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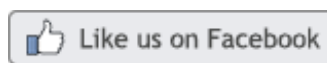
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**TOMORROW!
HABITAT FOR
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BUILD DAY 6/17.**



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June 18, 2017

The Second Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday will be the first week of our summer schedule in which all of our worship services will take place in the Chantry. As you know, the plan for this summer is to restore the ceiling of the nave and north transept in

the main church. It will be a dusty endeavor, and our vacating the space for the next 12 Sundays will expedite the process. This week the staff and I have been working to transfer all Sunday operations to the other side of the church, and our goal is to be as self-sufficient as possible over there.

Worship in the Chantry should be fun, and it is blessed with air conditioning, so don't worry about the heat. We will use both exterior doors for entrance and exit, and we have rearranged the cathedral chairs to enhance the people circulation. The acoustical properties of the space are actually livelier than the church, so the hymn singing accompanied by the Steinway grand piano will be robust. The Chantry seats 100, so if we are filled to capacity for three services throughout these next lazy, hazy months, we will set a new summer attendance record. Fellowship and refreshments will be under tents on the lawn of Huntington Close, and this week the ECW is providing popsicles in honor of Father's Day. Come and see!

Other projects for the summer will be the hiring of a new facilities manager to fill the shoes of our friend Pete Hogden, who died unexpectedly last March. A committee composed of church and school representatives is at work reviewing applications, and our aim is to begin onsite interviews in the next few weeks. In the meantime, special

condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. *No experience necessary!* Information and registration [here](#) or contact Martha Korienek [here](#).

LIFT UP THINE EYES! (Update)



We're encouraging the entire congregation to prayerfully consider supporting the capital campaign. We give thanks to all who have made a commitment thus far as we approach our stretch goal of \$3 million! There are still many members of the parish who have yet to [respond](#). Invitations to campaign gatherings in June and July are forthcoming. Please contact James Romanik [here](#) or at 212-254-2005 with any questions. Please

thanks are due to our maintenance staff who have

We also want to wrap up our capital campaign, *Lift Up Thine Eyes*. The good news is that we are approaching our stretch goal of \$3 million. So far we have heard from 100 households, which means that many members have yet to respond. The capital campaign is critical to pay for the ceiling restoration. It will also restore a portion of the amount we borrowed from the endowment five years ago in order to install the new organ. The endowment is essential for the ongoing maintenance of our historic edifice, so please plan to participate in the campaign if you haven't already done so. Read below for more details.

If that isn't enough, we are also planning to continue if not finish our work on "the House that Grace Built." This has been our major outreach effort of the year. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity we have adopted a house in Queens. Week by week we have been restoring it so that a deserving family will soon be able to take up residence.

Finally, today's edition of the Epistle will be the final "weekly" for the summer. You will receive two monthly Epistles in your inboxes, one at the beginning of July and one in August. Yes, we are at a slower programmatic pace for the summer, but the parish offices are open, and the work of the church continues.

See you ... in the Chantry.

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

This Sunday

June 18th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

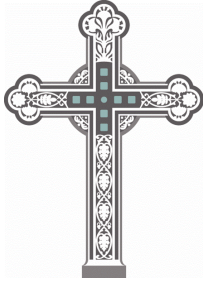
Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the fathers among us

click [HERE](#) to watch a video and learn more.

and in our hearts today. We give thanks for all the ways you reflect the love of God in the world.

Please pray for...



those who suffer

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

and those who have died.

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHANTRY FOR THE SUMMER – The restoration of the church ceiling and protection of the organ began on June 15, requiring the 9 and 11 am services to relocate until September 10. The chantry can seat up to 100 people, so if our normal pattern of summer attendance holds, we should be fine. For consistency's sake, all services will be Holy Eucharist. Morning Prayer will return to the 11 am service on September 10. Life is an adventure; it will be fun!

NURSERY CARE is available for children ages 0–3 during both the 9 and 11 am services. *SUMMER CHANGES*—Beginning June 18 until after Labor Day, the nursery will relocate to the Honor Room, near the Chantry. Ask an usher to show you the way.

FATHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR – This morning the ECW is hosting coffee hour after both the 9am and 11am services. We will be serving popsicles in honor of the fathers of Grace Church: Pops for our Pops! Also, this is a chance to celebrate our new summer worship setting in the Chantry.

Next Week – Services

WEDNESDAY, June 21

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek

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SUNDAY, June 25

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

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WEDNESDAY, June 28

Coming Soon

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! *If you'd like to RSVP or have any questions, please contact 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](#) for more information and to register.

THE REV. RICHARD LIMATO, a longtime member of Grace Church and newly ordained deacon in the Diocese of New York, will be joining our summer clergy team during the months of July and August.

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 14 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.

*The next Epistle E-news, for the month of July,
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