



**RTRS !**

**Gd. Peps:**

**I m rtng 2 u in txt, wrds u may no / not. I cnt con't caus my thumbs r xed.**

*[Rector's Letter*

**Good People:**

*I am writing to you in text, words you or may not know. I can't continue because my thumbs are tired]*

Between Facebook, Twitter and text messaging, the is rushing on in speed and communication even if it appears ungainly at times. We are a people in touch with one another almost instantly and to keep up one must learn a new language, forget about voice mail, let alone a conversation, or that antique: email! All this would have been hard to imagine ten years ago. Apart from the mercantile core of these enterprises and the advertising that goes along with it, there is the wonder of staying in touch through the ether. One can wonder what is next and it is easy to decry this innovative rush as too much, too soon, too fast, and too complex. Yet for the parent who has a young child connected by cell phone, this is safety and presence, and for the person awaiting that most important call, this crucial. Technology remains ambiguous and the use to which it is applied is up to the user.

At core are relationships. Human beings need to be in some kind of community (the root of 'communication') in order to be who we are. The technology can further the relationships even as it can seem burdensome. Community is built on and builds relationship. The "technology" of faith is similar to the secular. Faith communities can be built on the techniques of communication which abuse or even degrade into terrorism. The old Capitalism vs. Communism struggle has given way to the struggle of world Faiths and the edge of that is sometimes violent. On the other hand, we can stay in touch, share important spiritual insight and be marginally present to those with whom we minister with good technology.

**AL STS 2009**

In the season we now share, All Saints, relationships are recast in community. After all we call the body of faithful the Communion of Saints, meaning we are all connected to each other here and to the dead, AND to those who will follow us. The testimony of Christianity is that the key relationship as announced and lived by Jesus brings forth communities of compassionate service that defy the boundary of tribe, clan, class and empire. The Communion of Saints of which we are a part in this moment, is a Community of saints who have been here, are here and will be here. They are you and me, they are children yet unborn, they are those whom we remember who loved us, and whom we loved. The technique of communication is 2 lv G + ngbr as self i.e. *To love God and neighbor as one's self.*

No matter how it is said, the message is the same — text message, verbal message, hymn, or shout — the love of God connects us through the ages, through the ether, through our life and breath, woven into the world and beyond the visible world. 2G2BT

Rejoice Always,

*[trans. Too Good to be true!]*



**DON'T FORGET**

**MIDNIGHT RUN**

*THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH*

*New Helpers Welcome*

**NOVEMBER 14**  
10:00am  
Memorial Hall

# FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### St Francis Day Pet Blessing & Parade



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Saint Francis Day Pet Parade! Families and pets marched through the heart of Nyack singing songs of animals. Thanks to Keith Olsen's guitar accompaniment and

some nice big voices, we made quite a beautiful scene! These great photos (and more on the bulletin board outside Memorial Hall) are thanks to Marty Owens, parish pet lover and photographer.



### PARISH FORUM: Foster Care in Rockland County

The Parish Forum on October 25 featured Diane Westervelt from the Department of Social Services speaking about foster care in Rockland County. Here is some follow-up information: **PLEASE OPEN YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME.....**

Rockland County Department of Social Services is in CRITICAL need of safe and loving homes for children who have been abused and or neglected. Foster parents receive free training, reimbursement for expenses, and support. PLEASE help make a difference in the life of a child and become a foster parent. For more information call 364-3535. Information packets available at Grace Church.

### CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**All Saints Day – Sunday, November 1** – A family activity takes place directly following the 9:30am service.

**November 29—No Church School (Thanksgiving holiday)**

### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING TEEN PROGRAM For kids in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service takes place on **Tuesday, November 24** at 8:00pm at St. Ann's Church located on Jefferson Street in Nyack. Pizza and a giving project bringing together kids of all faiths in the Nyack area will take place from 6–8:00pm. Following the activity the kids can attend the service as a group. More information will follow through both senior and junior youth group.

# SCENES FROM OUR 3rd ANNUAL HARVEST CELEBRATION



Photos: R. Gressle

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's Harvest Celebration a success! Many, many people generously donated to the auction and over sixty people turned out to enjoy the party. A special thank you also to the committee members who helped make it all happen: Olive Crone, Jim Gilbert, Vickie Hertz, Evelyn Lombardi, Jeanette Matthews, Sally Ann Mock, Kim Adele Rosner, Jennifer Marraccino, Emma Greenwood, Carlo Pellegrini, Sally Seiler and Laura Wanamaker. As a result of everyone's energy and commitment, a total profit of \$8,600 was raised to support Grace Church's general operating budget and youth fund. Thank you! **Kim Cross and Claudia Uccellani Co-Chairs**

# PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER

## WITH ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR PLEDGE FOR 2010

**TOTAL (as of 10/28/09)**  
**125 pledgers \$238,061 pledged**

### **8:00am**

**25 pledgers \$30,631 pledged**

Beryl Bethelmy  
Louise Bohr  
Wendy & John Brown  
John D. Cullen  
Douglas Doller  
Eugenia Duryea  
Gerald & Marjorie Federico  
Linda D. Fletcher  
Eleanor & Harold Hafstad  
Heidi R. Hill  
Thomas & Judith Humeston  
Rev. Kenneth Mann  
Valerie Mathews  
Sally Ann Mock  
William & Rosemary Owen  
Thomas Perry  
Winston Perry  
Nadine Revheim  
Roberta Sarvent  
Sally & John Sarvent  
Jeanne Treat Tozer  
Deborah Van Ness  
Barbara & Homer Wanamaker  
2 anonymous

### **9:30am**

**34 pledgers \$39,462 pledged**

Sarah Bell  
Michael Berg  
Betty Birchett  
MJ Bray  
Laura Cavazzi  
Michael & Carol Chung  
John & Beverley Colgan  
Olive Crone/Prouty  
Kim Cross  
Jeanette & Ross Dailey  
The Friesens  
Vickie Hertz & Ron Greenwood  
Chris & Heather Haera  
The Heider Family  
Jennifer & John Hurson  
Erik Johnke & Siobhan Masterson  
Holly Leibesberger  
John & Caroline Lindemann  
Greg & Bernadette Logiodice

Lauren Malone  
Virginia Malone  
Jen & Joe Marraccino  
Neely & Dennis McCormick  
Heather Nelson  
Keith & Moriah Olsen  
James O'Toole & Gregory Birchett  
Beth & Joe Paskowski  
Caran Pullen  
Phil & Helen Scala  
Charles & Lori Tauken  
Claudia Uccellani  
Laura & Jeff Wanamaker  
Paul & Annie Weiss  
1 anonymous

### **11:00am**

**49 pledgers \$137,609 pledged**

Ruth Butler  
Stephanie & Larry Campbell  
Pauline Ceccarelli  
James & Sally Cochran  
Patricia Cose  
Cindy Cox  
Barbara & Charles Cross  
Patricia R. Decker  
Barbara De Francis  
George & Ruth Fee  
Barbara Fleischer  
Katharine Fulmor & Theresa Bergen  
Kenrick & Bernice Georges  
Ruby & Charles Ghosio  
Jim & Peggy Gilbert  
Don Hammond Family  
Christopher Harding  
Howe Family  
Myria Jean-Gilles  
Rudolph & Kimberly Knight  
Dorothy M. Larson  
Amy Lehman  
Margaret Lehrecke  
Mia Leo & Dick Kuczkowski  
Evelyn Lombardi & Jeanette Matthews  
Orville & Sally Mann  
Steven P. Marsh  
Jeffrey McDowell  
Debbie & Robert McGuinness  
James & Wendy Monaco  
Mary O'Donoghue  
Judy Omumbo  
Robert & Bonnie Parsekian

Michael Pfenning  
Karen & Wayne Phelan  
Millicent Pinckert  
Charles & Judy Reynolds  
Charles J. Richardson & John L. Weslowski  
Helen P. Scalici  
Fran & Semo Sennas  
Paula Spruck  
Jennifer Stay & Susan McCann  
Joe Stennett & Margie Winslow  
Carol & Paul Streichert  
R. Clinton Taplin  
Charlotte T. Trott  
Pat & Jeff Winter  
Fredrica Wyman  
1 anonymous

### **Other**

**17 pledgers \$30,359 pledged**

Evelyn Bachert  
Karin & Geoff Baere  
Priscilla L. Boylan  
Alan & Linda Chisholm  
Elaine Dempsey  
James & Virginia Dillon  
André & Gerda Felix  
Richard Gressle  
John & Ejane MacCartney  
James & Lynnette Marshall  
Dyahan & Jonathan Marsland  
Roberta & Nils Mathsen  
The McNeill Family  
Connie Pinkus  
Emily Sieracki  
Elisabeth Sydor  
Bruce & Thayer Woodcock

**MAKE YOUR PLEDGE  
FOR 2010**

Materials available in the  
narthex and at our  
website:

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



**ECW FALL LUNCHEON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women, but men are welcome too) invites you to their fall luncheon on Monday November 9 at St. John The Divine in Tomkins Cove. The celebrant and speaker is Rev. Jan Nunley, former director of communications for The Episcopal Church. The business meeting begins at 10:30am followed by Holy Eucharist at 11:15am and lunch at noon. Lunch will be homemade soups, bread, dessert and beverage for \$4.00. Please contact Ann Vitale (845-786-3923) by Thursday, November 5 if you plan to attend so that they can make arrangements for food.

**Matthew Baier presents  
A Recital of Original Compositions  
At Grace Episcopal Church  
Saturday, November 21 at 8:00pm**

Composer Matthew Baier returns for a concert of new works featuring the premier of Music For Two Drummers & Guitar, Three Bagatelles, Songs on Lenten Themes, and Trio for Flute, Guitar & Violin No. 4. Guest artists include by Marigene Kettler & Melissa Alexander, sopranos; Russ Ashley, baritone, George Francois, piano; Jackie Drechsler, flute, Diane Lang, violin, Ben Carriel & Christopher Baier, percussion, Conor Grocki - oboe, & Matthew Baier, classical Guitar. Admission is \$10.00, tickets available at the door.

**ROCKLAND PARENT CHILD CENTER  
ANNOUNCES TOY DRIVE**

RPCC is collecting toys for the children of incarcerated parents participating in their Family Connections program. They are looking for new, unwrapped toys for boys or girls (infant to 16), which can be dropped at the Center (137 First Avenue, across the street from Grace) 9:30am-1:00pm weekdays now through December 10. For more information, call 378-2702.

**PEOPLE TO PEOPLE WISH LIST  
"SOS" Stock Our Shelves Shopping List**

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Beans             | Powdered Milk |
| Canned Beef Stew  | Rice          |
| Canned Chili      | Soup          |
| Canned Juice      | Sugar         |
| Canned Vegetables | Tomato Sauce  |
| Cereal            | Tuna Fish     |
| Flour             | Vegetable Oil |

Juice Boxes  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Oatmeal  
Parmalat  
Pasta  
Peanut Butter & Jelly

And, as we head into the holiday season, fixings for a Thanksgiving meal

**Bring something every week for the basket in the narthex!**



**ANNUAL CHURCH  
SCHOOL  
ADVENT WREATH SALE**

Once again our Junior Youth Group will be making Advent Wreaths for the entire Grace Community to enjoy! The wreaths include biblical herbs, candles, fresh juniper and white pine greens.

The cost for a wreath is \$20. Payment is due upon ordering. The wreaths will be made on November 28 and the pick up date is November 29.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

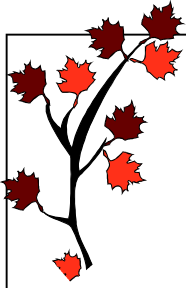
**Number of Wreaths:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form with payment to the Grace Church Office, or put in the collection plate at church by Sunday, November 22.**



**HOLY SMOKE**

*Thanks to Alan Chisholm for sending along this picture of a smoking thurible waiting outside after service on a feast day.*



# NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – All Saints Sunday

8:00/9:30/11:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:10am Church School & Parish Forum: Community Activity  
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:30am Thrift Shop Annual Meeting (Patterson Hall)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ELECTION DAY

10:00am Staff Meeting (Rector's Office)  
12:15 Clericus (Church)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)  
8:00pm Senior Choir

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

3:00 Amazing Grace Circus AfterSchool (Memorial Hall)  
7:00pm Confirmation Class (Patterson Hall)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00/9:30/11:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:30am Standing Committee on Property (Rector's Office)  
10:10am Church School Classes and  
**PARISH FORUM:** Stewardship with The Rev. Jerry Keucher  
10:10am Fellowship Commission meeting (Rector's Office)  
12:00pm Stewardship Commission (Rector's Office)  
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)  
6:30pm Senior Youth Group (Bradley Chapel)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00am Staff Meeting (Rector's Office)  
4:00pm AGC AfterSchool Program (Memorial Hall)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)  
8:00pm Senior Choir

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11—VETERAN'S DAY GRACE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**NHS Chamber Orchestra**

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00pm Men's Prayer Breakfast (Patterson Hall)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00am Adult Spiritual Formation Commission (Bradley)  
10:00am Midnight Run (Midnight Run)  
11:00 Memorial for John Freeburn & reception 11:00am  
Commission on Social Ministries (Bradley Chapel)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00/9:30 /11:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:10am Church School Classes and  
**PARISH FORUM:** The Episcopal Church & world mission/  
refugee programs with Don Hammond & Peggy Gilbert  
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)  
6:30pm Senior Youth Group (Fenton Room)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:00am Staff Meeting (Patterson Hall)  
4:00pm AGC After School Program (Memorial Hall)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)  
7:30pm Vestry  
8:00pm Senior Choir

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00pm Confirmation Class (Patterson Hall)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Diocesan Convention - Cathedral of St. John the Divine  
8:00pm Matthew Baier & Friends Concert (\$10 at door)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00/9:30 /11:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:10am Church School Classes and  
**PARISH FORUM:** Healthy Eating during the Holidays  
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00am Staff Meeting (Patterson Hall)  
4:00pm AGC After School Program (Memorial Hall)  
6:00pm Youth Activity & Pizza – St. Ann's Church  
8:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - St. Ann's Church  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)  
8:00pm Senior Choir

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Day – Grace Church Office is Closed  
9:00 – NA Gratitude Breakfast (Memorial Hall)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23** Grace Church Office is Closed

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:00am Church School – Advent Wreath Construction

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00/9:30 /11:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:10am **PARISH FORUM:** Ideas for Alternative Gifts for a  
Simpler & More Meaningful Christmas

### NYACK INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year, St. Ann's Catholic Church (16 Jefferson Street, right next to Grace Church) will host the annual Nyack Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 24 at 8:00pm**. The traditional service of song and thanksgiving is led by clergy and choirs from throughout our community. Youth groups from member congregations will meet for supper and a community service project at 6:00pm.



# Service Minister's Schedule November 2009

Month / Day	Nov. 1 Clocks back	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29 ADVENT I
<b>8 AM</b>					
<b>Sub-deacon/</b>	J. Humeston	J. Tozer	V. Mathews	R. Hammond	J. Tozer
<b>Lector</b>	J. Humeston	J. Tozer	V. Mathews	R. Hammond	J. Tozer
<b>Acolyte</b>	M. MacQueen	M. MacQueen	J. Martin	J. Martin	M. MacQueen
<b>Elements</b>	D. Doller / S. Sarvent	D. Doller / S. Sarvent	D. Doller / S. Sarvent	D. Doller / S. Sarvent	D. Doller / S. Sarvent
<b>Usher Team</b>	H. Wanamaker S. Mock	H. Wanamaker S. Mock	H. Wanamaker S. Mock	H. Wanamaker S. Mock	H. Wanamaker S. Mock
<b>9:30 AM</b>					
<b>Sub-deacon</b>	C. Uccellani	M. Olsen	LM Schnalzer	N. McCormick	I. Graham
<b>Lector / Acolyte</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
<b>11 AM</b>	All Saints Day Incense				Procession of Light to Altar
<b>Sub-Deacon/ Chalice</b>	J. Matthews K. Fulmor	P. Gilbert L. Holt	C. Cox J. Matthews	R. Seiler J. McDowell	C. Howe C. Uccellani
<b>Lector OT / NT</b>	A. Falccichio OT  Necrology by N. Bark, P Richards, J. Weslowski LM Schnalzer	S. Holt -OT  A. Falcicchio	S. Burns - OT  Confirmand-NT	B. Seaman -OT  Confirmand-NT	4 Readings J.Weslowski E. Wilkins N. Bark M. Owens
<b>Verger / Thurifer</b>	P. Cose E. Lombardi	J. McDowell	E. Lombardi	J. Cochran	P. Cose
<b>Crucifers HC / CC</b>	J.Cochran J.McDowell	E.Lombardi G. Jean-Gilles	J.Cochran C. Howe	C. Cox P. Cose	J.McDowell
<b>Torches</b>	C. Cox C. Howe	K. O'Shea B. Nelson	Confirmand C. Prouty	K. O'Shea K. Linderman	A. Jean-Gilles P. Jean-Gilles
<b>Elements</b>	S & L Manley	B & C Cross	L & D Hahn	J. Loftin M. Pfenning	K & W Phalen
<b>Usher Teams</b>	Graham Team	Cross/Seaman	Colgan /Mann	Wanamaker	Graham Team
<b>Hosts</b>	<b>BY SIGN UP AT COFFEE HOUR</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	R. Fee B. Growney	B. Cross	C. Streichert S. Chalke	S. Seiler B. Wanamaker	volunteer



## NOVEMBER 2009

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Parish Office:** (845) 358-1297 Fax: (845) 358-1443

**Rev. Richard Gressle, Rector** – ext. 11

**Rev. Emily Sieracki, Assistant to the Rector** - ext. 12

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**Maija Kupris, Assisting Musician**

**Bonnie Parsekian, Assisting Musician**

**Jennifer Marraccino, Church School Coordinator** – ext. 14

**Thayer Woodcock, Parish Administrator** – ext. 10

**Kim Adele Rosner, Property Administrator** – ext. 17

**Elaine Dempsey, Receptionist** – ext. 10

**GraceMusic** – ext. 16 **Grace's Thrift Shop:** (845) 358-7488

**Grace Church Website:** [www.gracechurchnyack.org](http://www.gracechurchnyack.org)

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### Wardens

Moriah Olsen  
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Katharine Fulmor

### Treasurer

Charles Richardson  
**Assistant Treasurer**  
Sally Ann Mock

### Vestry

Linda Chisholm  
Jim Cochran  
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Victoria Hertz  
Christine Howe  
Rudolph Knight  
Neely McCormick  
Jeff McDowell  
Caran Pullen

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### GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH NYACK

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*The Rev. Emily Sieracki, Assistant to the Rector*

#### Assisting Clergy:

*The Rev. Alan Chisholm, The Rev. Suzanne Hope Graham*

*The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mann, The Rev. A. Meigs Ross*

#### Grace Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 4:00pm

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE *(beginning 9/13/09)*

#### Sundays

8:00am - Holy Eucharist - Rite One

9:30am - Holy Eucharist followed by Church School/  
Adult Refreshment & Programs

11:00am Holy Eucharist (Senior Choir)

6:30pm French Creole Mass (2nd & Last Sundays)