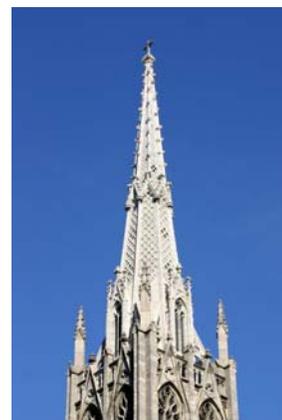


# The Epistle *E-news*

## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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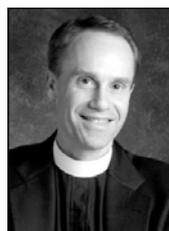
**February 13th**

*Ash  
Wednesday* 

**Services at:  
8 am in the Chantry Chapel**

## Sunday, February 3, 2013

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

The church can be a funny place. Those of you who were here last Sunday and came back to coffee hour in Tuttle Hall know that we debuted a new nametag board.

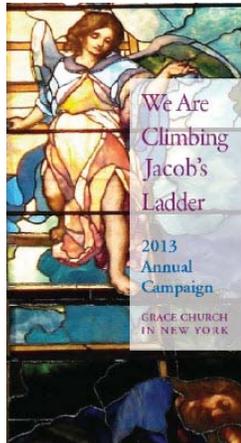
Prior to the coffee hour I explained in the announcements at the worship service that we knew it was time for an overhaul when, after combing through the old display outside the Reception Room, we found numerous nametags for people who had long ago fled to the suburbs. We even found a handful of nametags for those who now dwell with the saints in light. Imagine my chagrin, then, when various longstanding parishioners came up to me at coffee hour and apologetically handed me several brand new, crisp nametags that we had printed for people who were, in fact, dead! As Christians we profess that "we look for the resurrection of the dead." But I do think that printing nametags for them goes beyond what the authors of the Nicene Creed had in mind! Alas, it's a work in progress.

I was reminded of the nametag board of the first parish I served. The nametags themselves were merely squares of construction paper that members would attach to their clothing with a pin. When coffee hour was finished they would pin the nametag back to the cork board to retrieve the next time they came to church. A member of

**12:10 in the Church  
6 pm in the Church**

**All services include homily by the Rector, Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes. (The earlier two services are expected to last approximately 45 minutes.)**

## **2013 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE!**



**As of today 206 households have pledged for a total of \$885,788.** While we are pleased to see an increase in the number of households pledging, we are *lagging behind our dollar total for last year at this time, when we had 197 pledges for a total of \$912,675.*

### **The GOOD NEWS...We have a CHALLENGE PLEDGE!**

A generous parishioner has stepped forward with the offer to match dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, every pledge that is made beginning today.

**All people who consider themselves parishioners of Grace Church should make an annual pledge** that can be fulfilled throughout 2013. Your commitment is an important sign of membership, regardless of the amount you can pledge.

the parish was the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. As you can imagine, his schedule was not his own, and he could not be in church as often as he wished. But he did notice that one's church attendance could be measured by the number of pin pricks in one's nametag. Thus, he confessed to me that when he did make it to church, he would often poke five or six extra holes in his nametag - just in case anyone else was counting!

We have a big Sunday ahead of us. Following the 11 am service we will enjoy lunch together in Tuttle Hall and then hold our annual parish meeting - the 205, I believe (in case anyone is counting). Also, at the Sunday Forum at 10:00 in the Reception Room, John Boody, co-founder of Taylor and Boody Organ Builders, will give a presentation about the majestic new instrument taking shape in Grace Church.

See you in church. And don't forget to wear your nametag.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

## **This Sunday, February 3, 2013**

### **9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

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

### **11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Combined Junior Choristers with Adults

### **6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry**

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

### **THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM: A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN BOODY**

- Join the conversation with [John Boody](#), cofounder of [Taylor and Boody Organ Builders](#) in Staunton, Virginia, about the new pipe organ that is taking shape and will soon be sounding. Reception Room at 10 am. Coffee is served.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace

Please take this opportunity to double the impact of your giving, by [pledging now](#).

## Adult Education: Offerings for the Season of Lent...

**Sundays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10 & 17**

**10AM: THE SUNDAY FORUM:**  
*Details to be announced.*

### 7PM: JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: FROM SIN TO FORGIVENESS

On Sunday evenings following the 6 pm service, we will reflect on our spiritual journeys from sin and brokenness to forgiveness and healing. This series is centered on the Eucharistic lections and uses outside readings, film, lectures, and discussion/reflection groups. We begin with light refreshment and will end by 8:30 pm. Topics include Prayer: A Daily Conversation (Feb 17); Sin, Self & Freedom: Jesus as Martyr (Feb 24); Judgment: A Biblical Perspective (Mar 3); Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son (Mar 10); and Grace: Accepting God's Love (Mar 17). Make these classes a part of your Lenten journey; join for one or all of them. Led by the clergy of Grace Church and special guest speakers, held in the Chantry directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist.

**Wednesdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, & 20**

**6:45 PM: LENTEN FILM STUDY: THE DECALOGUE** On Wednesday evenings during Lent, the Reverends Sarah Wood and Stephen Holton will lead a film study on five of the ten films Krzysztof Kieslowski directed for Polish public television in the late 1980s entitled *The Decalogue*. In watching and reflecting on these short films, we will consider the characters established within the cinematic medium, discover theological threads: temptation, examination, repentance,

Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. Preview the [2013 Annual Report HERE](#).

A delicious lunch (\$5 per person suggested donation) will be served at the meeting. **A pizza lunch will be provided for children in the Nursery during the meeting.**

## Coming Soon

### 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!



### FEB 10 - THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM: THE FUTURE OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

with the Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy, Associate Dean and Professor of Liturgics, General Theological Seminary. For the past 450 years Anglican Christians have set forth their theology and liturgy in subsequent editions of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Today the internet is changing everything; people are no longer book oriented, and they expect more choice and flexibility than can be bound in a printed volume. Have we seen the last edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*? Come join the discussion. Reception Room at 10 am. Coffee is served.

### FEB 10 - 20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH

Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for our February brunch on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> at Lillie's at 13 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street (between Union Square West and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave) following the 11 am service. RSVP by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

### FEB 10 - ACOLTYE MEETING - NEWCOMERS

**WELCOME!** 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older is welcome to become an acolyte. Today, in the Church, following the 11 am service, the clergy will be leading a 30-minute 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

forgiveness, and grace, and finally acknowledge the ways in which our own lives express these habits. Class will begin as early as 6:45 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) and conclude by 8:15 pm, in the Music Room.

### 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.

to serve but can't attend today's meeting, contact the Rector at [dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org).

### FEB 10, 17 NEWCOMER CLASS CONTINUES - 12:30

**PM** - Everyone new to Grace Church in the past year is encouraged to attend on Sundays through Feb 17 at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come to learn more about the history of Grace Church, life at Grace today, and how to connect with other parishioners and ministry opportunities. A light lunch is served. For more information, contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**FEB 12 - SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES!** - Did somebody say bacon will also be served? Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm as we celebrate Mardi Gras with pancakes, kids' crafts and parish-wide fun in the school dining room! February has been named National Pancake Month, so now we have patriotic as well as theological reasons to keep the feast. There will be a suggested donation of \$10 per person at the door. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

**FEB 15 - 20s30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS** - Join us for a meal and fellowship at our SUSHI FRIDAY dinners at 7 pm every Friday during Lent starting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details, or contact Melissa Spindler at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

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