

# The Epistle *E-news*

## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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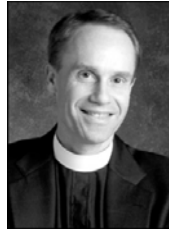
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## YOUTH & FAMILY



**MARCH 30 EASTER EVE WALK**

## Holy Week and Easter 2013



Dear Friends,

If I had my way, the new Archbishop of Canterbury and the new Pope would get together to make a bold, brash ecumenical statement: From this time forth, even forever, Easter shall be on the second Sunday of April. With a little luck we might even get the Orthodox churches to play along with us. Think about it: if Easter were always on the second Sunday of April, we'd stand of better chance of the temperature's being warm outside. Nobody would be on Spring Break. Even the magnolia tree in the Grace Church yard would have time to get in bloom and proclaim, in its own way, that the Lord is risen indeed.

Alas, we follow the decision of the Synod of Whitby, which met in the year 664. For the first six centuries of Christianity, the date of Easter was anything but uniform, with various regions celebrating the Resurrection according to completely different schedules. "The Paschal Controversy" was finally put to rest at the Synod of Whitby, when the gathered leaders of the church decided that Easter should be on the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the Spring equinox, "a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical

Join us on Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. Suggested donation is \$10.

To attend, RSVP to [Melissa!](#)

### MAR 31 EASTER DAY

(No Sunday School)  
Activity bags will be available at the door to help kids sit through church!

**ANNOUNCING... THE NEXT FAMILY FAITH FORUM: HOW WE PASS ON OUR FAMILY VALUES on Monday, APRIL 8**

Parents of school-aged children (2-16) are invited to participate in a monthly evening of conversation with their peers. The group usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

To attend this month's meeting on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm RSVP to Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org) by noon on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to get the address.

**The next meeting is April 22nd, and will discuss Interfaith Families.**

**The Epistle E-news goes on recess next week...**

Please see the worship schedule for Sunday, April 7th below! The next E-news will arrive in your inbox in time for Sunday, April 14th.

computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox." In short, this means that Easter can occur anytime from March 22 to April 25. My guess is, the Synod of Whitby will stand; the new Archbishop of Canterbury will have other things to discuss.

So here it comes, Easter Day, the highest feast of the Christian year, this Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. If the date is sneaking up on you, and you feel that you won't be quite ready to shout "The Lord is risen, indeed!" you still have time to prepare. The Maundy Thursday service is tonight at 7 pm, Good Friday is tomorrow, the Easter Vigil is Saturday, and then the great day will be upon us. Take the time to get ready. See the schedule below.

See you in church.

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

Rector

*Holy Week Continues, please join us...*

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28

7 p.m. in the Church

Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,  
Stripping of the Altar

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Wood

Music by *Durufle, Farrant, Tallis, & others*

The Adult Choir

#### GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

12 - 3 P.M. THE THREE HOURS' DEVOTION:

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Preachers: The Rev. Timothy Morehouse (1&2),

The Rev. Rebecca Myers (3), The Rev. Sarah Wood (4),

The Rev. Mary Cat Young (5), The Rev. Stephen Holton (6),

The Rev. J. Donald Waring (7).

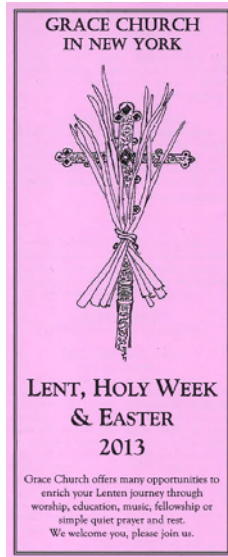
7 p.m. in the Church

Choral Vespers  
OLIVET TO CALVARY

by John Henry Maunder

The Adult Choir

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



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

A moving account of the Passion set to music and sung by the choir with tenor and bass soloists.

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30**

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Easter Eve Walk**

Children ages 4-12 and their families are invited to experience the Passion and Resurrection through interactive storytelling, crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt. Suggestion donation \$10.

**7 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Holy Baptism & Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music by *Byrd & Fauré*

The Adult Choir

***Easter Day...***

**EASTER DAY, MARCH 31**

All Services in the Church

**9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Grace Church Choirs.

**11 a.m. Festive Choral eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker, & others*

The Combined Grace Church Choirs,  
Brass & Tympani

**4 P.M. ORGAN MUSIC FOR EASTER DAY**

Music by *Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor*

**6 p.m. Festive Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring.

Music by *Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, & others*  
The Adult Choir

***Next Sunday...***

(Please note that there is **no Sunday Forum on April 7th**. The Forum will resume on April 14th - see "Coming Soon.")

**The Second Sunday of Easter, APRIL 7**

**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: The Parish Choir

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

Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

**4 p.m. Choral Evensong**

Selections from Handel's MESSIAH Part III

The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir

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

Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

**COMING SOON**

**APR 1 - THE CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Easter Monday.

**APR 13 - HELP TO PROVIDE A HOME COOKED MEAL** for guests at the New York City Rescue Mission. Email [outreach@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:outreach@gracechurchnyc.org) to sign up.

**APR 14 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM RESUMES** with [the Most Rev. Dr. Peter Carnley](#) speaking on the Resurrection. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Rev. Rebecca Myers recounts in words and images her journey to the site of one of the early [resurrection appearances of Jesus - Road to Emmaus!](#)

**APR 14 - CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS** will take place on Sundays from 12:45-1:45 pm, beginning April 14th 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](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org). To sign up for adult classes, contact the Rev. Stephen Holton at [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**APR 14 - 20s30s BRUNCH** - Location TBD. Leave from Grace at about 12:50. *RSVP by 5 pm on Friday the 12th to Melissa Spindler at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).*

**APR 20 - GRACE CHURCH SATURDAY AT THE GO PROJECT** - Help local elementary school students achieve and succeed! Join [the GO Project](#) as a classroom volunteer, either on an on-going basis or just one Saturday to try it out! Our next Grace Church morning with GO is Saturday, April 20, from 9 am - 12:45 pm at Grace Church School (Fourth Ave. at 10th St.) For more information or to sign up, contact

[Olivia Nunez](#), Director of Community Engagement  
(call 347-377-2317).

**APR 26 - ANNOUNCING...THE INAUGURATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL ORGAN, Opus 65!** The Combined Choirs of Grace Church will offer a special concert of anthems and hymns conducted by our longtime friend Dr. Barry Rose. Patrick Allen will be at the organ. Bring your family and friends and plan to enjoy this very special evening of sacred song accompanied by the new organ!

**LET MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY (SING) ON!** This is our musical banner going forward.

Admission is free, but we invite everyone who attends this, the first of many programs celebrating this new voice in our community, to **bring a dry good to help feed the hungry of our city.**

**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 ASAP!

**MAY 10 - BACH: MASS IN B MINOR - THE CHORAL SOCIETY of Grace Church** presents J.S. Bach's [Mass in B minor, BWV 232](#), on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Church. John Maclay, music director. [Molly Quinn](#), [Luthien Brackett](#), [Christopher Ainslie](#), [Dann Coakwell](#) and Charles Wesley Evans, soloists. Tickets \$25 general admission, \$150 prime reserved (A portion of the prime reserved ticket price will be tax deductible to the extent of the law.) Tickets are ALMOST SOLD OUT, so please purchase ASAP by PayPal or credit card at [www.thechoralsociety.org](http://www.thechoralsociety.org).

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