

# The Epistle *E-news*

## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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## JOIN THE PARISH STUDY



Paul's Letters to the Corinthians.

The Sunday Forum @10 am. Details at right, and [HERE](#).

## September 27, 2015

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Last evening at the Fall Garden Party in the rectory yard, a foreign tourist walking up Broadway mistook Grace Church for St. Patrick's Cathedral, and then assumed that the gathering on the lawn was a reception for the Pope. He stopped at the gate and asked, "Is Papa

here?"

All of New York City seems to have caught the enthusiasm for the Pope's visit. Thousands thronged St. Patrick's Cathedral last night for Vespers with the Pope, and even more will stand for hours in Central Park this afternoon hoping to catch a glimpse of him as his motorcade goes by. All of the enthusiasm is not misdirected. Francis seems to be living bravely into the role that his unique office provides: not only to build up the church and guard the faith, but to be a healer and a reconciler on a global stage.

As for the tourist out in front of Grace Church, he wasn't entirely off the mark. Many of you know that the architect of Grace Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral are one and the same: James Renwick, Jr. Renwick was a lifelong member of Grace Church, and this was his first major commission. You can see his portrait bust in the western corner of the north transept. The reason the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York awarded him the assignment uptown was due to his success designing this Episcopal church downtown. Thus, St. Patrick's Cathedral is but a bigger, bolder version of Grace Church. Not only do the two structures look alike, the building materials and techniques

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW



**THE GO PROJECT'S  
ANNUAL FALL  
COCKTAIL PARTY –  
NOV 18TH** hosted by  
the Young Leadership  
Council (YLC). Your  
participation will  
directly benefit GO  
students and their  
families. Wednesday,  
Nov 18th at the  
Rooftop Terrace,  
Bryant Park Grill. For  
*tickets and  
information, visit the  
[website](#).*

are largely the same. In the recent \$170 million renovation of St. Patrick's, they encountered the same challenges of plaster and stone as did we just a few years ago.

At St. Patrick's they were able to finish the restoration with one sustained effort. Alas, we have no such funds to take on the whole project here at once. Ours will be a stage-by-stage process, and it will soon be time to take on another phase of interior restoration. Where? Most likely the crossing and the north transept, where the bust of Mr. Renwick gazes down upon us. When? Hopefully as early as 2017. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, before we restore this house, let's restore a house in Queens in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. If you weren't in church last week (9/20/15) I spoke about it towards the end of the sermon. Click here and read (or listen) all about it [here](#).

See you in church.

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

## This Sunday

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**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

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

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen C. Holton

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**A PARISH STUDY: PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE  
CORINTHIANS – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** – This  
Fall, the Sunday Forum will focus on Paul's letters to

the Corinthians. Together, we'll examine the historical context of the letters and the issues they raise, including church factionalism, ethics and morals, women as church leaders, Christian-Jewish relations, spiritual charism, and more. We'll explore how the community in Corinth navigated these topics and how the narrative of their communal life may have relevancy for us at Grace Church. Forum attendees are encouraged to read designated passages of Corinthians in advance of each Sunday session so they can fully participate in a guided discussion. Held in the Reception Room at 10 am. All are welcome. *This week The Rev. Clayton Crawley, EVP, Chief Information Officer for the Church Pension Group, will guide a discussion on morality and ethics in the Corinthian community and their relevancy for us today.*

*More info on the series, including class dates and readings, [HERE](#).*

**THE REV. ALISTAIR MACDONALD RADCLIFF**, Assisting Priest at Grosvenor Chapel, our companion parish in the Diocese of London, will join us today at the 11 am service. Fr. Radcliff was formerly the Dean of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt. As he travels through NYC this weekend we are grateful that he is able to join us. We look forward to future joint ventures between Grace Church and Grosvenor Chapel.

**NEWCOMERS' CLASSES** – Do you have questions about Christianity and the Episcopal Church? Would you like to learn more about becoming a member of Grace Church? Meet the Clergy and fellow parishioners for a lively discussion and Q&A about parish life at Grace Church on Sundays, Sept 20, 27 and Oct 4, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room. For more information and to sign up for the class, [contact Stephen Holton](#). *Newcomer classes are held 3 times per year.*

**NEW PRAYER BOOKS AND BIBLES FOR GRACE – DONATE IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE!** The ECW has

offered to help replace many of the well-worn and loved books in our pews by sponsoring a book drive. For just \$25 per book, you can help! Find members of the ECW at coffee hour after the 9 and 11 am services on Sept 27 & Oct 4 to place your order. You may also contact [Cathy Minuse](#) for information and order forms.

### *Coming Soon*

**SEPT 26, OCT 11, OCT 18 – 20s and 30s–ish** – A new name and new energy: We're re-launching our ministry to parishioners in their 20's, 30's, and early 40's – 20's and 30's–ish – with three upcoming events. **ART & PICNIC: On Saturday, Sept 26, from 11:30 – 2:30, join with young Episcopalians from other Manhattan churches for a visit to the Cloisters and picnic lunch in Ft. Tyron Park.** **SUNDAY BRUNCH:** On Sunday, Oct. 11, after the 11 am liturgy and coffee hour, join us for brunch at a nearby restaurant. **SERMON TALK-BACK AND SOCIAL HOUR:** On Sunday, Oct 18, come to the 6 pm service and afterwards join us at a nearby location for a social hour and time to discuss the sermon. *RSVP to Chase, or contact him for more details [HERE](#). And look for more social, spiritual, and service opportunities in coming weeks!*

**ECW LECTURE**

**“WORKING TO END VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN”**

**SHEILA DAUER**

Sheila Dauer is former Director of Amnesty International USA's  
Women's Human Rights Program.

She also served as Theme Advisor to AIUSA's  
Stop Violence Against Women Campaign.

Dr. Dauer, who holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology, teaches at  
The New School for Public Engagement's Graduate Program  
in International Affairs and  
Columbia Teachers College Department of Social Studies.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
**7 - 8:30pm**  
**RECEPTION ROOM**

“No pressure” pot luck  
**ALL are welcome, men also! Friends and family invited.**

Admission:  
**1 donation for Church of the Village food pantry**

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**OCT 4 – HIGH SCHOOL STUDY BREAK** – On Sunday, Oct 4, at 4:30 pm, high school students are invited to meet our new Assistant Rector for Youth and Family Ministry, the Rev. Chase Danford, at Sundaes and Cones (95 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave). Socialize, enjoy some unique frozen flavors, and brainstorm about how Grace Church teens can serve those in need in our city and around the world. *Walk-ins welcome, but if you know you're coming, [RSVP to Chase HERE](#).*

**OCT 18 – REJOICE IN THE LAMB BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN**  
Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, Oct 18 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB.

**OCT 20 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY FALL**

**RECEPTION** (Potential new volunteers welcome!) Open Door is a team of friendly volunteers who provide a welcoming presence to weekend visitors, answering questions about our beautiful building, our community and its history. Please join us on Tuesday, Oct 20th, 7–8:30 pm in the Reception Room. We'll enjoy fellowship and be happy to welcome anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering. Commitment is just 2 hours per month, and no experience is necessary! [E-mail Singleton Cox](#) with your RSVP, or just to find out more.

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