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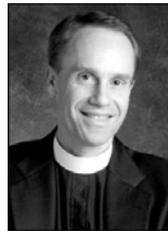


Monday, April 22
7-8:30pm

Parents of school-aged children (2-16) are invited to participate in a monthly evening of conversation

Sunday, April 21st 2013

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

What a crazy and sad week this has been. On Monday it seemed like any sense of normalcy we had returned to following the Newtown, CT school shootings was rocked again by the two bomb blasts at the Boston Marathon. By Thursday two suspects had been identified. By Friday morning one had been killed in an gun battle with the police. As I write this an intense manhunt is underway for the second. The nature of our times is that it all plays out in real time before our eyes, as if in a reality TV show.

The truth is, it's not a TV show. We have been reminded again of the darkness that can lurk in the human heart, and how vulnerable we are to the devices and desires of those who can only be described as being possessed by a spirit of evil. On the other hand, we have also witnessed the deeds of people who can clearly be counted as children of light: first responders on the scene, people who stayed to help the wounded. I find myself today saying prayers of thanks for police officers everywhere - "the thin blue line" of people who put themselves at risk for the protection of

and fellowship with their peers. This month's meeting will focus on the challenges and wealth that come from differing faith perspectives within a family, and is being hosted Jay Sammons & Nir Liberboim. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. [RSVP to Melissa](#) by noon, Monday, April 22nd.

OUTREACH

MANY THANKS

to everyone who served, prepared, collected, delivered, cooked, or baked to feed guests at the [New York City Rescue Mission](#) last Saturday evening. Over **three dozen volunteers** provided over 30 pot roasts, over 200 cupcakes, and **fed over 200 people**. Thank you!

NEW! THE GO PROJECT/YOUNG LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

GO is currently recruiting members for its Young Leadership Council (YLC). The YLC is the GO Project's division for **young professionals interested in making a difference** in the lives of GO students. YLC will act as ambassadors for GO, raising funds through events and appeals, and attending quarterly meetings. **Membership**

others. I am awed by how quickly they have acted - and are acting now - to apprehend the criminals.

A member of a church I previously served had a motto that I've been thinking about this week: *Build people up, don't tear them down.* He quoted it often; he taught it to his children; he infused every level of his business with it. In a world where some, sadly, take horrific measures to tear society apart, the only way for the children of light to respond is to double our efforts to build people up. As Martin Luther declared in his great hymn (688), *the Spirit and the gifts are ours* to strengthen us. In the coming days I hope that you, by the power of Christ's Spirit, will be intentional about building someone up.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday, April 21, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

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

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM the Rev. Rebecca Myers in words and images recounts her journey to the site of one of the early [resurrection appearances of Jesus - Road to Emmaus](#). Rebecca will facilitate a discussion, and we'll explore how Jesus becomes known to us in the "breaking of the bread." Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.

benefits include: giving back to the community, gaining valuable experience within the nonprofit sector, networking with other young professionals and attending exclusive board/donor events. If interested, please contact Liz Trout at etrout@goprojectnyc.org or (347) 377-2328.

ADOPT A PIPE LAST CALL!

As we celebrate the inauguration of the new organ on April 26th, we also look forward to the glorious planned Exhibition on September 21 - the event that will serve as **the capstone of our new organ's installation.**

Just in time for the September Exhibition, the names of every Adopt a Pipe donor will be inscribed on special plaques affixed to the organ case. Only a few weeks remain to honor or memorialize a loved one through our [Adopt A Pipe program](#).

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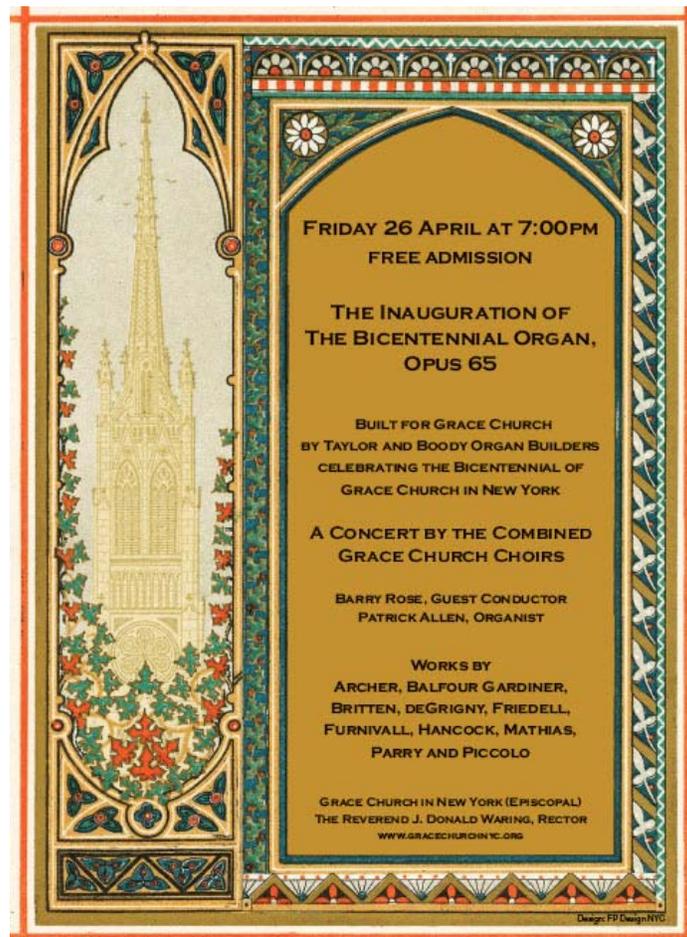
to choose from popular giving levels like Donor (\$500), Friend (\$250), and Contributor (\$100).

ACOLYTE MEETING for those who serve at the 9 am service. Please meet the Rector in the Church by the baptismal font immediately following the 9 am service.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS - CONTINUES - Classes will meet Sundays from 12:45 - 1:45 pm and be led by the clergy in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday June 16th. Those who have already registered for the Youth and Adult classes will meet today in the Reception Room for a light lunch together, and then break for their separate sessions. **If you are still interested in signing up** for youth classes (7th-12th grade) contact Melissa Spindler at mshindler@gracechurchnyc.org. To sign up for adult classes, contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at sholton@gracechurchnyc.org.

SUNDAY EVE ADULT EDUCATION - The Rev. Rebecca Myers on the *Road to Emmaus* (see Sunday Forum at 10 am).

ANNOUNCING...OPUS 65!



*Only a few spaces remain
and must be claimed by
Sunday, June 16!*

LET MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY (SING) ON!

Join us for this, the first of many, dedicatory events surrounding the new organ. Bring your family and friends and plan to enjoy this very special evening of sacred song! **We invite everyone who attends to bring a dry good to help feed the hungry of our city.**

COMING SOON

APR 24 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY

CONTINUES On Wednesday evenings at 7 pm (directly after the 6 pm Eucharist), the Rev. Sarah Anne Wood will lead a series of discussions on Monica A. Coleman's [*Not Alone: Reflections on Faith and Depression*](#). This text is an exceptional devotional sure to open up reflection on our daily journeys, moments in our lives always in conversation with "Our Father who is in heaven," with the Scriptures' expression, as well as in our living together in holy fellowship. All are welcome! Books will be available for purchase. (Five sessions: April 17, 24, May 1, 15, and 22)

APR 26 - THE INAUGURATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL ORGAN, Opus 65 (details above)

APR 27 - 20s30s TRIVIA NIGHT - 6th Annual City Wide All Episcopal 20s/30s Trivia Night Fundraiser! Saturday, 6:30-9:30, at St. James' Church, 865 Madison Ave at 71st St. \$25 includes dinner, games & prizes. BYOB. All contributions will go to the NY Library Association Sandy Relief Fund. **RSVP to [Melissa](#) by Sunday, April 21st!**

APR 28 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - GRACE CHURCH & [THE GO PROJECT](#) - PAST AND PRESENT.

Details to follow.

APR 28 - 9-12 YO SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet in the Archive/McKitrick Room during the 11am service.

APR 28 - SUNDAY EVE ADULT EDUCATION - CURIOUS ABOUT PRAYER?

What do I say? How does it work? Rick Hamlin, Executive Editor at Guideposts, will lead a discussion about prayer as a daily practice of conversation with God. Rick will read from his newest book, *10 Prayers You Can't Live Without*:

How to Talk to God about Anything. Bring a friend, and don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and to meet this well-known author and Episcopalian.

MAY 6 - 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.

MAY 18 - QUIET DAY WITH MARY MAGDALENE

Sponsored by the ECW and hosted by Artist and Spiritual Director, Heather Sisk, with Poet MacKerrow Talcott. The day will involve meditating on sculpture and poetry dedicated to the life and witness of Mary Magdalene. We'll draw away from the sensational aspects of her story and into deeper relationship with the Spirit. Periods of quiet will allow for prayer and or journaling. Please bring a journal and a lunch, and join us on Saturday May 18th from 10 am-3 pm in the Reception Room.

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