

The Weekly Epistle
The Second Sunday after Pentecost~June 6th, 2010
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

PARISH PICNIC THIS SUNDAY

the 6th of JUNE 2010!

Immediately following the

11 am service on the lawn of Huntington Close.

Burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, ice cream, lots and lots to eat and friends to enjoy. The playground will be open and we'll have supervised games for the children. This is also the day we celebrate the work of our choirs, church school teachers, and acolytes.

Bring the whole family!



CHORISTER, ACOLYTE, and

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION



Today at the 11 am service we will give thanks for our graduating choristers, the hard work of our ongoing corps of acolytes, and the dedication of our Church School teachers. Please see this Sunday's bulletin insert for the list of all those who have given of their time and talents. Because we have so many to name, individual honors will be awarded at the picnic.

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9:00 a.m

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.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I; Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' 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. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with piano, instrumentalists

SUNDAY

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! 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. Tickets can be purchased up to the time of the drawing.

CHALLENGE PLEDGE - We did it - almost twice! Sixty-four people have responded with \$49,486 in new and increased giving to meet the \$25,000 challenge pledge of a generous parishioner. The goal has been to close what was a \$50,000 gap between our budget and the annual campaign. With \$74,486 more revenue than we expected to have just a few weeks ago, we are now able to enjoy breathing room, rather than anticipating further cuts. Many, many thanks to those who responded to the challenge, and to the truly inspired soul who issued the challenge in the first place.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE BICENTENNIAL PHASE - Today we conclude the Bicentennial Phase of the capital campaign. Our goal has been to restore the interior of the church and to replace the failing (and now failed) pipe organ. Thanks to the combined gifts of 209 households, we have received \$5,116,597 in commitments. This total includes \$4,770,722 individual pledges, \$100,075 Adopt A Pipe gifts, \$112,500 foundation grants, and \$133,300 in corporate matching grants. Many thanks to all those who have pledged to the campaign. It is time now to enjoy a breather from capital fund raising!

ADOPT A PIPE - Although the Bicentennial Phase of the campaign is now concluded, you can still Adopt a Pipe in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a happy event in your life. Every pipe adopt contributes to the new pipe organ currently under contract and under construction. We anticipate the installation of the organ to begin in the summer of 2012. Please see the brochure in your pews today.

FAREWELL TO THE REV. BENJAMIN THOMAS AND FAMILY - Today is the final Sunday that our Assistant Rector, Benjamin Thomas will be with us. As you know, Ben has been called to be the next Dean of Christ Cathedral in Salina, Kansas. Thomas family, including Ben's wife, Holly, and children Nathanael, Hannah, and newborn Sophie will be heading west later this month. Stay tuned to your mail for an opportunity to contribute to a parish-wide purse that we will collect to help cushion their landing in Kansas.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - Join us in the Reception Room following the 9 am service for refreshments before being on your way.

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

MORNING AND EVENING ADULT EDUCATION are on break for the summer.

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 28th-July 1st from 1pm-4pm. Email Maura Hooper for a registration form at 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, or talk to Maura Hooper for more information.

PARISH LIFE

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 and Jennifer San Cartier jsancartier@nyc.rr.com for more information.

BROADWAY SIDEWALK - Thank you for your patience as we replace the entire Broadway sidewalk between 10th and 11th 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.

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 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.

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 WOMENS' WEDNESDAY 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 or 212-254-2000, ext 100 by Tuesday. Names will be read during the services for four weeks unless notified otherwise.