

The Epistle *E-news*

GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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This week: women's leadership and interpretations of

October 18, 2015

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

It's Friday morning as I write this, and I am torn between the euphoria of something that does not matter, and deep concern over things that do. Concerning the former, yes, the New York Mets vanquished the Dodgers last night. I can find nothing much to like

about the Dodgers. They are the team that tore the heart out of Brooklyn, and their roster today includes some thoroughly obnoxious characters. But now they are done and it's the Mets who are one of the four teams left standing in the post season. For long-suffering Mets fans (of which I am a cranky one) who forever dwell in the shadows of the Yankees, it's nice to feel a ray of October sunshine for however long it lasts. Next up for the Mets is the Chicago Cubs. What's *not* to like about the Cubs and the friendly confines of Wrigley Field? They haven't won a World Series in 107 years. I will surely root for the Mets, but if it turns out to be the Cubs who move on, my baseball soul will be at peace for the winter. They are due.

But none of this matters in the grand scheme of things. Baseball is just a game. It is a diversion, and the challenge for fans of any sport is to keep it in perspective. The outcome of good versus evil or life against death does not hang in the balance on a baseball diamond, a football field, or a basketball court. One place where such a struggle actually is taking place is our parish prayer list that we read every Sunday. This week you will hear the name Kelly Warren. Kelly is a parishioner who fell on some stairs at a restaurant earlier this week and hit her head. She has not

*spiritual charism in the
Corinthian church.
Details under "This
Sunday."*

***"...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."

**TICKETS ON SALE
NOW – THE GO
PROJECT'S ANNUAL
FALL COCKTAIL
PARTY**



...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. *Tickets and
information, click [HERE](#).*

**IN OUR PARISH
PRAYERS**

regained consciousness and is on life support. Her family has gathered, and all that anyone can do is watch and pray. This is what matters. This is where life and death hang in the balance. Thus, I encourage you to pray for Kelly, her husband Jeff, her sons Sam and Will, and her extended family with all the intensity you can muster. I encourage you to pray for everyone on the prayer list.

Finally, it's occurred to me that though we read the names of those on our prayer list at Sunday worship, nowhere do we print them for your further attention. Beginning today within every Epistle you'll find an announcement entitled, IN OUR PARISH PRAYERS, including the names of those who are sick and those who have died. Please return to it throughout the week. Perhaps any time you are inclined to make much of that which cannot matter much to God, go to the parish prayer list and in your own way ask for God's blessings upon those who are listed there.

See you in church.

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

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.

This Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring



Please pray for...

those who suffer

- Judy Rivkin
- Kelly Warren
- Bill Nave
- Liz & Sam Brown
- Cynthia Stewart
- Doreen Thompson
- Timothy Tung
- Robert Specker
- Gary
- Greg Gillies
- Bernie Karl
- Josephine Ferraiuolo
- Howard Small
- Trish Lawrence
- Paul Tillotson

those who have died

- Doug Holmes

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

4 p.m. Choral Evensong

The Choir of Men and Boys

Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

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

*This week 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 at www.gracechurchnyc.org.*

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.

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 for a social hour and time to discuss the sermon. *RSVP to Chase at cdanford@gracechurchnyc.org.*

2016 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN – Today we ask all Grace Church members and friends to begin thinking and praying about a financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2016. God has blessed us with a vibrant parish family, stunning architecture, glorious music, a tradition of reaching out to the least and the last in society, and most of all, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church, each October we urge everyone to

commit to a financial gift for the coming year. Watch your mail this week for pledge information, including a pledge card. Next week is Pledge Sunday, when we receive the commitments of those who are ready to pledge, and distribute cards to those who have not received them by mail.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL – The Rev. Stephen Holton is in England this weekend for the wedding of a friend, but also to preach at Grosvenor Chapel, our companion parish in the Diocese of London. Stay tuned for reports from Stephen on parish life in a global city across the pond. For more information on Grosvenor Chapel, visit their website at <http://www.grosvenorchapel.org.uk/>.



**REJOICE IN
THE LAMB**
by Benjamin Britten

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER
AT 4:00 P.M.

THE CHOIR OF
MEN AND BOYS

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IN NEW YORK
EPISCOPAL

FREE ADMISSION

10TH STREET AT BROADWAY
WWW.GRACECHURCHNYC.ORG
INFO TEL 212.254.2000/6

The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers
George Fergus, Organ Scholar

Photo: Vincent Dixon Design: ARTeffect

Coming Soon

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 by Tuesday, Oct 27.*

NOV 1 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE

MISSION – On Sunday, Nov 1st 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.](#)

NOV 14, 15 – GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR On Saturday, Nov 14, 5–7 pm come to the Wine & Cheese Reception. Admission \$10. Or come after church on Sunday, Nov 15, 10 am–4 pm. This is a fun annual event featuring the work of 25 artists and craftspeople! Bring your Christmas list! Sandwiches and baked goods for sale on Sunday.

NOV 21 – 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, Nov 21st, 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.

*To find service information,
you may visit www.gracechurchnyc.org, updated weekly.*

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