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GRACE CHURCH in New York City



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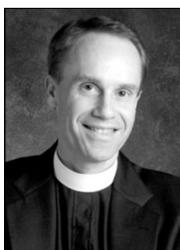
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November 2, 2014

All Saints' Sunday



Dear Friends,

In this space last week I shared with you how after many years off, I am easing my way back into being a runner. Shortly thereafter I went on a run and promptly re-strained the very same calf muscle I'd been nursing for two weeks. What is more, it happened at exactly the same place on my route when I injured it before. So it's back to the bench for me, and the next time out, perhaps I should change routes!

I've often thought it a happy coincidence that the NYC Marathon is run on All Saints' Sunday. Striving to be a saint and striving to be a runner have much in common with each other. In fact, a verse of Scripture often associate with the celebration of All Saints' makes the connection. In the Book of Hebrews (12:1-2) we read: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.*

What does it mean to be a saint? The verse in

"Thou art

...indeed just, Lord,
if I contend

With thee; but, sir,
so what I plead is
just.

Why do sinners'
ways prosper? and

why must
Disappointment all
I endeavour end?"

SUNDAY @10 AM

Get Ready to Shop!



**GRACE &
THE ARTS AT
CHRISTMAS
FAIR** * * * *

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 5-7pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 10:00-4pm

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS WILL HAVE THEIR
WORK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

EAT PIE



For the Choir
Special Projects
Fund! (click the pie)

Hebrews is rich with meaning, so let me point to just a few things that jump out at me: *A great cloud of witnesses* - We are at all times surrounded by the fellowship of saints, who cheer us onward. *Lay aside every weight* - Possessions are highly overrated. Enough said. *Run*, perhaps not literally, but spiritually. Get off the couch and do something in the Name of the Lord to serve the Lord. *Persevere*. Don't quit, even though injury may sideline you for a time. Learn from your mistakes and try again. *The race that is set before us* - Note the use of the second person, the singular of which is "you." Run the race that is set before you. You can't run someone else's race. Not every saint can be your patron. What is God's calling to you? Finally, *look to Jesus*. Know that Jesus is on the finish line waiting for you - not with a stopwatch to time your finish, but with open arms to welcome you home.

I look forward to see you on All Saints' Sunday, one of the great days of the Christian year. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night, and enjoy an extra hours' sleep!

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday, November 2nd

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys
and The Girls' Choir

4 p.m. Choral Evensong

Featuring REQUIEM set by Michael Haydn
The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones.

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM – IN SEARCH OF THE SACRED: Hopkins' "Bright Wings" and the Subjectivity of Piety. Dr. Nicholas Birns, Associate Teaching Professor, Eugene Lang College, the New School. Gerard Manley Hopkins, a middle-class-Englishman turned Catholic convert and Jesuit priest, was the most original Christian poet of the nineteenth century in English. His work is astonishingly rich and inventive in language, and its emotional range sounds the heights of exhilaration and the depths of despair. Hopkins' poetry is apt for All Saints' Day as it shows the kind of subjective life in which a truly pious person might engage. *This fall our theme "In Search of the Sacred" will explore locating the sacred through both traditional and nontraditional means. Join us each Sunday for coffee, lively discussion and spiritual enrichment in the Reception Room at 10 am!*

PIE TASTING AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE!
THANKSGIVING PIES TO BENEFIT THE CHOIRS' 'Special Projects Fund' – Come and sample the pies at coffee hour after the 11 am service! The fund supports opportunities for the choirs not covered in the operating budget such as the summer concert tours (We are planning a tour centered in Paris for the Summer of 2015). You can help by ordering delicious pies for your Thanksgiving feast! We offer DELIVERY to your home or office for orders of 10 pies or more. Here is a perfect way to say "thank you" to a hostess, teacher, nanny, tutor or loved one, while \$10 from every purchase goes directly to the Special Projects Fund! THANK YOU for all your prayers and support! Place your order at the "pie box" in the Parish House hallway, or by clicking on the image of the pie in this newsletter! *Order deadline: Wednesday 11/19, Pickup day: Tues. 11/25.*

CHORAL EVENSONG – REQUIEM BY MICHAEL HAYDN
4PM The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong celebrating All Saints' Sunday. The primary musical offering will be the REQUIEM of Michael Haydn.

OCT 19, 26, NOV 2 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS ON

SUNDAY Evenings – Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it's like to be a member of Grace Church. This series of classes will be convenient for those who attend the 6 pm service, but anyone new to Grace Church in the past year is welcome to participate. 7 pm on Sundays Oct 19, 26 and Nov 2 in the Honor Room. *Additional Newcomer classes will be held in January and April and will be announced in this space.*

COMING SOON

NOV 4 –CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN–UPS AND INTERVIEWS! All children aged 5 and older are invited to participate in the annual Pageant, held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Only those interested in singing a solo, duet, or trio must sign up for an interview (taking place on Tues, Nov 4 from 2–6 pm IN THE MUSIC ROOM), but all participants must submit a cast information sheet by Nov 4 at 2 pm. Cast info sheets and a full schedule for the pageant are now available on the bulletin board in the Parish House hallway. To schedule your child for an interview, contact [Melissa](#).

NOV 6 – FALL NEWCOMERS' WELCOME EVENT. Please join us for fellowship and fun at our Fall Newcomers Welcome Event – A Taste of Spain! All Grace Newcomers are invited to enjoy Spanish tapas and beverages on Thursday, Nov 6, from 6:30pm–8:30 pm in the Chantry. *RSVP to Singleton Cox at singleton.cox@gmail.com. OLE!*

NOV 7 – JUNG DISCUSSION GROUP RESUMES We'll explore bringing meaningful interpretation and expression to our daily lives through Carl Jung's theories of dream reflection, synchronicity and the collective unconscious. All are welcome for discussion and prayer. Fridays 9:15–10 am, 3rd floor conference room. Questions, contact [Laurie Kyle](#).

NOV 9 – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM – LISTENING FOR THE SACRED THROUGH MENTORING. For several years, Grace Church has worked with Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing (IAHH) to shepherd their program serving veterans who are in transitional housing due to homelessness. Fellow veterans are sought as mentors to build new relationships upon common shared experiences, and

to model new ways of coping with struggles or celebrating accomplishments. The willingness to sacrifice required of all military veterans is a sacred commitment shared by both participants and mentors. The willingness to listen and connect with a stranger as a mentor is a sacred experience that we may all be called upon to share. Jason Slibeck and Gordon Matheson – both veterans, both mentors, and both fellow Grace parishioners – share their experiences with the program, and answer your questions.

NOV 9 – ALTAR GUILD SEASONAL MEETING – Advent will soon be upon us, and so it is time for our semi-annual meeting of the 11 am Altar Guild! Please join the Rev. Stephen Holton and Co-Chair Helen DuBois in the Reception Room after the 11 am service. In this brief meeting we will prepare for the upcoming season and share constructive comments. *The women and men of the Altar Guild are part of an unbroken tradition reaching back to the faithful women who provided for Jesus during his lifetime. New volunteers are always welcome and needed! Please contact Helen Du Bois at hwadub@nyc.rr.com for more information, or simply come to the meeting!*

NOV 15 – GRACE CHURCH/GO PROJECT VOLUNTEER DAY! Ever considered volunteering with the GO Project, but not sure you can make a year-round commitment? How about signing up for a one-day event? GO invites all Grace Church members and friends to participate on Saturday, Nov15th from 9 am–12:30 pm. Come and see this wonderful program in action, meet the students served by the program and pitch in to help! *Sign up by e-mailing Olivia Nunez at onunez@goprojectnyc.org.*



NOV 15, 16 GRACE AND THE ARTS AT CHRISTMAS FAIR On Saturday, Nov 15, 5–7 pm come to the Wine & Cheese Reception, admission \$10. Or come after church on Sunday, Nov 16, 10 am–4 pm, admission \$2. This is a fun annual event featuring the work of 25 local artists and craftspeople! Bring your Christmas list! Bagels and baked goods for sale on Sunday. *And the new Grace Church Cookbook will make its debut and will be available for purchase!*

NOV 16 – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM – IN SEARCH OF THE SACRED: A Response to Homelessness in the City. David Beer Vice President, Real Estate Development, The Common Ground Community. Why are there so many homeless people in New York City? How should people of faith respond to the problem? David Beer will discuss his work at a New York City-based homeless services organization. He will give an overview of homelessness in New York City over the last 50 years and describe the current dimensions of the problem. What is supportive housing and how is it effective in addressing homelessness? What are other effective solutions? What can Christians do?

Click the image below for tickets!



NOV 23 – GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY Please join us for our annual celebration of the common history and mission shared by church and school. At 10 am, The Rev. Mark Hummell will lead a Sunday Forum entitled In Search of the Sacred in Our Students (details below). At the 11 am service, Fr. Hummell will preach, and music will be offered by Alumni of the Choirs with The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir. After the service, please come to Tuttle Hall for a festive reception!

NOV 23 – IN SEARCH OF THE SACRED IN OUR STUDENTS The Rev. Mark Hummell, Chaplain for Grace Church School and Interim Chaplain for Canterbury Downtown at Grace Church. Fr. Hummell will discuss the importance of meeting our students where they are along their developmental lines, how to engage with those who seem disengaged, and building bridges between the worlds of academia & the church. He will also discuss his recent ministry at New York University Abu Dhabi, where he developed faith groups, and provided counseling for undergraduate college students, and his new ministry as the Chaplain at Grace Church School.

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