

The Weekly Epistle
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2011
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

Something of great importance coming up soon in the life of the church is the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of New York. In the Episcopal Church, a bishop coadjutor is an assistant bishop with the right to succeed when the diocesan (lead or head) bishop retires or resigns. Currently, the Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk is the Bishop of New York, and he has led the diocese as our chief pastor for ten years. At the diocesan convention last November, Bishop Sisk called for the election of a coadjutor, which is what a bishop will do when retirement comes in sight. Bishop Sisk is 69, and plans to serve for perhaps another three years. The hope is that working alongside his successor during those years will allow for a more orderly transition from this bishop to the next.

The election will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Saturday, October 29. Five candidates have been nominated by the Committee to Elect a Bishop. Additionally, since none of these candidates are from the Diocese of New York, two others have been nominated "from the floor." Every parish in the diocese will send a delegation to elect one of the seven candidates. Delegates vote by orders: clergy and lay. The number of lay delegates is determined by the size of the parish. Grace Church has three, and they are Charlie Johnston, Sr. Warden; Sarah Cogan, Jr. Warden; and Paul Demartini, Clerk of the Vestry. Our clergy delegates are, of course, Ted, Linda, and yours truly. For an election to be declared, one candidate must win two-thirds of the clergy votes, and two-thirds of the lay votes. Sometimes it takes numerous ballots until the electing convention comes of a mind.

If you'd like to read up on all the candidates, you will find ample information at www.nybishopsearch2011.org. Don't hesitate to let me know what you think about who is right for our diocese.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

Schedule of Services

9:00 am

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 ages 3-8 at 9:00 am

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

Sunday School for children ages 3-8 during the sermon

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

Announcements

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

HARVEST HOEDOWN TICKETS AVAILABLE at both 9 and 11 am coffee hour today! (Please see full description below.)

THE CHURCH AND THE CITY - SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM This fall, the Sunday Forum will look at how the church manifests itself in the city both physically and metaphorically. Each presentation will include time for questions and answers. Takes place in Tuttle Hall, coffee and refreshments will be served. *This week's topic: "Faith Communities: Neighborhood and Diocesan-wide Interfaith Outreach/Associations" with the Rev. Ted Pardoe. What is Grace Church's role in the amazing religious diversity of our neighborhood and the City? The Diocese's Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, the Interfaith Center of New York, and Local Faith Communities of the East Village will all be discussed as models.*

FAMILY COMMUNION CLASS 10:15 AM in the Chantry, led by the Rev. Linda Bartholomew. Children will be given the chance to ask their own questions about the sacrament of Communion and learn more about the liturgy. Parents are encouraged to attend. The class is free and newcomers are welcome! Contact Maura Hooper for more information at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

NEW 9-12 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS DURING THE 11 AM SERVICE on the 4th Sunday of every month in the McKittrick Room, located across from the current Sunday School classrooms. The curriculum will employ age-appropriate discussion and activities that foster a deeper understanding of one's personal relationship with God. For more information, please contact Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

20s30s 4TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP - AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE On the 4th Sunday of every month, connect with other 20s30s parishioners over dinner at a local restaurant. On September 25th, join us at Piola, located at 48 E 12th St at Broadway. RSVP to Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

CENTERING PRAYER 5 PM Christian meditation each Sunday in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MONDAY-FRIDAY

The church is open 12 noon - 5 pm enter, rest, pray.

TUESDAY

THE DAILY OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER is celebrated each Tuesday from 7:15 - 8 am in the 3rd floor conference room. Newcomers are always welcome.

BACH AT NOON - 12:20 to 12:50 pm in the Chantry (See details under "Music" below.)

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets in the Reception Room from 10-11:30am. Bibles are provided. Come, bring a friend, and make new ones as we study God's word together.

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

HOLY EUCHARIST at 6 pm - Celebrate in the Chantry with hymns and homily. This week the Rev. Sarah Wood will preach.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY at 7 pm Get acquainted with a couple of minor prophets - Hosea & Amos - in Small Group Bible study, Wednesdays at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) on 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19 & 10/26.

THURSDAY

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

FRIDAY

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

SATURDAY

WEEKEND ORGAN MEDITATIONS - 4 pm (And on Sunday, too. See details under "Music" below).

COMING SOON

OUTREACH MONDAY - OCTOBER 3

Join us in Tuttle Hall from 6:30-8 pm as we share a delicious potluck dinner and news of new and exciting outreach opportunities. There will be a special report on our new outreach to McDowell County, WV.

HARVEST HOEDOWN - OCTOBER 15

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 15th, 5-8 pm for dinner, drinks, and square dancing with a professional caller. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and free for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at coffee hour through Sunday, Oct 9th or by contacting Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG - OCTOBER 16

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, October 16th at 4 p.m. The Evening Canticles will be Harold Friedell's Service in F and the Preces and Responses are as set by William Byrd.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) AT GRACE CHURCH - OCTOBER DATE TBD

We will soon launch a parish chapter of the ECW of New York here at Grace Church. The ECW Mission Statement says "the purpose of the Association is to unite women of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in a program of worship, study, service, gifts and fellowship which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and lead them into service as the Church in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation and the world". If you are interested in growing into the life of the church through women's fellowship and ministries, please contact Elana Foundos at elanafoundos@gmail.com for information.

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

<http://gracechurchnyc.org/online-sermons/>

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