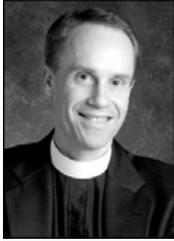


**THE WEEKLY EPISTLE**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 13, 2012**  
**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**



Dear Friends,

We are well on our way. Those of you who attended the parish-wide celebration last evening heard the announcement that *The Power of Grace* campaign has already received commitments totaling **\$1,448,500!** This means that going into Commitment Sunday we are more than half way (57.94% to be exact) to our goal of \$2,500,000.

Where we stand right now is cause for celebration, but not relaxation. In any campaign the first half of a goal is usually easier to reach than the second half. If the campaign were a stairway, we seem to have ascended the first flights with great energy, even with leaps and bounds. Last night it was appropriate to pause, catch our breath, and even exchange a few high-fives. Now we turn our sights to the remaining flights. Commitment Sunday begins our final push to the top.

We can do this! We are more than half way there. Only 23 people have made commitments so far, and we are a parish of approximately 250 pledging households. To be sure, we may be taking the steps not quite so many at a time on the second half of the journey, but this is a stairway we can climb. Know that every commitment counts, and the payments are spread out over three years. Please make every effort to be here this Sunday. As an added bonus, the choir at 11 am will offering the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's Messiah and "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" from the Brahms requiem.

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**

**Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' Choir

**6:00 pm**

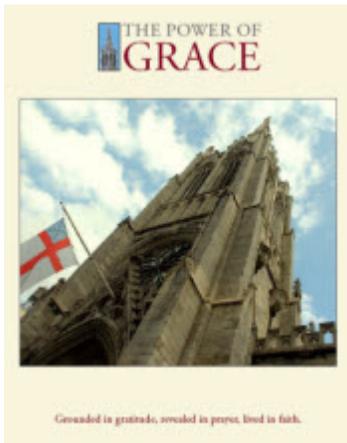
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry**

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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**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* (about the campaign) by clicking on the image of the brochure at left.

*If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org).*

## Announcements

### SUNDAY MAY 13

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY** - Today is the climax of *The Power of Grace* capital campaign. At all three worship services we will pass out pledge cards and ask all members to make a three-year financial commitment towards the interior restoration of Grace Church and the installation of the new organ. Thanks to those who have already pledged, and to those who will today. Thanks also to members of the prayer team for conducting a prayer vigil yesterday, and to everyone who has been involved in the campaign.

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY** to all mothers in our midst, in our minds, and in our hearts today. We give thanks for the countless ways that God has shined his love upon the world through you.

**THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MEDITATION: FORMAL AND HOMELY** led by Diana Benet, Ph.D, University of North Texas. From the early to the middle part of the seventeenth century, meditation was a popular form of devotion in England. Some people practiced a highly structured form of meditation while others engaged in a simpler mode that was more generally accessible. We will look at examples of each. Both forms of meditation served the same purpose: to deepen spiritual life by engaging the emotions and the imagination. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.

**20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH** at French Roast at 11th Street and 6th Ave, following the 11am service. RSVP to Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**THE REV. LISA CHRONISTER** - Congratulations to Lisa, who was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church yesterday at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. She will be joining us at the morning services today. Lisa, husband Aaron, and young son Eli were members of Grace Church before moving to Oklahoma several years ago.

### COMING SOON

**MAY 16, 23 - SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** Come join the conversation about Jesus' Last Discourse in John's Gospel (chapters 14-17). Three Wednesday evenings at 7 pm (directly after Wednesday 6 pm Holy Eucharist) in the Reception Room. May 9, 16 & 23. Led by the Rev. Ted Pardoe

**MAY 20 - BISHOP DIETSCHKE TO VISIT** - The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop Coadjutor of New York, will be with us at Grace Church for Confirmation at the 11 am service. Bishop Dietsche will also be the speaker at the Sunday Forum at 10 am.

**MAY 20 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - A LOOK AT OUR DIOCESE** - with the Rt. Rev. Andrew M. L. Dietsche, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New York. Bishop Dietsche will speak on the challenges and opportunities of his new role within the context of a changing church. He will address how the community of Grace Church relates to both the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the national church as a whole. There will be time for questions and answers following the presentation.

**MAY 24 - 20s30s GAME NIGHT AT ST. BART'S** - Join 20s30s groups from all over the city for a game night, hosted by St. Bart's at Park Ave and 51st St. The evening is BYOB and will include a pizza dinner. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. *RSVP to Maura Hooper by Friday May 18th at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).*

**JUNE 1 - NEW! WEEKLY JUNG DISCUSSION GROUP** "...giving an interpretation to each according to his dream." --Genesis 41:12 In both the sacred and secular worlds, Carl Jung introduced some illuminating ideas, incorporating reflection on dreams and seeming "coincidence" to help us understand ourselves. Synchronicity, the collective unconscious, and dream reflection are just a few of the manners by which Jung believed people might better bring meaningful interpretation and expression to their daily lives. Beginning on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, this new group will meet weekly for discussion, reflection and prayer from 8:30-9:30 am, in the Reception room. If you are interested, please attend our first gathering on June 1<sup>st</sup> or contact either The Rev. Sarah Wood at [swood@gcschool.org](mailto:swood@gcschool.org) or Dr. Krystyna Sanderson at [Dr.KrystynaSanderson@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.KrystynaSanderson@gmail.com) to discuss your intentions for work with this group.

**JUNE 3 - YOUTH & FAMILY SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY WITH MISS MAURA** -Families, mark your calendars for Sunday June 3rd from 1-3:00 pm for a final get together before we all leave for the summer! All youth and families are welcome! Donations of food and beverage are welcome. Details to follow. Contact Maura Hooper for more information at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

## PARISH LIFE

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REV. LINDA BARTHOLOMEW**, who has accepted a call to be Priest-in-Charge of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Spokane Valley, Washington. Linda has been with us as Associate Rector since 2004 with particular responsibilities for outreach and pastoral care. She goes forth now to lead one of the larger parishes in the Diocese of Spokane, and to be closer to numerous family members. Linda's final Sunday at Grace Church will be June 24. Please see the parish-wide letter that was mailed this week for details about saying farewell to Linda.

## DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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

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