

## 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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Blessed Feast Day of St. Nicholas to all,

St. Nicholas is the patron of the choir, of children and of sailors!

Join me once again in thanking Leah and Karen for leading us through a brilliant and very successful Thanksgiving Pie Sale.  
It was wonderful.

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!

This week was our last almost normal schedule of the fall term. Other than after school vocal coaching as scheduled, all afternoon choir activities are completed until January. 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. All Seniors are welcome to sing and mentor.

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

On Wednesday 11 December the Choristers with Don will lead us in the Community Carol Sing at 12:15. For 30 minutes we all sing Christmas in the Church. Bring friends, family and colleagues, it's a lovely mid day devotion. Before, at 11:15 the choristers have pizza. Please sign up to help, it's a real feeding frenzy.

Stay healthy, enjoy the holidays and be safe,  
love, Patrick

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**\*THIS 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 Choir Christmas Party in the GCS Dining Hall, 5:30 p.m.  
See Below

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**\*NEXT SUNDAY - 15 December, Advent 3**

**MORNING: 9:45 Call, The Choir of Men and Boys  
Seniors Required, Novices and Jr's optional.  
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.**

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**\*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."](#)

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**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**

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**\*LOOKING AHEAD -**

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The Community Carol Sing in the Church

12:15-12:45

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**14 December, Saturday**

**SENIOR GIRLS - DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE BRITTEN**

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER** in the Church

Enter at 802 Broadway and Exit from there.

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## **\*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.

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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](#)

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### **\*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!**

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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.

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**\*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.

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**\*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](mailto: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.**

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## **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:**

**[www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org)**

**CLICK: MUSIC**

**CLICK: login**

**User Name: helfenstein**

**Password:**

**Stanfordlives1894**

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The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector  
The Reverend Chase Danford, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Julia Offinger, Assistant Rector  
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers  
Hannah Cen, Organ Scholar

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