

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

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*FROM THE DESK OF DR. ALLEN

Happy Friday the Thirteenth!
What a blessed and beautiful week full of fun and moving musical offerings.

The Choir Christmas Party was so beautiful and joy filled.

In order to make the party a success, we rely upon dozens of volunteers, who bring wine and desserts, serve drinks or help set-up or cleanup and many more who donate and underwrite the expenses. This year, the party was coordinated by Terri Chase and Veronica Maginnis. Please join me in a big cheer for their hard work and beautiful efforts.

The brilliant and fun raffle was overseen by James Gomez and Shingmin Lai. Many thanks to Connie Majoros, Adrienne Goldthorpe, Frances Grant, Yunjae Chung, and Leo Lewis for all their raffle support.

The 125th Anniversary and choir chocolate sale was overseen with grace and beauty by Mary Cannon.

On Wednesday the Annual Carol Sing took place. This is a huge effort with the choristers having a pizza feast prior to the sing and an ice cream party afterwards. They sang beautifully and outdid themselves in decorum and grace. Spread the word for next year to your family, friends and colleagues. No one should miss this moving and special opportunity for a peaceful moment in the beauty of the church with the beauty created and led by Don and the choristers. You'all come and sing!

Many thanks to this amazing team for all their support of the event: Mary Cannon, Yunjae Chung, Leigh Cohen, James Gomez, Karen Gorman, Doug Keppel, Shingmin Lai, Dominique Schulte, Barbara Sibley and Xanthe Tabor.

This weekend the Senior Boys are on in the morning. In the afternoon bring family, friends and colleagues to the annual offering of Britten's beautiful A CEREMONY OF CAROLS. The program is just around one hour and the setting and musical offering so special. All girl choristers are required.

2:15 Call for Seniors

3:30 Call for Novices and Juniors.

All afternoon chorister week day activities end today with After School Vocal Coaching.

Next week please note:

Morning Rehearsals take place only on Tuesday and Wednesday. These are for all senior choristers and focus on the Carol Service Music All boys and girls are welcome at both rehearsals.

Thursday evening at 5:45 until 9:00 is the dress rehearsal for all Senior Choristers for the Carol Service. It is a required rehearsal.

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Have a safe and joy filled healthy weekend. Season's greetings with all my love and thanks, Patrick

***THIS SUNDAY** - 15 December, Advent 3

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Seniors Required, Novices and Jr's optional.
No lunch or afternoon rehearsal

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Required for all girls.
4:00 Service over by 5:00 p.m.

***NEXT SUNDAY** - 22 December, Advent 4

The Adult Choir

***CHRISTMAS EVE** - 24 December, Tuesday

4:00 The Christmas Pageant in the Church

7:00 Call for all Senior Choristers, vested and seated in the Choir Stalls

8:00 A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
REQUIRED FOR ALL SENIOR CHORISTERS

LOOKING AHEAD -*14 December, Saturday****SENIOR GIRLS - DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE BRITTEN****SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER** in the Church

Enter at the main doors of the church or if closed, at 802 Broadway and Exit from same.

Call is 1:15 and it ends at 3:00 p.m.

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***THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

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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**

15 December, Sunday

MORNING: 9:45 Call, The Choir of Men and Boys
Seniors Required, Novices and Jr's optional.
No lunch or afternoon rehearsal

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NOVICE CHORISTER NEWS*15 December, Sunday**

MORNING: 9:45 Call, The Choir of Men and Boys
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No lunch or afternoon rehearsal

AFTERNOON: The Girls' Choir with Alumni and Adults from the Parish and Adult Choirs.
Britten, A CEREMONY OF CAROLS
2:15 Call for Seniors
3:30 Call for Novices and Juniors
Required for all girls.
4:00 Service over by 5:00 p.m.

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGER NEWS**

9:45 call, 11:00 service

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19 December, Thursday
Dress Rehearsal for the Carol Service
6:45 until 9:00 p.m.

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

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The Reverend Chase Danford, Associate Rector
The Reverend Julia Offinger, Assistant Rector
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