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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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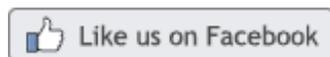
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**This Sunday after
the 11 a.m.
service!**

**LIFT UP THINE
EYES!
(Update)**

June 11, 2017

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday



Dear Friends,

We live in interesting times, so interesting, in fact, that it is difficult to keep up with all the ways that the world seems to be spinning out of control. The 24-hour news cycle sees to it that we receive a steady diet of updates about

Russian hackers, the Comey hearings, North Korean missiles, global warming, Brexit, terrorism, and the old order changing by the day. In all of this it would be easy to throw up our hands in despair, but doing so is never the calling of God's people. God loves the world and seeks to redeem it through you and me. We don't retreat from the world; instead we invest in it: not for short-term gain, but for long-term peace and prosperity. I think of the prophet Jeremiah, who in a time of tremendous national anxiety and fear, received the word of the Lord to buy a field. Invest in the land as a sign of hope (Jeremiah 32:6).

I give thanks for all the ways that the people of Grace Church are sowing seeds of hope by investing in the land the people around us. We are making great progress on "the House that Grace Built" in Queens, and we have plans to partner with Habitat for Humanity and take on another house next year. The capital campaign to restore the nave ceiling and a portion of the endowment has passed the \$2.8 million mark, and we are optimistic about reaching our stretch goal of \$3 million. Our programs of music, worship, and Christian formation help to build us up into the full stature of Christ, so that we are better able to face the challenges of an increasingly complex world.

This coming Sunday will be special on a number of fronts. It is the conclusion of the choir season, thus the last time



We have now received **\$2.8 million in pledges** towards our stretch goal of \$3 million! Thank you to all those who have made a commitment to the capital campaign. We will be hosting additional gatherings for the congregation to make their campaign pledges in June and July. Please contact [James Romanik](#) with any questions. Please click [HERE](#) to watch a video and learn more.

**JUNE/JULY DATES!
HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY &
GRACE CHURCH
BUILD DAYS**



[Sign up now](#) to join us on June 17th, and July 8th! Help us to rehabilitate a condemned house

we will hear the choristers until next September. It is also our last Sunday in the big church before we move all worship services to the chantry for the summer. Protecting the organ from ceiling restoration will begin in earnest next week, so come hear our magnificent instrument one last time before it goes silent until next fall.

Also, we have our parish picnic on the lawn of Huntington Close. Burgers, hot dogs, beverages, and deserts will be available for all, so bring your appetites and sunglasses. What is more, it's Trinity Sunday, meaning it will be my joy to unpack the doctrine of the Trinity! Don't miss this day to celebrate all the ways the Spirit of God is at work through our Grace Church family. See you in church, and at the picnic.

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

This Sunday

June 11th

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

Music: The Combined Grace Church Choirs

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADE CHORISTERS

who graduate today from the Choir Program! Thank you for six years of special musical offerings and service in the Choirs of Grace Church. God bless you and your families. The Choir of Men and Boys: Rafe DiDomenico and Ian Rotheroe, Optimi. The Girls' Choir: Imogene Dunn, Cadence Plenge, Optima.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' ANNUAL JUNE

in St. Albans,
Queens for a
family in need.
*Information and
registration [here](#)
or contact Martha
Korienek [here](#).*

*Please pray
for...*



those who suffer

James and Pauline
Hargrave
Peter
Annamaria Smith
Elsie Lewis
Kristin Whitehurst
Josephine Ferraiuolo
Howard Small
Trish Lawrence

*and those who
have died*

Heather Dawn
Buchanan-Boozer
Barbara Delfyett

RAFFLE to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund!
You can purchase a raffle ticket beginning June 4th at coffee hour after the 11 am service, or from any choir family or chorister. The raffle includes many amazing items such as fine wines, an Apple Watch, Beats headphones, tickets to Shakespeare in the Park, and also child friendly items. This fund supports activities and opportunities for the choirs that are not covered by the annual budget including such projects such as last year's tour to France and an anticipated tour in the summer of 2018. Tickets are \$5 and \$10. Winners will be selected on June 11th at the parish picnic. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS @10 AM – Newcomers to Grace Church are warmly invited! Held on the second Sunday of each month, each class will discuss how to become a member of Grace Church, as well as a variety of special topics (this month: **The Bible**). We suggest that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, meet other newcomers, and grow in your faith. Held in the Reception Room, this month at 10 am. *(Also, don't miss the Newcomer Cookout on June 20th! See below.)*

THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY – Grace Church parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to come to Huntington Close following the 11 am service! Join us in celebration of the choir ministries of Grace Church and to help bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 per person. There are many ways to support this event, from food and drink donations to volunteering, so *please contact the Rev. Chase Danford to find out how you can help [here](#).*

Coming Soon

JUNE 15 – ECW MEET AND GREET POTLUCK – ALL WOMEN who attend the 9, 11 and 6:00 services

are invited to a "No Pressure" pot luck supper hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on Thursday, June 15 from 6:30–8:30 pm in the Reception Room. Let's meet for fun and fellowship! Please bring a dish, a snack or a beverage if you are able! [Contact Teresa Conway here](#) with any questions. See you there!

JUNE 18 – ALL SUNDAY SERVICES MOVE TO THE CHANTRY – The restoration of the church ceiling and protection of the organ will begin in earnest starting June 15, requiring the 9 and 11 am services to relocate until September 10. The chantry can seat up to 100 people, so if you normally attend the 11 am service, you might consider trying the 9 am or the 6 pm. Life is an adventure; it will be fun!

JUNE 18 – ECW TO HOST COFFEE HOUR – On our first Sunday with the 9am and 11am services being held in the Chantry, the ECW is hosting coffee hour after both services. This is a chance to not only celebrate our new summer worship setting, but also all the fathers of Grace Church on Father's Day. *If you would like to help with coffee hour on June 18th, please contact Martha [here](#).*

JUNE 20 – NEWCOMER COOKOUT – Calling all Grace Church newcomers! On Tuesday, June 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, we will host a festive celebration to welcome you. The evening will be held in Seymour Close (the courtyard off Tuttle Hall), and will be full of delicious grilled fare and fellowship. *We hope to see you there! RSVP to James V. Romanik [here](#).*

JUNE 26–28 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Children 3.5–10 are invited to Grace's new VBS program on Monday, June 26–Wednesday, June 28 from 4–5:30 pm. The focus this year will be on Holy Communion and prayer. Older kids and teens are encouraged to volunteer. *Contact Fr. Chase [here](#) for more information and to register.*

JULY 7–9 YOUTH TRIP TO HEIFER FARM – Youth

completing grades 6–12 are invited to join a trip to Heifer International's educational farm in Rutland, MA. The 270-acre farm is filled with gardens and livestock, including goats, pigs, yaks and more. Through interactive programs and activities, participants come to understand the complications surrounding hunger and poverty and to see their connection in creating change. We will conclude with an outdoor Eucharist on the beautiful farm grounds. Friday morning, July 7 to Sunday afternoon, July 9. *RSVP by Sunday, June 4 to Fr. Chase [here](#) or 212-254-2000 ext 113.*

SEPT 9 – ECW-HOSTED CHURCH CLEANUP DAY! Everyone is invited! After our summer in the Chantry, we will tidy up the church and make sure that it's ready for our joyous return the next morning. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 9th, 10 am to 1 pm. Lunch will be served, so *RSVP to Martha [here](#).*

NOV 17–19 – PARISH RETREAT @HOLY CROSS MONASTERY –Join others from Grace Church as we spend the weekend at the Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. Details coming soon.

*To find service information,
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