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in New York City



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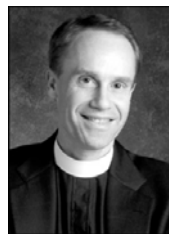
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**DONORS, JULY 14 IS
THE FINAL DAY TO
REVIEW...**

...the Bicentennial, Power of Grace and Adopt a Pipe giving lists for the special hand-carved plaques affixed to the organ case. Once the lists are finalized, changes cannot be made. The

July 2013

Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all and happy summer. What follows is the first of two monthly newsletters that you'll be receiving from Grace Church - this one for July and then another during the first week of August. I know that many of our parishioners are traveling during these lazy, hazy days, and thus our pace is decidedly slower. Nevertheless, our weekly worship schedule continues uninterrupted, so do join in on Sundays, or for the Wednesday 6 pm Eucharist in the chantry if you happen to be away on the weekend.

Even though the program life of the parish slows down, other sorts of necessary activity has been taking place. One bit of good news is that the large blocks of limestone filling Seymour Close off Tuttle Hall and alongside the church in Huntington Close will soon be leaving the premises. These ornately carved stones comprised the chancel screens that filled the arches behind the choir pews where the two organ cases now stand. They were designed by the noted architectural firm, Heins & LaFarge, and put in place in approximately 1903 when the chancel of the church was lengthened to accommodate the choir. Unfortunately, they stood right where the new organ needed to be, so we disassembled them in early 2011 and stored them in Seymour and Huntington Closes. We had hoped we'd be able to reassemble them

lists are located on the bulletin board opposite the Reception Room or [online](#). If you have any corrections or questions, please contact Director of Development [Brian Hagan](#).

Next Date for Baptism...



Sunday, July 28 at the 9 am service. Contact [Melissa Spindler](#), Director of Youth and Family Ministry, for information on baptism for infants or adults.

SUMMERTIME @Grace



Worship services continue uninterrupted year round on Sundays at 9am, 11am and 6pm, Wednesdays at 6pm.

Program schedules change for summertime (click [HERE](#)), but will fully resume in September. Check the site next month for a preview!

somewhere else inside or outside the church. Nothing quite fit, and the price of re-assembling them on a proper foundation (some of the blocks weigh over 1,000 pounds) was too costly. At the same time, the stones were too beautiful and historic merely to throw in a dumpster, so there they sat.

As a last resort, we were about the store them in an old coal bin under the rectory yard. Getting them down there would have been no small or inexpensive effort in itself, and once there, they never would have seen the light of day again. Finally, on a longshot I asked Bishop Dietsche and the Dean of the Cathedral if they might have use for them. St. John the Divine is forever under construction, and the early parts of it were designed by - you guessed it - Heins & LaFarge. What is more, the Cathedral has plans to develop portions of their property in years to come, so these stones could prove architecturally significant in tying things together. Lo and behold, the Bishop and the Dean said "Yes, we'll take them!" What a blessing that these beautiful stones should not be lost forever, but repurposed to build up God's kingdom. By the time you read this they should have already made their journey to Amsterdam and 110th St., and we look forward to seeing how they become part of the Cathedral grounds.

Other news of note: As I write this Vacation Bible School is in full swing. The GO Project is about to begin their summer session. Finally, the Vestry authorized the disbursement of this year's Vestry Fund for Outreach (VFO) grants. If you recall, the VFO is funded each year by the Christmas offering, and is then used to support agencies of mercy in the city working to eliminate homelessness and hunger. As the VFO has grown, it has become a strong lever for good in the community, and this promises to continue. The recipients this year were the [New York City Rescue Mission](#) and the [Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing](#).

I look forward to seeing you some Sunday soon, and if you come back to Tuttle Hall for fellowship, we shall sip iced tea in Seymour Close, without fear of tripping over limestone blocks.

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

On Fridays, the Parish House closes at 1 pm, and Church closes at 3 pm.
Through Labor Day weekend.

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For weekly service times, check the [website](#) updated weekly.

This week
July 7, 2013

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: Joshua Parrillo, *Baritone*

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

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

(Service times are updated weekly on the [website](#).)

COMING SOON

JULY 22 - THE GO PROJECT would first like to express gratitude for your support throughout our school year programming, which helped to provide much needed supplemental academic and social-emotional support services to nearly 500 public school students and their families. This summer 350 students will attend our 5-week summer academic and enrichment program at Grace Church/Grace Church School. **We invite you to join us on Thursday, July 22nd from 10-11:30am for a GO Summer site visit** so that you can see what the Grace Church partnership makes possible! To reserve a spot on July 22nd, or for other information, please e-mail [Olivia Nunez](mailto:Olivia.Nunez) or call her at 347-377-2317. We hope that you can join us! Visit www.goprojectnyc.org.

JULY 27 - IN CONCERT: STUDENTS FROM THE MUSIC SCHOOL OF SAINT PETER'S SCHOOL, YORK, UK under the direction of Paul Miles-Kingston. Come, and enjoy! Admission is free, please bring a non-perishable food donation to help feed the hungry of our City and support these talented young people. Visit <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org> for more details. Repertoire may include: Water Music Suite -

Handel arr. Wallace; Shenandoah - Traditional arr. Erb; The Water of Tyne, Traditional arr. Neaum; A Clare Benediction, Rutter; Coronation Mass, Mozart; Blessed City, Bairstow; The Turtle Dove - arr. Vaughan Williams. Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

AUG 3 - COME HELP SERVE A MEAL at the New York City Rescue Mission on Saturday, August 3, from 4-7 pm! No experience needed, just put on your smile and bring your willing hands and warm hearts. To sign up or request more information e-mail cestreich@aol.com.

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