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**To glorify God
and fill the
sanctuary with
beauty for
Easter...**

**Please make a
memorial or
thanksgiving
offering for
Easter flowers!**

Sunday, March 3, 2013

The Third Sunday in Lent



Dear Friends,

Sometimes a picture says it all. Those of you in church over the past few weeks have surely noticed that we are now using the new organ exclusively to support our hymn singing and choral anthems. The two cases have risen majestically in the chancel, the console is in place, and now even the chamber in the eastern end of the south transept is filling up with pipes. Actually, the new organ is only about thirty-percent installed, so we still have much more to come, and the builders are racing to get as much done as possible in time for Easter.

A question I've been asked frequently concerns the west gallery beneath the rose window where the old Schlicker pipe organ used to be. "What will happen in that space?" You may have noticed that twelve massive pipes remain in place along the north and south walls of the gallery. Most of us normally envision organ pipes as being metal in composition and tubular in shape, but these don't look like that at all. They are wooden and rectangular. One of them is 32-feet tall! Over one-hundred years ago the great organ builder, E.M. Skinner, who at the time was just making a name for himself, built and installed these "open woods," as they are commonly called. In the 1960's, when Grace Church made the decision to replace the Skinner organ with a new instrument, Schlicker incorporated Skinner's open woods into his organ. The problem was, Schlicker never gave them enough wind to sound with all their potential. Thus, we really haven't heard these ancient pipes for 50 years.



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You may also find an **Easter flower envelope for cash or check in your service bulletin this Sunday**, or around the narthex or Parish House.

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, 3/24.

Your guide to music, adult education and worship for the season...

Well, that changed this week when our new organ builders - Taylor and Boody - jury rigged a blower up in the gallery to test the ancient pipes with all the wind they desire. The results were literally earth shaking. Yes, Taylor and Boody are incorporating the Skinner pipes into the new instrument. Yes, they will be giving them the proper amount of wind. No, you don't want to be sitting up there when these pipes speak. Take a look at the photo of yours truly next to just one of these twelve pipes for a sense of scale.

Although the Skinner pipes won't be online in time for Easter, much of the new organ will be, and we will make a joyful noise to the Lord indeed.



See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday, March 3, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: The Parish Choir

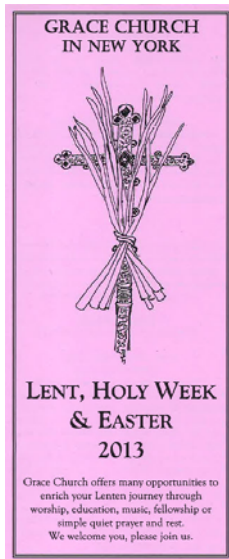
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

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

**THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM - TRYING CHRISTIANS:
Challengers of Complacent Faith (Sundays in Lent)**



Find copies around the Church and Parish House or **click on the image** above. (Highlights under **COMING SOON** below.)

Classes will focus on the lives of Christians who challenge the foundational beliefs and practices of our shared faith. A meditation on these figures reminds us to guard against complacency in our own religious lives. *Held in Tuttle Hall; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion. **TODAY 3/3 Rebecca Myers and Melissa Spindler will speak about the Rev. Dr. James Cone**, founder of Black Liberation Theology. **NEXT WEEK 3/10 Diana Benet, University of North Texas, speaks about Flannery O'Connor, Christian and fiction writer.***

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: FROM SIN TO FORGIVENESS - (Sunday Evenings) Classes begin after the 6 pm service (about 6.45) and aim to be finished by 7.45. We begin with light refreshment, then 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. Topics include **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.

COMING SOON

MAR 4 - OUTREACH MONDAY POTLUCK SUPPER - Please join us from 6:30-8 pm for prayer, to share a fellowship meal, and to find out about upcoming Outreach projects. Bring a dish or a beverage to share and a non-perishable item for our Grace Church food donation baskets. This month enter through the 802 door of the Parish House and proceed to the Church where we will begin with Evening Prayer for Mission followed by a meal in the Reception Room.

MAR 6 (WEDNESDAYS IN LENT) FILM STUDY: THE DECALOGUE
The Reverends Sarah Wood and Stephen Holton will lead a study on five of the ten films Krzysztof Kieslowski directed for Polish public television in the late 1980s entitled *The Decalogue*. We will consider the characters established within the cinematic medium, discover theological threads: temptation, examination, repentance, forgiveness, and grace, and finally acknowledge the ways in which our own lives express these habits. Class will begin at 6:45 pm (on Mar 6, 13 & 20, directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) and conclude by 8:15 pm, in the Music Room.

MAR 8 - 20s30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS - Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship with others in their 20s and 30s at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. Various locations. *RSVP*

and learn the location by 5 pm each THURSDAY to Melissa Spindler at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org.

MAR 24 - PALM SUNDAY EVENSONG - EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART II At 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from the Easter Portion of Handel's MESSIAH.

MAR 24 - PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION - No Sunday School. All Sunday School children who wish to participate in a grand procession at the beginning of the 11 am service should come to Tuttle Hall at 10:45 am on March 24th. Parents are welcome to march with their children. Parents who are not marching: please be sure your children know where to find you in the church after the procession ends.



MAR 27 - 1st CENTURY AGAPE MEAL - On Wednesday March 27th, in place of our usual 6 p.m. Eucharist, we will experience in food and format what the earliest Christians would have known in their gatherings together. Families and children are very welcome and encouraged. A \$10 suggested donation per adult will help offset costs.

MAR 30 - EASTER EVE WALK - Join us on Holy Saturday, March 30th, from 10:30 am-1:30 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord through interactive storytelling. There will also be crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt! Activities are designed for kids ages 4 and up, but the whole family is welcome. Suggestion donation is \$10. To attend, RSVP to Melissa at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org. To help, please see below!

EASTER EVE WALK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Your help in making this year's Easter Eve Walk a joyous occasion for all is greatly needed! If you are able to offer your time, gifts or talents, please sign up by contacting Melissa at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org. Please see the Easter Eve Walk Bulletin Board (just outside the Reception Room) to see how you might help!

MAR 31 - EASTER SUNDAY - No Sunday School. Activity bags available to help kids sit through church!

APRIL - CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS will begin in early April. Classes will meet weekly and be led by the clergy in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday June 16th. To sign up for youth classes (7th-12th grade) contact Melissa Spindler at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org. To sign up for adult classes, contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at sholton@gracechurchnyc.org.

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