

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

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



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***FROM THE DESK OF DR. ALLEN**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone,

I hope you are all in the midst of a beautiful holiday. ENJOY!

Join me in thanking Leah and Karen for leading us through a brilliant Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

It was perfect!

Thank you to Mary Cannon, Anne and Samantha Zaccaro, Melissa Davis, James Gomez, Jennifer McCoy, Connie Majoros, Annabel Nau, Marlaine Olinick, King Phojanakong, Lizelle Salvador, Dominique Schulte, Ashley Viola for all your hard work and support at so many tasks during the sale!

Next week is our last normal schedule of the fall term. The final Tuesday Evensong until February takes place this week. In January Tuesday rehearsal time (5:00 - 6:30) is focused on preparing the February Concert that will take place on 9 February.

Sunday 8 December at 11:00 a.m. features all our Novice and Junior Choristers in the Choir Stalls. It is very special.

In the evening of 8 December is the Choir Christmas Party, see below for more details.

Stay healthy, enjoy the holidays and be safe,
Happy Thanksgiving to all, love, Patrick

***THIS SUNDAY - 1 December, Advent 1**

The Adult Choir

***NEXT SUNDAY - 8 December, Advent 2**

The Combined Novice and Junior Choristers with Senior Mentors and Adults, HS Singers are encouraged to sing also!

9:45 Call, Warm Up

11:00 a.m. Service, finished around 12:20 p.m.

***THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PIE SALE**

BRAVO EVERYONE on all your efforts.

It's never too late to get those virtual pies! They are still available!
Thank you for all your support.

[Click here to see the email sent out by Karen and Leah our Pie Chairs to the choir community about "Pie Season."](#)

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dear Choir Families,

A reminder that the annual Choir Christmas Party is on December 8th at 5:30pm. Thank you to everyone who has RSVP'd and signed up to bring or sponsor food. If you have

not done so yet please take a moment to RSVP and sign up. Details below.

1. Sign-up to bring something or to volunteer here
2. Sponsor something by making a donation here (suggested donations are between \$30 and \$60 depending on the item, please consult the sign up genius for instructions and further details. Also, please make sure to include "Choir Christmas Party" in the comments when making a donation.)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!!

Veronica and Terri

***LOOKING AHEAD -**

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. See above.

11 December, Wednesday

The Community Carol Sing in the Church

12:15-12:45

Come sing your favorite Christmas Carols with Don and the Choristers in the Church! Bring family, friends and colleagues.

***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**

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9:45 call, 11:00 service

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**

8 December, Sunday

Junior - Novice Sunday with New Seniors

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

***NOVICE CHORISTER NEWS**

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

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGER NEWS**

**COME SING SUNDAY 8 December, 9:45 Warm up in the Church!
It's two of your favorite anthems, Jesu, joy and Teach us O Lord!**

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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