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### in New York City



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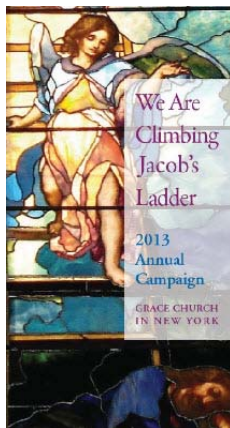
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**It's not too late!**

## Sunday, January 13, 2013

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord



Dear Friends,

Something that interests me is the shelf life of stories in the news. How long does a particular happening grip our attention before something else knocks it off the front page? Sadly, it seems that the public's appetite is insatiable for the latest on the legal woes of Lindsay Lohan, or the out-of-wedlock pregnancy of another celebrity (I simply refuse to type her name) whose only talent has been to dupe the world into believing that she has talent. Magazines devote their covers to such celebrities. Adoring fans follow their every Tweet. Meanwhile, other stories fade to the background.

The truth is, less than a month ago a mentally ill person stormed into the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, and murdered twenty beautiful children, as well as six other adults before taking his own life. To me, the fact that Adam Lanza was mentally ill has nothing to do with the conversation the nation ought to be having now. The real question is, why was he - why is anyone - able to gain access to an assault weapon with a high capacity clip? When does a private citizen need to fire such a thing? It is used neither for target practice nor hunting. I have not heard a single sensible argument for why the type of rifles and handguns that belong only in the hands of police and the military are available on the open market. Enough is enough!

I am not a person who jumps quickly on bandwagons or signs petitions, but I have signed one recently. Bishops

...to show your thanks and commitment to Grace Church for 2013. **To make your pledge now, just click the image above.**

Remember that pledging is simply a **promise** of what you plan to give for the year 2013; you'll **have all year to pay** your pledge on a schedule that suits you.

## **ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT, directed by Dr. Barry Rose**

Please join us for the **Fifth Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices by The Junior Choristers of the Grace Church Choirs** under the direction of Dr. Barry Rose on Sunday, Jan 27th. This concert will feature music for the young soprano voice including works by Bach, Copland, Dyson, and the premier of a new sacred song cycle for treble voices by Dr. Rose written for the choristers. Fifteen Novice Choristers will be "whited," becoming our newest class of Junior Choristers. At 4 pm in the Church.

## **Artists and Artisans of Grace Church!**



Sisk and Dietsche are calling on our elected officials to enact legislation requiring background checks for every gun sold, even at gun shows, and banning the sale and ownership of assault weapons and high capacity magazines. They have circulated a petition through the diocesan website, and have asked that it be brought to the attention of our parishioners. I commend it to you. What happened in Newtown is a tragedy that we should keep on the front pages until we have done everything possible to ensure that it never happens again. The direct link to the petition is right [here](#).

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

### **This Sunday, January 13th**

#### **9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Parish Choir

#### **11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Baptisms**

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. Stephen Holton  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

**THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM -THREE CREEDS IN THIRTY MINUTES** - The Sunday Forum Series, "Understanding the Liturgy," continues on January 13 with a presentation by renowned church historian, The Rev. Dr. J. Robert Wright of General Seminary. Fr. Wright will trace the development of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds that we recite in the liturgy, and give us a deeper appreciation for what we are saying and why. Tuttle Hall at 10 am. Coffee is served.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING AND RECRUITING** - Serving at the altar can be a wonderful way for young people to become more engaged in the worship (to say nothing of not having to sit with their parents!). Anyone 4th grade and older is welcome to become an acolyte. TODAY, following the 11 am service, the clergy will be leading a 30-minute informational, training session for all current and prospective acolytes. Adults are welcome too, especially those who may have been acolytes in their youth. If you'd like to serve but can't attend today's meeting, contact the Rector at [dwarding@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwarding@gracechurchnyc.org).

**20s30s SUNDAY BRUNCH** - Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to brunch on Jan 13th after the 11am service.

On Sunday, Feb. 24th, after the 11 am service, the ECW invites you to celebrate and display your work at our 3rd Annual **Grace and the Arts** Fair. Wine and Cheese Reception on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 6-8 pm. To participate contact our Vendor Coordinator, Nancy Walcott at [nanewal@aol.com](mailto:nanewal@aol.com) or Elana Foundos at [elanafoundos@gmail.com](mailto:elanafoundos@gmail.com). (Fee is \$50 for a 30" x 70" table. Tables are going fast!)

This event is open to outside vendors and guests, so please invite your artistic friends and neighbors to participate!

### Rebecca Myers, our Seminarian...

for the past three semesters will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, January 26, 10 am at the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Washington, DC. The Rector will be among her presenters. Your prayers and presence are requested.

### STORM OUTREACH

Please continue to keep the victims of hurricane Sandy in your prayers during the long process of recovery. You may also visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) or [www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org](http://www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org) to find out how you can help further.

Location will be The Smith, at 10th and 2nd Ave. RSVP to Melissa is required by Friday Jan. 11th: [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES TODAY** - and save the church some postage \$! After the 9 and 11 am services, you may find them in Tuttle Hall. After the 6 pm service, and during the week, they may be found in the Reception Room. If you wish to have envelopes, but have not yet requested them, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.com](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.com).

### Coming Soon

#### JAN 16, 23, 30, FEB 6 - WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Each week, the Rev. Don Waring or the Rev. Stephen Holton will lead conversations about the appointed Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

#### JAN 18-20 PARISH RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS

**MONASTERY SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!** Contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org) a.s.a.p. to reserve your spot.

#### JAN 27 - FIFTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES

by The Junior Choristers of the Grace Church Choirs under the direction of Dr. Barry Rose. This concert will feature music for the young soprano voice including works by Bach, Copland, Dyson, and the premier of a new sacred song cycle for treble voices by Dr. Rose written for the choristers. Fifteen Novice Choristers will be "whited," becoming our newest class of Junior Choristers. At 4 pm in the Church.

**FEB 3 - THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb. 3 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.

#### THE VESTRY HAS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S

**REPORT** and is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member: COLBERT CANNON. For a first three-year term as Vestry member: JUSTIN BROWNHILL, ANASTASIA ROTHEROE, ELANA FOUNDOS (Elana was appointed previously to serve out an unexpired term and is now eligible for election in her own right). For a first two-year term as a Churchwarden: BRETT PERTUZ (Brett will replace Charlie Johnston, who is finishing his third two-year term as a Churchwarden, the maximum permitted by our by-laws). In addition, the Nominating Committee has recommended to the Vestry that MICHAEL KIRCHMANN be appointed to fill the unexpired Vestry member term that Brett Pertuz will vacate to become a

Churchwarden, which recommendation the Vestry will take up at its February meeting. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

**FEB 4 - OUTREACH MONDAY POTLUCK SUPPER & MEETING -**

Please join us from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Reception Room to find out about upcoming projects. Bring a dish or a beverage to share or a non-perishable item for our Grace Church food donation baskets.

**FEB 7 - ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING -**

All women of Grace Church are welcome on Thursday, Feb 7 at 6:30 pm in Tuttle Hall. "No Pressure" Pot Luck (bring something savory or sweet to share if you can). Items on the agenda will include reports from our Committee Chairs about recent and upcoming events such as Grace and the Arts and the Christmas Fair. Spread the word and come for fun and fellowship!

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