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### in New York City



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**Sunday Forum on Recess this week**



*Join us on Oct 18.*



## October 11, 2015

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words, so today I submit to you what could be called our photo of the week. Those of you who were in church last Sunday encountered yellow "crime scene" tape around a large section of pews on the south side of the nave. The reason was that earlier in the weekend a chunk of plaster had let loose and fallen. Naturally, we want to err on the side of caution, so until we could get up and examine the compromised section high above, the pews below had to be off limits.

Thanks to our facilities manager Pete Hogden, we were able to bring in one of the firms that a few years ago accomplished the restoration of the ceiling above the choir. They have a patented lift that rolls up and down the center aisle and pivots in every direction, allowing a worker to reach all sections of the nave. Well, since we're up there, we've decided to check the whole thing. Any decorative piece of plaster that has come loose and could possibly fall is being removed. Come this Sunday you may see some additional holes in the plaster, but rest assured it will be safe. It will give new meaning to the phrase: *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.* (Forgive the bad pun; I couldn't resist!)

See you in church.

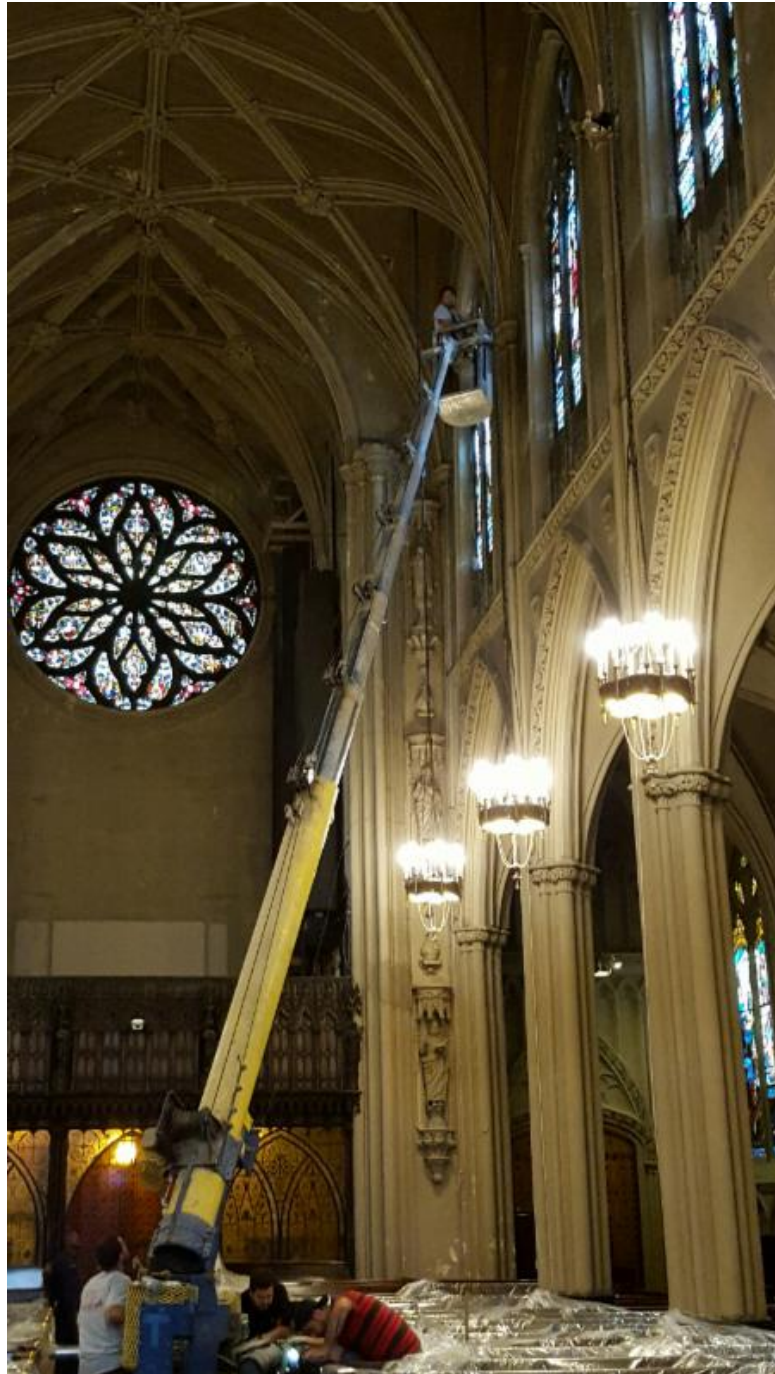
[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)  
Rector

*"...for I was hungry and you gave me food..."*

On Sunday, Nov 1st, join with Grace Church members and friends to cook for, and serve, the hungry. [NYC Rescue Mission](#). Details at right under "Coming Soon."

## Know a Qualified Teacher?

**THE GO PROJECT IS HIRING!** Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to be part of a dynamic network of private/public school teachers working in an innovative small classroom environment to serve some of the City's most underserved public school students. GO students participate in a Saturday academic program from 9 am–12:30 pm focusing on ELA and math in a small class setting with a high adult to student ratio. GO has a number of Teacher roles available, please visit the website [HERE](#).



## This Sunday

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9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: Ms. Gretchen Ratterree

Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Sermon: Ms. Gretchen Ratterree

Music: The Adult Choir

**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.**

(No class on Oct 11; please join us next week.) *More info on the series, including class dates and readings, [HERE](#).*

**20s and 30s-ish SUNDAY BRUNCH** All members and friends in their 20's, 30's and early 40's are invited to brunch after the 11 am service. Meet in coffee hour and we'll walk over around 12:40. [RSVP to Chase](#).

***Coming Soon***

**OCT 17, 18 – OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK** – Grace Church is pleased to participate in this year's Open House New York Weekend, a citywide showcase of distinctive examples of architecture, engineering, and design. **On Saturday, Oct 17 at 10 am we will host CBB Lighting Design and Walter B. Melvin architects for a seminar and demonstration of our lighting capabilities in the sanctuary.** Tours of the church will also be offered by our Open Door volunteers from 12–4 pm during usual visiting hours. Visit [www.ohny.org](http://www.ohny.org).

**OCT 18 – A PARISH STUDY: PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE CORINTHIANS – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM**

– 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 – the relevancy for us at Grace Church. Forum

attendees are encouraged to read designated passages in advance of each session. Held in the Reception Room at 10 am. All are welcome. *10/18 Prof. Kate Stimpson, University Professor and Dean Emerita of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at NYU, will lead a conversation on women's leadership and interpretations of spiritual charism in the Corinthian church. Read 1 Corinthians, Ch 12-14. A full listing of class dates and speakers through Dec 14 can be found [HERE](#).*

### **OCT 18 – 20s and 30s-ish – SERMON TALK-BACK AND SOCIAL HOUR**

On Sunday, Oct 18, come to the 6 pm service and afterwards join us at a nearby location to discuss the sermon. [RSVP to Chase](#). Look for more social, spiritual, and service opportunities in coming weeks!

### **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. More info [HERE](#).

### **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.*

**OCT 25 – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** Sunday Oct 25th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30-4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of spooky fun and games, featuring mask-making, craft projects, and cupcake decorating. Lend a hand by helping at one of the tables, making a donation, or contributing non-candy

snacks. Drop off packaged snacks to the parish office now through Friday, October 23; baked goods can be brought to Tuttle Kitchen on Sunday morning, Oct. 25 or right before the party. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to volunteer. Please contact [The Rev. Chase Danford](#) with questions.

**NOV 1 – 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. *To include a name on this year's list, please send the name to Jennifer Metz at [jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org) by Tuesday, Oct 27.*

**NOV 1 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE**

**MISSION** – On Sunday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We need volunteers to prepare pot roasts and cupcakes at home and to serve the meal at the Mission. We have a super easy and delicious pot roast recipe for you! Please join us in this rewarding volunteer opportunity which is so appreciated by folks at the mission. Questions, contact [Lillie Chance](#). To sign up, click [HERE](#).

**NOV 2 – 20's and 30's-*ish* BOOK LAUNCH PARTY** Join us as we celebrate author and Grace Church parishioner Ada Calhoun on the publication of her new book, *St. Mark's is Dead: The Many Lives of America's Hippest Street*. Hear about the street's past, have a beverage, buy a book, and enjoy a set by the St. Marks Zeroes, a one-night-only super-group cover band. Afterward, we'll head to a nearby venue for an extended social hour. November 2nd, 6–8 pm, at Cooper Union's Great Hall (7 E. 7th St.). [RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford.](#)

**NOV 3 – 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 3 from 2–6 pm IN THE MUSIC ROOM), but **all participants must submit a cast information sheet by Nov 3 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 the Rev. Chase Danford](#).*

**NOV 5 – FALL NEWCOMERS' WELCOME EVENT.** Join us for our Fall Newcomer's Welcome Event – Pulling out the Stops. All Grace Newcomers are invited to join us for light refreshments and a demonstration of the Bicentennial Organ by Dr. Patrick Allen, Thursday, Nov 5 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Reception Room. *[RSVP to James Romanik](#).*

*To find service information, you may visit [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org), updated weekly.*

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