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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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**HAVE YOU MADE  
YOUR PLEDGE?**

## Sunday, November 11, 2012

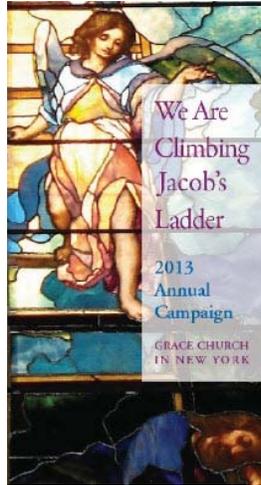
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Of all the lessons learned from last week's storm and power outage, not the least of them is how much we take for granted. To flip a switch and have light, to turn a handle and have hot water, to adjust a thermostat and have heat, to have all the news and our personal contacts at our finger tips at every minute - all of these were simply givens in our lives until the "superstorm" Sandy knocked them out. Who knew how little light a candle really throws when a candle is all you have? A few days into the blackout I realized how close we were living to what life must have been like before the electric light bulb and telephone. You scramble in the daylight hours getting ready for the night.

Most of us in lower Manhattan are fortunate that the ordeal lasted only a few days, although some people are still displaced from buildings that are still without power. Others were far less fortunate, and suffered the catastrophic loss of homes, businesses, and even



**Many parishioners have already pledged** (thank you), and now pledging is easier than ever! Just click on the image above or click on the PLEDGE HERE! button on our smartphone-friendly site, or mail in your pledge envelope. It takes less than a minute (really); it helps us (and you) to budget for 2013; and it's a great way to show your thanks and commitment to Grace Church, our community, and our ministries.

**Remember that pledging is simply a promise** of what you plan to give for the year 2013; you have all year to pay your pledge on a schedule that suits you. So what are you waiting for? Pledge now! (and thank you)

**NOV 21, 22 THANKSGIVING SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST** will take place in the Chantry at 6 pm on Wednesday evening, Nov 21, and at 11 am on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 22. The Rev. J. Donald Waring will preach.

**NOV 29 - NEWCOMER RECEPTION**

loved ones. Soon after the power returned to the church on Friday night I began receiving emails from people wanting to help. What we've been able to do so far - thanks to the amazing talents of the Adult Choir and our Choirmaster, Patrick Allen - is pull together a benefit concert last Wednesday to aid the badly stricken area of Long Beach. Also, we have in place two trusted and highly efficient agencies that will be working to rebuild the hardest hit areas of our diocese: Episcopal Charities at [www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org](http://www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org), and Episcopal Relief and Development at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org). For those who wish to send financial aid that will be used effectively and in the name of our church, I highly recommend visiting these websites.

Over the long haul the challenge will be to respond as well as react. On Staten Island alone the rebuilding of homes and lives will take far, far longer than the one night in which they were lost. The diocese is building a data base of persons who would like to be part of the effort. You can click on this link to volunteer: <http://episcopalny.org/response/inv>. Also, I am hoping we will quickly develop a companion relationship with one of the ten Episcopal Churches on Staten Island to engage us in long term, hands-on ministry at the site. More on this to come.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

**This Sunday, November 11th**  
**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Parish Choir

All newcomers to Grace Church in the past year are invited to a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, November 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come to meet other newcomers and members and to catch the spirit of Grace Church. To help us with planning, we ask you to RSVP by Monday, Nov 26 to [jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org). Please include the number in your party.

## MUSIC

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF THE GRACE CHURCH CHOIRS!** Two special Sundays are approaching - we need you! Nov 18th is Grace Church School Sunday. Come join the current choirs and help offer the anthems at the 11 am service. On Dec 16th we invite Alumni of the Girls' Choir to come home and sing Britten's A CEREMONY OF CAROLS with us again at 4 pm. For more information, see <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org/alumni/> or contact Patrick Allen at [pallen@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:pallen@gracechurchnyc.org).

**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** Come sing with the Parish Choir, an informal group of Grace Parishioners who sing each Sunday at the 9 am service. Other projects include singing with the combined choirs at Easter and occasionally at evensongs. Rehearsal is at 8 am each Sunday - bring your coffee! Please contact Dr. Allen at [pallen@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:pallen@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

## PARISH LIFE

**SUZANNE PELLER MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
Longtime member and former Director of the Altar Guild, Suzanne Peller, died on Sept 24. **The memorial service will take place** on Sat, Nov 17 at 1:30 pm at Grace Church, with a reception immediately following.

**NOV 17 - GRACE CHURCH SATURDAY @THE GO PROJECT!** The GO (Grace Opportunity) Project ([www.goprojectnyc.org](http://www.goprojectnyc.org)) is a

### 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

**WEDNESDAY'S STORM BENEFIT - THANK YOU** to everyone who collaborated to offer the benefit concert on Wednesday Evening, Nov 7 - and to those who made donations. Three SUVs, packed with supplies, were dispatched to the people of Long Beach on Thursday morning! To find out how you can continue your support to those who are still in great need, please see the insert in your Sunday bulletin, or go to [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org), or [www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org](http://www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org).

**THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - Did C. S. Lewis Intend Aslan to be God Incarnate?** Charles Huttar, *Professor Emeritus, Hope College*. Many readers of C. S. Lewis's beloved *Narnia* stories have assumed Aslan is meant to represent God. But in what way? Charles Huttar, one of the world's leading scholars of Lewis, Tolkien, and modern Christian writing, looks at the narrative and theological subtleties of Lewis's depiction of the great Lion. This lecture is part of the annual meeting of the Guild of Scholars of the Episcopal Church. **Next week, Nov 18: GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY, A REPORT ON THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.** *Held in Tuttle Hall, coffee and refreshments will be served.*

**20s30s SUNDAY BRUNCH** - Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to brunch on Sunday Nov 11th after the 11am service at Paprika on St. Marks

comprehensive program that serves nearly 500 at-risk but joyful students, and their families, in four locations including Grace Church and GC School. On Saturday, Nov. 17 we will celebrate and raise awareness of our ongoing relationship by inviting GC parishioners to a volunteer day at the GO Project's Saturday session at GC School. A few more volunteers are still needed! To sign up, please contact Olivia Nunez at [onunez@goprojectnyc.org](mailto:onunez@goprojectnyc.org) or 347-377-2317.

Place. The Rev. Stephen Holton will gather the group in Tuttle Hall at 12:45 pm before walking together to the restaurant.

#### **ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING 12:30 PM**

All women of Grace Church are invited to join the ECW meeting after the 11 am service in the Reception Room. Over coffee and refreshments, we will hear reports from our Committee Chairs and discuss the Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser and other upcoming events!

#### **PIE TASTING TODAY! THANKSGIVING PIES TO BENEFIT THE CHOIR 'Special Projects Fund'**

- Come and sample the pies at coffee hour after the 11 am service! The Choir 'Special Projects Fund' supports projects such as last summer's concert tour of the Czech Republic and Austria - and you can help by ordering delicious pies for your Thanksgiving feast! Stop by the "pie box" in the parish house hallway to place your order. You may also find order forms and information at <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org/>. You may place your order online at [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org) (Click 'Give', then 'Donate,' select Contribution Category 'Holiday Pies' and type your order selections under 'Comments.')

We offer DELIVERY to your home or office for orders of 10 pies or more. Here is a perfect way to say "thank you" to a hostess, teacher, nanny, tutor or loved one, while \$10 from every purchase goes directly to the Special Projects Fund! THANK YOU for all your prayers and support! **Order deadline: Tues. 11/13, Pickup day: Tues. 11/20.**

**Coming Soon**

**NOV 18 – GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY** We'll celebrate the common history and mission shared by Grace Church and Grace Church School. At 10 am George Davison, Head of GCS, Hugo Mahibir, Head of GCS, High School Division, and Sarah Wood, GCS Chaplain will give a Sunday Forum report on the inaugural class of the new High School Division. At the 11 am service, music will be offered by the Alumni of the Choirs with The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir, and the special guest preacher will be the Rev. Timothy Morehouse, Chaplain of Trinity School in Manhattan. After the service, please come to Tuttle Hall for a festive reception!

**NOV 18 – ALTAR GUILD MEETING – NEWCOMERS WELCOME** Please join the Rev. Stephen Holton and AG Co-Chairs Helen DuBois and Jennifer San Cartier in the Reception Room after the 11 am service to review the upcoming season. We always need "many hands" to share this "light work," *so newcomers are very welcome to come and learn more (no pressure)!*

**DEC 2 – ADVENT WREATH MAKING** On the first Sunday of Advent, Dec 2, after the 9 am, 11 am and 6 pm services, all are welcome to make Advent wreaths. Volunteer helpers at this event are always needed and appreciated. If you wish to help, contact Melissa Spindler at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org). (Please note there is a minimum suggested donation of \$15 per wreath.)

**NOV 30, DEC 1 – CHORAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS** – The Choral Society and Orchestra of Grace

Church, under the musical direction of John Maclay, have at last returned to Grace Church! Performances are on Fri, Nov 30th at 8 pm and Sat, Dec. 1st at 3 pm and include Mozart's "Coronation" Mass with other festive works as well as an audience carol sing to start off the season. Tickets at [www.thechoralsociety.org](http://www.thechoralsociety.org) (click on "Concerts" and follow instructions for payment) \$25 general admission, \$150 prime reserved seating. Tickets are expected to sell out, so don't delay!

**JAN 18–20 PARISH RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS MONASTERY** Join fellow Grace parishioners for a quiet retreat along the Hudson River at Holy Cross Monastery on Friday, Jan 18, through Sunday, Jan 20, 2013 (MLK weekend). We'll pray with the monks, enjoy delicious food, and have time for outdoor and indoor reflection and quiet. Take a breather to start your year off right. Suitable for adults 18 and over. \$250 per person; some scholarships are available. Contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org) by Friday, Dec 14 to reserve your spot.

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