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excellence in music and God's love for all!



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***P. Allen Greetings -**

**Greetings and happy first Friday of December! December?
Welcome to the Season of Advent, a season of preparation and celebration of Light.
Let your light shine! You can heal the world!**

**The prayer for the First Sunday of Advent advises us to "put on the armour of light."
Remove one letter and your get "amour." Wonderful words of hope, faith and love.**

Sunday 6 December is a special day. It is the feast day of the patron of the choirs - Saint Nicholas. In many countries, this is the big gift giving day of the holidays. It was very special in the Netherlands where I studied. Floats in parades actually float! Parades take place on the canals rather than along a street. You should experience Saint Nicholas arriving into the city on a float. It was amazing.

CHOIR FAMILY CAROL SING THIS SUNDAY at 6:00 p.m.

This Sunday 6 December everyone is welcome to zoom in for a carol sing.

We can't have our annual Christmas party, but we can continue our song singing where we are and lifting up the season.

[Zoom in at this link](#) (Password if needed: 274642)

[Music Sheets at this link](#)

You can come and go or not as you like.

It's just for the joy of it.

I'll be at the piano in the music office here at the church calling out the verses.

Please mute as you enter. That will be important and fa la la la away!

NEXT WEEK:

The Week of 6 December - regular schedule live and on zoom.

If anything changes I'll let you know.

**WOW WOW WOW
WELL DONE and CONGRATULATIONS
and
A VERY BIG THANK YOU!**

18th Annual Choir Pie Sale

Wow! The response to the virtual pie sale has been tremendous.

Thank you for your support.

Please join me in a big shout out and thank you to

MARY CANNON AND KAREN GORMAN

for leading us through this year's fund raiser.

\$5,554.00 was raised for the Choir Special Projects Fund.

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE!

***PANDEMIC LINKS:**

[MUSIC LINK FOR ZOOMIES](#)

[PHOTOS OF LOCATIONS](#)

[With names just in case you don't know where something is!](#)

[MORNING REHEARSAL LINK](#), Password if needed: 922460

[AFTERNOON REHEARSAL LINK](#), Password if needed: 516484

[REHEARSAL WAVER DOWNLOAD](#)

[LINK FOR 5 PACK of face shields](#)

PA Cell phone in case you can't find us or need to get in: 917.733.5117

***SENIORS**

Tuesday through Friday Morning Rehearsals, Live or Zoom

Chantry Gate opens at 7:15 a.m., temperature check, enter at the Honor Room Door, wash hands, come to Chantry.

Rehearsal 7:30 - 8:25 a.m.

Dismiss from Chantry Door to Chantry Broadway Gate, walk to GCS Check in or "Broadway"

Friday After School Vocal Coaching, Afternoon Choir Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

Please sign up with Sign Up Genius, 2 choristers live are required for the session.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Chantry.

Check out of School walk around to the Chantry Gate, enter the Chantry Door for Choir Check in.

Flexibility: Seniors are welcome at all choir sessions morning and afternoon. Especially during this pandemic, choose what works for the rhythm of your family.

Just let PAllen know what you are doing so he won't worry and can be prepared to support you.

***JUNIORS**

Tuesday After School Rehearsal, Live or Zoom

(At this time 2nd grade novices are also welcome at this rehearsal)

At GCS dismissal until 4:00 p.m.

Please let P Allen know by 5:00 p.m. on Monday each week if you are planning to have your child attend and they are not on this list. If they will attend weekly, we will add them, if occasional, please communicate for each week. This is only necessary for GCS Students so teachers can be authorized to dismiss students to choir at the Huntington Close Gate.

Once students are dismissed from school they may not return.

Exception, if parents make arrangements with GASP for after school play at 4:00, with GCS permission and telling us the procedure, they may attend that program.

PARENTS and Non GCS Choristers, do not try to come through the school at any time. They are busy cleaning after dismissal.

ENTER AT THE BROADWAY Chantry Gate for all access to the Church.

ACCESS to the Church via the Honor Room Door in Huntington Close

Wash Hands

Take Seat

Enjoy your snack until rehearsal begins

PICK UP at 4:00 p.m. All parents or designated adult must come into the Honor Room to pick up their Child. Parents should wait with careful distance in the Honor Room. Please do not ask them to run out to the car.

Rehearsal officially runs from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Choir Rehearsal Dismissal List
of GCS Students
(Does not need to include
non GCS Students, this is for
dismissal purposes at GCS)**

**For 11 October
Based on who attended on the 29th of September
It's never too late to add in.....**

GIRLS Name / Grade

**Eva Dixon 5th
Abby Gomez 5th
Annabelle Grace 5th
Bellamy Stapleton 4th
Kiera Cryan 3rd
Lily Dixon 3rd
Claire Min 3rd**

BOYS Name / Grade

**Sander Olinick 5th
Pablo Bordes 4th
Eamonn Hynes 4th
James Gomez 3rd
Jack Jedlicka 3rd
Wallace Lai 3rd
Austin Lai 3rd
Thatcher Olinick 3rd
Luka Tanjga 3rd
James West 3rd**

***NOVICES**

Rehearsals on Wednesday's after GCS dismissal.

GCS Students will be brought by their class to the Honor Gate where I will meet them and take them into the Honor Room.

Choristers coming from outside GCS will come up the path from the Chantry Broadway Gate to the Honor Room.

There at a safe distance we will take temperatures, wash hands and have a snack.

Then we will go slowly, single file into the Chantry put on our protective shields with our masks and practice.

Each chorister will have their own seat, music, pencil and shield that only they will touch.

Between rehearsals they will live on the rack under their chair.

I think the first couple of sessions could go until 4:00. Let's see how it goes.

That may be too much for them, we might shorten it a little bit.

Dismissal will be from the Chantry.

Parents enter from the main doors of the Chantry, you will hear us and we will dismiss from there one family at a time.

Once rehearsal begins I will lock the honor room door to the garden for security.

The main Chantry doors will be open for the whole rehearsal to let fresh air move more freely.

When the Wednesday Section fills up we can open up a second section on Thursdays at GCS dismissal.

We might even make one boys and one girls, but that is getting ahead of ourselves.

Girls / 2nd grade

Beatrice Delaney

Amy Johnson

Josephine Lewis

Claire Pederson

Isla Popov

Boys / 2nd grade

Grayson Hurd

William Naples

***HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS**

If you are interested in doing so singing/coaching, contact P Allen directly to schedule something.

Please stay safe and take good care.

***PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

SIGN UP GENIUS

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

-Pandemic Parent Support for Rehearsals.

-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 me.

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.

Recruiting is never over and normally we would be starting that phase of the season now. The brochure has been posted to school families.

If you know of families not at GCS who should receive it, let me know and I'll will include them.

Help spread the word that families interested in joining should email or call me so I can put them on the mailing list for information and to get them in the loop.

CHOIR ESSENTIALS

The Choir Words for 2020-2021 - SAFTEY and FLEXIBILITY!

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](#)

[LINK PANDEMIC PARENT SUPPORT FOR REHEARSALS SIGN UP GENIUS](#)

Accessing the Secure Choir Family Area of the Music Website:

www.gracechurchnyc.org

CLICK: MUSIC

CLICK: login

User Name: helfenstein

Password:

Stanfordlives1894

Contact:

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[The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector](#)

[The Reverend Julia Offinger, Associate Rector](#)

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[Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers](#)

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