifer San Cartier [jsancartier@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jsancartier@nyc.rr.com) for more information.



**IT MIGHT LOOK FORBIDDING--  
BUT WE HAVE SAFE ACCESS  
RAMPS TO ALLOW YOU EASY  
ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH ON  
TRINITY SUNDAY!**

from 1pm-2pm. Email Maura Hooper for a registration form at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**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](http://www.incarnationcamp.org), or talk to Maura Hooper for more information.

#### PARISH LIFE

**PARISH PICNIC** - Join us for our annual Parish Picnic next week, Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11am service. We will celebrate the conclusion of the Bicentennial Capital Campaign, recognize our wonderful choirs, and conclude the program year with a festive all-parish picnic on the lawn of Huntington Close. All are welcome to attend, so bring the whole family!

**PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS** - The annual Parish Picnic is coming! On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the conclusion of the Bicentennial Capital Campaign, recognize our wonderful choirs, and conclude the program year with a festive all-parish picnic on the lawn of Huntington Close. All are welcome to attend! We are currently organizing committees to help purchase food and to set up for the event. If you would like to volunteer, contact Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** - Linda Bartholomew and Ted Pardoe are leading 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](mailto:lbartholomew@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](http://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.

#### OUTREACH

**FOOD DONATIONS** - Thank you for all your generous contributions of non-perishable groceries. The Church in the Village-one of the emergency food pantries we support-is in desperate need of more food items. They create bags of groceries for those who can cook and those who cannot. Please continue to bring your donations to the bins in the narthex of Grace Church and we will collect them and deliver. Please do not donate items which require refrigeration.

#### EVERY WEEK

**BACH AT NOON** - During the summer, the compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach are played between 12:20 - 12:50 p.m. Wednesdays only. Due to the scaffolding and restoration work in the church, Bach at Noon will occur in the Chantry.

**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. This Wednesday's preacher is the Rev. Ted Pardoe.

#### 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](mailto:bnave@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2000, ext 100 by Tuesday. Names will be read during the services for four weeks unless notified otherwise.

**BROADWAY SIDEWALK** - Thank you for your patience as we replace the entire Broadway sidewalk between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets, fronting the rectory yard, church, and Huntington Close. The project, costing approximately \$150,000, is being funded by the capital repairs budget. It will be done in phases, and should be completed by June. Access to the parish house, church, and chantry will be maintained at all times.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** - Join us in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services for refreshments before being on your way.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meets at 5 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room.

**MORNING ADULT EDUCATION** is on break for the summer. **EVENING ADULT EDUCATION** - Following the 6 pm service in the Reception Room, light refreshments are available. Then from 7:30 - 8 pm the preacher of the evening helps us take a deeper look at the Scripture readers we heard in worship.

#### 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 collect their children in Tuttle Hall during the coffee hour. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School 2010! This year's VBS will be a savannah-themed adventure for kids, ages 3-8 years old. Mark your calendars for June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>

