

**The Weekly Epistle**  
**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2012**  
**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**



Dear Friends,

Over the course of the next four months we of Grace Church will be embarking on a spiritual journey called THE POWER OF GRACE. By now you all should have received the brochure entitled *Restoring Grace Church: Frequently Asked Questions*. If you have read it all the way through (and I haven't any doubts that you have!), then you know that the wheels are in motion for a capital campaign.

It is true that the campaign has a temporal goal: to close the funding gap between what we have raised, and what we have needed to spend in restoring the church interior. But more importantly, the campaign has a spiritual goal: to strengthen our connection with God and each other. Thus, I believe you will find that this campaign has a different tone than other fund raising efforts in which you may have participated. We will be inviting God into this process, and talking primarily about gratitude, prayer, and faith. In fact, it will be more than talk; we will be exercising these spiritual muscles, and then letting God take us where he wills. If you allow yourself to go on the journey, at the end of it you will find yourself more attuned to the power of God's grace to change people's lives, and the power of Grace Church to be God's agent in the world.

We begin this Sunday with the introduction of the leadership team at the 11 am service. Then follows the annual parish meeting and luncheon. See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

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**Schedule of Services**

**9:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

**11:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Junior Choristers with Adults

**6:00 pm**

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

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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And let us also thank everyone so far who has made a financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2012. In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church for our own and future generations, please make your commitment to a financial gift for the coming year.

UPDATE: Our goal is in sight! As of last week, 200 households have pledged for a total of \$911,481. This compares favorably to last year at this time, when 173 households had pledged for \$826,665. If you have not made your pledge, please don't delay. Help us reach our \$1 million goal.

*To read the 2012 Annual Campaign brochure and/or make your pledge now, click the image of the brochure at left.*

*If you have any questions about pledging, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or*

[bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org).

## Announcements

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

#### **FEB 5, 12, 19 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**

presented in a three-part lecture series led by The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Owens, Professor of Old Testament at the General Theological Seminary. The simple little prayer that is usually called the *Lord's Prayer* (the "Our Father") has been loved and recited by Christians from the first century in both private devotion and corporate worship. According to Matthew and Luke it was taught by Jesus himself, and Anglicans know it from the Book of Common Prayer as an element both in Morning and Evening Prayer and in the liturgy of Eucharist. From the Middle Ages onward, the Lord's Prayer has been one of the core features of Christian catechisms, used to teach new Christians the basics of the Faith. Our class will look at, among other things, the two different ways Jesus teaches the prayer in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and we will study its individual phrases, to show the great themes of faith and human existence that each suggests. Today's session will meet in the Reception Room.

**FEB 5 - THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb. 5 immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. A delicious lunch (\$5 per person suggested donation) will be served. A pizza lunch will be provided for children in the Nursery while the meeting takes place.

**FEB 5 - THE VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a third of three two-year terms as Junior Warden: SARAH COGAN. For a second three-year term: JACK BROWNING, DOUG SKRYPEK. For a first three-year term: BRETT PERTUZ, JAMES FAWCETT (both Brett and James were appointed to fill unexpired terms, and now are eligible for election to their own terms). Many thanks to the Committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

**THE POWER OF GRACE** is the theme of the capital campaign that we are launching over the next few weeks. At the 11 am service today we will be introducing the leadership team, including: David DiDomenico, Chair; Erik Sorensen, Coordinator; Freddie de Sibert and Katrina Du, Assistant Coordinators; Elana Foundos and James Fawcett, Communications; Dana Foote, Advanced Giving; Cal Skaggs, Audio/Visual; Colbert and Mary Cannon, Celebration; Abby Carr, Prayer Team; Anastasia Rotheroe and Caroline Hubbell, Youth and Children; Sarah Cogan and Lee Chamberlin, Ministry Awareness. Thanks to all who have agreed to lead us on a spiritual journey that will be grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, and lived in faith.

## COMING SOON

**FEB 6 - OUTREACH MONDAY MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER** One Monday each month (generally the first), the Outreach Committee seeks to build a community of people concerned about serving the poor in New York City and beyond. We'll begin with a brief prayer service followed by a light supper and sharing of ideas. Please use the Parish House entrance and arrive by 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Bring a dish to share, and something for our food pantry collection, if you can. RSVP to [outreach@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:outreach@gracechurchnyc.org).

**FEB 8, 15, 22, 29 BOOK DISCUSSION** - On Wednesday evenings at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) in the Reception Room, The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood will offer a discussion on Henri J. M. Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. The four-week program will begin with an introduction to the author, the book, and to one another. The second session will focus on Part One of the book. Then, the second and third parts of the book will be discussed in the following weeks, respectively. The time promises to include the divine gifts of theological reflection and gracious relationship. All are welcome!

**FEB 11, 12 - YOU'RE INVITED TO GRACE & THE ARTS** - Grace Church artists and artisans will be exhibiting their finest work, accompanied by live music and delicious food. On Saturday, Feb. 11th from 6-8 pm join us for a festive wine and cheese reception and preview! The \$10 admission gets you in to Sunday's event too! On Sunday the fair continues from 1-5 pm. The \$2 admission can be applied toward purchases of home baked goodies at the refreshments table. The fair is organized by the ECW to celebrate the creativity of our parish and raise funds for "Saving Grace." Please join us in support and fellowship!

**FEB 12 - 20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH** Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for our February brunch on Sunday February 12th at Lillie's at 13 E. 17th Street (between Union Square West and 5th Ave) following the 11 am service. RSVP to 20s30s group member Michelle Urcuyo at [mobishobel@gmail.com](mailto:mobishobel@gmail.com). On February 12th, meet her in Tuttle Hall after the service where she will gather and lead the group to the restaurant. You can identify her by the red flower pin she will be wearing. Hope to see you there!

**FEB 21 - SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb 21st at 6 pm as we celebrate Mardi Gras with some pancakes, kids' crafts and parish-wide fun in Tuttle Hall! All are welcome! There will be a suggested donation of \$10 per person at the door. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

## PARISH LIFE

**CONGRATULATIONS NEW JUNIOR CHORISTERS!** Last Sunday at the Concert of Music for Treble Voices, fifteen novice choristers were promoted to junior and received their surplice. We also welcomed a new chorister directly into the Junior Choir. Bravo Everyone! Boys: Ralph "Rafe" DiDomenico, Maarish Hinduja, Ian Rotheroe, Zo Williams.\* Girls: Bryanna Antigua, Cora Hume-Fagin, Sofia Perez, Lila Carr, Esmé Fritton, Cadence Plenge, Maya Carrigan, Summer Green, Charlotte Robertson, Imogene Dunn, Josephine O'Brien, Kai Williams. \*New Junior Chorister.

**ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS OF GRACE CHURCH - THERE IS STILL TIME** - The ECW invites you to celebrate and display your work at Grace and the Arts (Saturday, Feb. 11, 6-8 pm and Sunday, Feb. 12, 1-5 pm). To participate, contact (fine artists) Krystyna Sanderson at [krystynaphotography@att.net](mailto:krystynaphotography@att.net) or (crafters) Stacie Waring at [stacieswaring@gmail.com](mailto:stacieswaring@gmail.com) by **Friday, Feb. 3rd**. (Fee is \$50 for a 30" x 70" table.) Proceeds from the fair will benefit "Saving Grace." Note: ECW is now on facebook! Go to "Grace Church in New York ECW" and "like" us!

## DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon  
<http://gracechurchnyc.org/online-sermons/>