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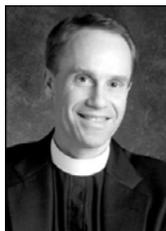


**ADOPT A PIPE
LAST CALL!**

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.**

Sunday, April 28th 2013

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

Five years ago, when we first signed the contract with "Taylor and Boody" to build the Bicentennial Organ of Grace Church, a night like tonight seemed like an impossible dream. *Tonight's concert at 7 pm celebrates the "inauguration" of the new organ*, the first of many events that will formally introduce this magnificent instrument to the community, and demonstrate how it will support our music program and glorify God. Dr. Allen and the choirs have been working extraordinarily hard to present a thrilling program of choral and organ works. Admission to the concert and reception that follows is free, but we ask that you bring a canned good to help stock local food pantries.

In the beginning we knew we were embarking on a long distance run, not a sprint. George Taylor and John Boody, the builders, would have to design the organ to the unique specifications of Grace Church, then handcraft all 5,000 pipes and the marvelous woodwork we now see before us. We ourselves would have to restore considerable portions of the church's interior adjacent to the organ, and also raise the money to pay for it all.

Just in time for the September Exhibition, the names of Adopt a Pipe donors 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).

Pipes are available at every level, but in order for your name to be engraved on the plaque, you must respond by Sunday, June 16! Visit www.gracechurchnyc.org (click GIVE - ADOPT A PIPE) today!

Along the way we conducted two successful capital campaigns (the Bicentennial Campaign and the Power of Grace campaign). We also launched **Adopt A Pipe** - a giving method by which parishioners and friends could purchase individual pipes in the organ as memorial or thanksgiving gifts.

Now, with the organ's nearing completion, we are issuing a last call for Adopt A Pipe. All of our generous givers who participated in the above mentioned campaigns will have their names engraved on walnut plaques mounted on the doors of the north organ case facing the baptismal font. In order to have these beautiful plaques in place by September, and be certain of their accuracy, the work on them must begin soon. Therefore, the last day to Adopt A Pipe will be Sunday, June 16, 2013. The next day we need to deliver a final list so the plaques can be engraved.

Don't miss tonight's concert, and don't miss the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your name be part of what is destined to be one of the great organs in the United States, if not the world. Pipes are still available at every level. Envelopes will be at tonight's concert, and a mailing will be coming your way. Or you can Adopt A Pipe online through the website. See below for instructions.

ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT



45 years ago, members of Grace Church and parents of Grace Church School created the [GO Project](#) as an educational outreach program for underperforming public school children. To

We are almost there! Thanks be to God, and thanks be to you. See you in church.

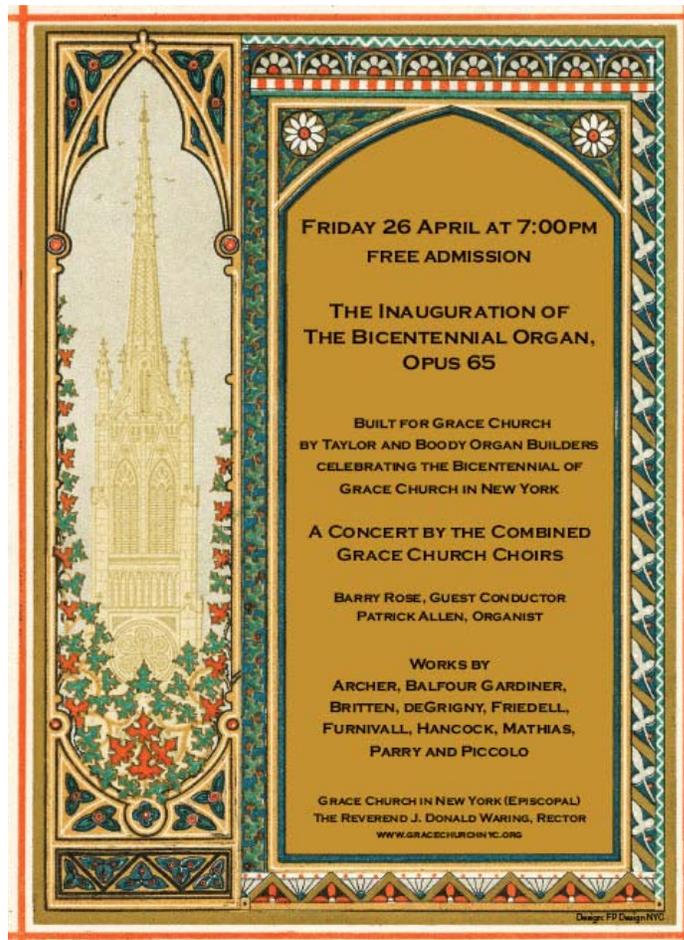
[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

TONIGHT! ANNOUNCING...OPUS 65!

celebrate the 45th anniversary, the GO Project is hosting a spring benefit on May 16th at 82Mercer. The event will feature an assortment of cocktails and tasting tables generously donated by local restaurants, as well as a silent and live auction.

All monies raised directly benefit GO Project students. Your support can help the GO Project increase the number of students served from 494 to 567.

For more information, please email Liz or click [HERE](#).



**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.**

This Sunday, April 28, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11 a.m. Morning Prayer 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 10 AM - GRACE CHURCH & THE GO PROJECT

The GO Project was founded by Grace Church and Grace Church School families to support and encourage academic achievement for at-risk students in Manhattan south of 14th St. Come hear about the history of GO, learn about the goals and strategies its students and teachers use to succeed, and find out how you can help young people in our neighborhoods achieve academic success. Olivia Nunez, Director of Community Engagement, will discuss this vital ministry here in our community. *Takes place in the Reception Room today; coffee is served.*

9-12 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet in the Archive/McKitrick Room during the 11am service.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

CONTINUES - Led by the clergy in preparation for the bishop's visit on Sunday June 16th. Both youth and adults will meet in the Reception Room at 12:45 for a light lunch, and then break for their separate sessions.

NOTED AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT GRACE CHURCH - Rick Hamlin, Executive Editor at Guideposts Magazine, will lead a discussion about prayer as a daily practice of conversation with God. He will also 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. Held directly after the 6 pm service, Sunday, April 28, starting at 7 pm in the Reception Room (Parish House, 802 Broadway). Wine and light refreshments served.

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 to join at any time. Books will be available for purchase. (Five sessions: April 17, 24, May 1, 15, and 22)

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 12 - EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY - This day, to be observed across the diocese, provides a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to join together to help those most in need. Especially in these very difficult economic times, food pantries and soup kitchens are finding the number of hungry people they serve skyrocketing. 100% of each offering goes directly to support parish-based feeding programs in the diocese. EC donation envelopes will be inserted into your Sunday bulletins. For more information, contact episcopalcharities@dioceseny.org or call 212-316-7575.

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.

MAY 30 - ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING - All women of Grace Church are invited: 6:30 pm in Tuttle Hall for a meeting and "No Pressure" Pot Luck (bring something savory or sweet to share if you can - no pressure!) Please try to attend this last meeting before the summer. On the agenda: "Women's work days" for June and July! Christmas Fair 2013 and much more!

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