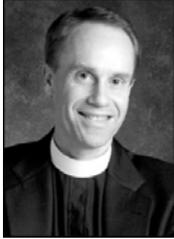


THE WEEKLY EPISTLE
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2012
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

If all has gone according to plan, by now you should have received a second brochure in the mail regarding the capital campaign. The first brochure went out in January, and it was an FAQ that addressed questions about the work that is being done in the church. The current brochure is entitled "The Power of Grace," and its goal is to introduce you to the campaign leadership team, give you a timeline of how the campaign will unfold, and show some pictures of the progress on the new organ and reinstallation of the Te Deum window. The current brochure also alerts you that a member of the Prayer Team will be contacting you to encourage you to pray for the campaign, and to listen to any questions you may have.

Our hope for this campaign is that it will be markedly different from other non-profit campaigns you may have experienced. In short, we want to be true to the nature of the church; we want to access the deep resources that we have in Christ, and boldly invite God to lead us every step of the way along this path. We want to raise faith as well as funds. We want you to pray, and to that end we will be providing everyone with a devotional guide that you can use either as a hard copy, online, or as a daily email. After Easter we will have a sermon series about gratitude, prayer, and faith. We will hear lay witnesses about how the power of God's grace has transformed lives at Grace Church. It will only be in May - after a long period of allowing ourselves to marinate in the Spirit of God - that we will come to the point of decision about a financial commitment.

Please tune in to this exciting spiritual journey called The Power of Grace. If you haven't seen the two brochures, click [HERE](#) and you will find them on our website. We will also have copies available in the narthex and outside the parish office.

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

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

2012 Annual Campaign



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: We are so close to our goal! As of last week, 212 households have pledged for a total of \$944,719. At this time last year, 183 households had pledged for \$849,685. If you have not made your pledge, please do so today. We need your help to 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.

Announcements

SUNDAY MARCH 4

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS - The beauty of Grace Church is enhanced each year at Easter time by generous donations from our parishioners. You may use an Easter flower envelope to offer your cash or check (made payable to Grace Church, memo line: flowers), and place it in the collection plate, the wooden box in the Parish House hallway, or the mail to Grace Church. You may also donate online [HERE](#) (scroll down to FLOWERS). We recommend donation amounts beginning at \$50, but are grateful for any amount you can give. Thank you! *For your donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" to be listed in the Easter bulletin, it must be received by Palm Sunday, 4/1.*

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE SOCIOLOGY OF OUR FAITH: WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US AS A COMMUNITY?

Led by the Rev. Stephen Arbogast, chair of the Department of Religion, Philosophy, and Ethics at Trinity School, this is an opportunity to learn more about what others consider to be important indicators of being faithful people in America today. March 4 - A look at Mark Chaves' book *American Religion: Contemporary Trends* gives an overview of religion in America. Chaves, a professor of sociology, religion, and divinity at Duke University, highlights features that define religious experience in our country and leaves us with questions about what elements we consider important to our own experience. March 11 - *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*, by Robert Putnam (author of *Bowling Alone*) and David Campbell, presents findings from a massive amount of data collection about the relationship of religion and society today. We'll look at the specific findings related to the Episcopal Church, unpacking implications for those of us who are Episcopalians in New York City. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee and refreshments are served.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES 12:30 PM *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard Foster will be the focus of this year's presentation and group discussion series. Each week we will focus on one of the disciplines: Confession (Abby Carr); Service (Nicholas Birns); Submission (Rebecca

Myers) and Worship (Richard Limato). A soup and bread lunch will be served. Sundays in Lent, through March 25, in the Reception Room from 12:30 - 1:45 pm. For more information, contact Rebecca Myers at rmyers@gts.edu or Mike Watson at mwatson@gts.edu. *Join us this week 3/4 as we explore Confession, led by Abby Carr. Learn more about how confession works, what is involved on a practical basis, and why it's particularly appropriate in the season of Lent. Next week's topic is Service, led by Nicholas Birns. Discover the difference between true service and self-righteous service. Learn about the limits and boundaries to service.*

20s30s PRACTICING PRAYER WITH PURPOSE 7PM - (See 20s30s LENTEN PROGRAMS below.)

COMING SOON

20s30s LENTEN PROGRAMS - FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS IN LENT The 20s30s group is planning two programs to promote reflection and fellowship. Join us for our SUSHI FRIDAY dinners every Friday during Lent: *this week we will meet at Yama, 40 Carmine Street (between Bleecker & Bedford) at 7 pm on Friday March 9. RSVP to Singleton Cox at singleton.cox@gmail.com by Friday at noon.* WE ALL KNOW HOW TO PRAY in public, it's what we do here every week, but how do you pray in private? If you'd like a crash course, join Seminarian Kim Reinholz for PRACTICING PRAYER WITH PURPOSE in 20 to 30 minutes for 20 to 30 year olds. The group will meet in the Reception Room from 7-8 pm (following the 6pm service) every Sunday in Lent. You may attend all sessions, or just drop in for one or two. This program will take the place of 4th Sunday Fellowship during Lent. Please contact Kim at krowles@gts.edu with any questions.

MAR 5 - OUTREACH MONDAY potluck supper will be this Monday, 3/5 from 6:30-8 pm in the Reception Room. Please join an exciting intergenerational group of people interested in making a difference in NYC and the world. Come prepared to tell us about your own ministry focus or to find out about new opportunities. For more information, contact the Rev. Linda Bartholomew at lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org or just bring yourself and something to share if you can.

MAR 7 - BOOK DISCUSSION - On Wednesday at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) in the Reception Room, The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood concludes a four-part discussion on Henri J. M. Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*.

MAR 10 - THE CONSECRATION OF THE REV. CANON ANDREW M.L. DIETSCH as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New York will take place on Saturday, March 10 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine beginning at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend.

MAR 11 - ALTAR GUILD MEETING - NEWCOMERS WELCOME Please come to our annual spring meeting on Sunday, March 11 after the 11 am service (approximately 12:30-1:30) in the 3rd fl conference room. Among other topics, we will review plans for Lent and Easter. This is one of only two meetings per year and it is important and enjoyable to get together and meet each other and exchange ideas. Grab a coffee in Tuttle Hall and bring yourselves, your ideas, and any friends you think might be interested in serving. Questions? E-mail Co-chair Helen DuBois at hwdubois@verizon.net.

MAR 11 - 20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH - Join us for our monthly 20s30s brunch at Chat N Chew at 10 East 16th St between Union Square West and 5th Ave at 12:45pm. *RSVP to Emily Schell at emily.mcmurphy@db.com by Saturday, March 10th.*

MAR 14, 21, 28 - CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE AND THE WAY The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood will lead a discussion on Christian pilgrimage by way of the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James), and the Emilio Estevez directed film *The Way*. Take a few Wednesdays in Lent to view the film together and take part in theological reflection and discussion on the subject of pilgrimage as well as this filmmaker's take on such a spiritual enterprise. Wednesdays 3/14, 3/21 & 3/28 at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist).

MAR 18 THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - EXPLORING EPHEBUS: TRADITIONS IN TEXT AND STONE The city of Ephesus, which figures prominently in the earliest Christian literature, will provide a site for exploration about the people, places, and practice of the nascent church. The class will be led by General Theological Seminary faculty members, Dr. Deirdre Good and The Rev. Katherine Shanor, who will use biblical texts and archeological evidence to give an introduction to Ephesus and its rich historical and theological associations. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee and refreshments are served.

In early 2013, Professors Good and Shanor will be leading a tour to Asia Minor (modern day Turkey),

exploring both the urban contexts out of which early Christianity was shaped and some of the spaces in which Christianity grew to prominence. Through visits to ancient cities, archaeological sites, as well as contemporary museums and landmarks, they will examine the historical and cultural context in which the earliest Christians and their writings emerged. For more information, visit www.gts.edu/turkey2013.

MAR 25 THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - LECTIO DIVINA The Rev. Ted Pardoe will lead a conversation about this longstanding Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer. It is a way to approach the Bible, not as a text to be studied, but as the Living Word. Origen, in the 3rd century, described lectio divina as viewing "Scripture as a sacrament" to deepen our relationship with Christ. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee and refreshments are served.

APR 1 - SPECIAL CHORAL MUSICAL OFFERINGS for Palm Sunday at 11 am: The Liturgy of the Palms, Reading of the Passion and Choral Eucharist. Works by J.B. Faure and others will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys. At 4 pm: Selections from Handel's MESSIAH Part II, Choral Evensong offered by the Adult Choir.

APR 7 - THE NEXT DATES FOR BAPTISM are Saturday evening, April 7th at the Easter Vigil and the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 27th at the 11 am service. Please try to work your family plans around these dates. For information, please contact The Rev. Ted Pardoe at tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org.

APRIL - YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin the second week of April. Classes continue for six weeks and are led by the clergy in preparation of the bishop's visit on Sunday May 20th. If your child is in 7th-12th grade and is interested in being confirmed, email Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org to sign up.

PARISH LIFE

THE POWER OF GRACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN During the first half of 2012 we are involved in a capital campaign to raise faith and funds towards the completion of the current phase of interior restoration and the installation of the new pipe organ. Read Frequently Asked Questions about the interior restoration and The Power of Grace brochure (about the campaign) [HERE](#).

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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