

**The New Choir Family News
The Choirs of Grace Church in New York**

**A community for everyone celebrating excellence in
music and God's love of all!**



Greetings everyone, where did last week go?

Thank you for your comments on the new newsletter format, please keep them coming.

Have a great tech weekend and Middle School Musical Production, Enjoy and make lots of wonderful memories.

THIS SUNDAY:

The Combined Junior Choristers with Senior Mentors singing

Required for all Juniors

9:45 call

11:00 Service

Next week will be the final week of this school year for the afternoon choir activities. Please note this on your schedules.

Wednesday next week there will be no New Junior Girl (2nd grade) Rehearsal due to a funeral in the church. The girls are welcome to attend the Thursday practice with the 2nd grade boys if they wish.

The campaign for the choir furniture is going very well. Already close to \$175,000.00 has been pledged. Now we have to close the gap on the last \$25,000. Our goal is to be able to say completed on 9 June at the end of our season and have everything finished and ready for use by the opening of the new season in September. We can do it!

Something new:

A list of potential NEW CHORISTERS for 2019-2020.

The following potential choristers have expressed interest in joining the choirs next season.

Reach out to them with a welcome and see if they have any questions.

If they haven't finished making up their minds or need to schedule a meeting with PA they can do so anytime through the end of school or early in September.

They are included in our mailings now so they are seeing this. WELCOME, I'm so excited about the new season.

If someone is missing from the list or I've misspelled a name, please send me your corrections and suggestions.

GIRLS

Mila Blackwell, current 1st grader

Cassie Chin, current 1st grader

Mila Coats, current 1st grader

Lilly Dixon current first grader

Ruby Loening, current 1st grader

Claire Min, current 1st grader

Kaia Salvador-Bryers, current 1st grader

Cece Whelan, current 1st grader

Anna Claire, current 2nd grader

Lilly Coats, current 2nd grader

Romy Heller, current 2nd grader

Frida Jorg-Eshaghian current 2nd grader

BOYS

Cameron Fisser, current 1st grader

Micah Galiothe, current 1st grader

James Gomez, current 1st grader

Henry Moura, current 1st grader

Thatcher Olinick, current 1st grader

Luka Tanjga, current 1st grader

James West, current 1st grader

Pete Monaghan - at St. Barts, 10 years old

Mother: Katherine Monaghan kpdm2008@gmail.com

Oscar Fitzharding, current 4th grade boy moving to GCS in fall.

Mother: Sarah Fitzharding sarah@galileoresearch.com

James Maginnis, current 6th grade boy

The 2019-2020 Choir Schedule and Goggle Cal postings will be finished in a week or so, keep an eye out.

Choir Camp will take place for all choristers new and old on Tuesday

3 September from 2:00 to 6:30 pm.

The day to start with ice cream in the yard.

The Choir Parent Orientation Meeting(s) will take place from

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Repeated from last week:

NEXT YEAR - a proposed change and a new category of choir membership.

Thank you for your patience while I did some thinking about next season and next steps in our choir training and community.

I'd like to introduce a new level of chorister - **The New Senior!** This is being offered to our **current 3rd grade boys and current 4th grade girls for September.**

They will take on the responsibilities and schedule of our current senior choristers but with their age and experience do so as "NEW" and without the audition all the current Seniors took to become seniors. At the end of their fifth grade year they will take the audition and drop the "New" and enter into the "Sr" Senior or just plain Senior level.

Anyone in this age group who wants to continue on as a Junior and keep that schedule may and still audition for senior at the end of their fifth grade year. New Seniors are also encouraged to "Senior Mentor" at Tuesday Evensong.

Remember - we are working with creative scheduling as modern music makers, so if you have concerns, suggestions or questions, just ask or share.

Remember - you don't have to enter the choir in 2nd or 3rd grades. Some people enter later and while we focus now on recruiting for September, joining the choir is possible year round.

I think this new step will support the best deployment for the highest level of training and musical opportunity of our choristers and for the good health of the choirs. Thank you for working with me on this. Onward and upward.

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NEXT WEEK:

- * **Tuesday Morning - 7:00 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Boy Rehearsal.**
Breakfast Club in the Reception room
- * **Tuesday Afternoon - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Boy and Girl Junior Choristers. (3rd and 4th grade girls, 3rd grade boys)
Evensong at 6:00 p.m. Final one for 2018-2019.
- * **Wednesday Morning - 7:00 - 8:10 a.m. Senior Girl Rehearsal.**
Breakfast Club in the Reception room
- * **Wednesday -No Afternoon Rehearsal for New Junior Girl Choristers (2nd Grade).**
There is a funeral in the Church.
The girls are welcome to come on Thursday with the boys this week.
- * **Thursday Morning - 7:00 - 8:10 a.m.** Junior and Senior Boy Rehearsal.
Breakfast Club in the Reception room
- * **Thursday Afternoon - 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.** Regular Afternoon Rehearsal
Schedule for New Junior Boy Choristers (2nd Grade).
Rehearse in the Chantry. New Junior Girls Welcome
Final Rehearsal of 2018-2019
- * **Friday Morning - 7:00 - 8:10 a.m.** Junior and Senior Girl Rehearsal.
Breakfast Club in the Reception room
- * **Sunday Morning, 26 May,**
Memorial Day Weekend, The Adult Choir
- * **Sunday Morning, 2 June,**
The Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults
 - * **Sunday Morning, 9 June,**
The Combined Choirs, Everyone Required
The final Sunday of the 124th Season of the Choirs.
9:45 Call/11:00 Service followed by the Picnic in Huntington Close

Looking ahead for all Old and New Juniors:

Sunday 19 May the final "Junior" Sunday - Tech weekend. 9:45 Call, sing the 11:00 a.m. service. Required for all Juniors.

Sunday 9 June, the final Sunday of the Choir Season, Required for everyone.

SUMMER HOMEWORK FOR ALL NEW and OLD SENIORS

Listening!

FOR BOYS: Britten's REJOICE IN THE LAMB

FOR GIRLS: Britten's A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

All my love, Patrick

A NOTE FROM DANA FOOTE:

Dear Choir Parents,

Wasn't Friday night extraordinary?! I am still reeling from the beauty of the concert and the *amazing reception* spearheaded by Mary Cannon and, of course, the highlight of that *incredible film* by Jane Jaffin. If you would like a keepsake of this historic concert, you can still purchase a DVD by following [this link](#).

With love from,

Dana

PS from Patrick - please note due to copyright negotiations this DVD of the concert must be kept only for private - personal use and not uploaded or distributed outside our choir family community. Thank you for respecting this. Love, P.

Important Links:

The Goggle Choir Schedule Calendar Link

Sign Up Genius for Choir Parent Volunteer Sign Link

Sign Up Genius for After School Vocal Coaching

Sign Up Genius Tuesday Night Parent Helpers

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