

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

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Happy day after everyone. I hope your Halloween celebrations were fun, safe and full of good cheer.

Don't forget to **fall back** on Saturday evening! Set your **clocks back one hour** before bedtime!

Here we go, the holidays are now fast approaching. We kick off the season with [The Thanksgiving Pie Sale](#).

This is a fun and amazing fundraiser for our Choir Special Projects Fund. This fund helps with expenses that touch all our lives that are beyond what the operating budget of the church can cover. Please join me in a big thank you in advance for all the hard work preparing for and now leading us through this activity by our co chairs Karen Gorman, Leah Johnson and Mary Cannon. You can [sign up](#) to help them, there is lots to do. You will be receiving a separate email today about the pie sale from Karen and Leah.

Tuesday, 5 November is GC Christmas Pageant Interview day in the afternoon. If you chorister is participating they need to sign up for an [interview](#). The pageant takes place at 4:00 on Christmas Eve.

Enjoy the weekend, don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday evening, and be safe, with all my love, Patrick

***THIS SUNDAY - 3 November**

3 November, Sunday
The Combined Choirs Singing, All Saints' Sunday
Seniors Required, Novices and Juniors Optional
No Lunch or afternoon rehearsal today

***NEXT SUNDAY - 10 November**

The Girls' Choir with HS Singers and Adults
Seniors Required, Novices and Juniors Optional
Lunch with afternoon rehearsal today 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
This is the big Britten Ceremony of Carols Rehearsal.

***THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PIE SALE**

Here come the holidays, gobble, gobble, gobble!

Click the link, everything you want to know is there!

It's Pie Time! Our 17th Annual Choir Pie Sale is officially on!
This is the Choir's biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year we sold over 600 pies & chocolates and we're hoping to break that record. Here are 5 ways you can help:

1. Buy Pies! We offer seven flavors from the legendary Eli Zabar Bakery. We also offer giftable chocolates from Seroogy's.

Beyond your own Thanksgiving dinners, pies are a festive way to thank a teacher, coach, doorman, employee, housekeeper, caregiver, dog walker, tutor, relative or loved one. Apple and Pumpkin are bestsellers; Pecan and Strawberry Rhubarb also have die-hard fans. And the luxuriously packaged chocolates will save into the holidays as gifts for friends and family.

2. Buy Virtual Pies! If you don't need a real pie, go virtual! These pies give out-of-town friends and family members a simple (and greatly appreciated) way to support the choir. They are sold at \$25.

3. Sell Pies. [Our Pie Sale Website](#) is up and running, so encourage your colleagues, friends, and family to check out the selection. Anyone can order and pick their pies up at school in the days before Thanksgiving. All ordering and pickup info is online at our Pie Sale Website. (Please note: we do not ship pies.)

4. Volunteer. We need parent volunteers to help us distribute pies on Pie Pickup Days: Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26. Volunteer on the [Choir Sign Up Genius](#). (Note: you will need to scroll down to find the Pie Distribution portion of page)

5. Get Your Chorister Involved. Our goal is to engage the choristers in this important project. Help your chorister send an email to kind aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc., asking them to support the choir by purchasing a virtual pie--or many virtual pies! If the combined choirs sell 500 pies, they get an ice cream sundae bar extravaganza! In addition, the individual chorister who sells the most pies receives a prize.

The ordering deadline for pies is Tuesday, November 19th.

Finally, many new chorister families may be asking: Why do we sell pies? All of the fundraising we do as a choir family is for the benefit of the Choir Special Projects Fund. This fund provides choristers with special opportunities and resources not covered by the operating budget of the church, including recordings, guest conductors, and international choir tours.

Thank you! Please email us with any questions you may have.

[Leah & Karen](#)

***LOOKING AHEAD -**

It's Pie Time!

17 November, Sunday

The Choir of Men and Boys

Seniors Required, Novices and Juniors Optional

Lunch and afternoon rehearsal today from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

We will be working on the Carol Service Music for Christmas Eve, All Senior Girls welcome.

24 November, Sunday

The Combined Choirs singing, GCS Sunday

All Choristers Required

Alumni welcome to sing with the choirs, come at 9:45 to rehearse!

8 December, Sunday

Junior - Novice Sunday with New Seniors

This is the first of three special Sundays (the other two in February and May) when the Juniors, Novices and New Seniors take the choir stalls and lead Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Required for All Novices, Juniors and New Seniors,
9:45 call, 11:00 service

8 December, Sunday

The Annual Choir Family Christmas Party

in the GCS Dining Room, details forthcoming.

[*THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE](#)

This is a link to the site with the goggle cal posts. Please let [pallen](#) know if you have any trouble downloading the schedules.

***SENIOR NEWS**

3 November, Sunday

The Combined Choirs Singing, All Saints' Sunday
Seniors Required, Novices and Juniors Optional
No Lunch or afternoon rehearsal today

5 November, Tuesday

No afternoon choir activities, noon dismissal of GCS
GC Christmas Pageant Interviews this afternoon!

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The First Junior Tuesday Evensong on 1 October was wonderful.
All Senior Choristers who are available are encouraged to continue attending to sing and help the new juniors find the rhythm and feel supported singing this special choral meditation.
You are the best teachers. Even if you can't make the rehearsal show up after 5:40 to vest and sing with us.
This year we are starting with Dyson in c minor, it's been a while, so have a listen to remember it:
[Dyson Magnificat in c minor](#)
[Dyson Nunc dimittis in c minor](#)

Has your chorister done their listening homework? It's never too late. It would be great if they would listen some each week and get these wonderful pieces in their ears.

EVERYONE:

Thomanerchor Leipzig "Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf" Johann Sebastian Bach

FOR BOYS: Britten's REJOICE IN THE LAMB

FOR GIRLS: Britten's A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

***JUNIOR CHORISTER NEWS**

3 November, Sunday

The Combined Choirs Singing, All Saints' Sunday
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***NOVICE CHORISTER NEWS**

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The Combined Choirs Singing, All Saints' Sunday
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5 November, Tuesday

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9:45 call, 11:00 service

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGER NEWS**

COME SING SUNDAY 3 November, you are invited to sing! Just let PA know so he can prepare music for you. 9:45 Warm Up.

GIRLS - Sunday 10 November 1:00 - 3:00, our annual Ceremony of Carols Rehearsal. You'all come! In the Chantry

I'll write soon about a full HS rehearsals including the guys.

HS Singers are invited to show up on Sundays when the Girl's are singing and jam with us all. Just let PA know if you can so music will be prepared in advance for you.

***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

SIGN UP GENIUS

Sign up genius has three links this year. Please note.

-Sunday and special choir event

 Parent Helpers/Volunteers

-Tuesday Evensong choir parent helpers

-After School Vocal Coaching.

The links may be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

***SOCIAL MEDIA:**
INSTAGRAM

If you are interested in contributing to the choir Instagram account (or possibly taking it over) please contact [Meaghan Cheung](mailto:meaghanscheung@gmail.com) at meaghanscheung@gmail.com

FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook:
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***RECRUITING IS NEVER OVER!**

This is our slogan, so if anyone asks, it is never too late to join the choir family and be part of this special community as the music blooms.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

The Choir Word for 2019-2020 - TEAMWORK!

The L's of Choir:
Look - Listen - Learn - Lead!

The C's of Choir
Courtesy - Confidence - Communication - Care - Commitment - Clarity
- Concentration. All of these build and care for our Choir Community.

Here is where you find all the Choir Schedules just click!
[Goggle Cal Link to all Choir Schedules](#)

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

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

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