

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

12 November 2017

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the Marriage of Paul Olson and Jim Waechter.

Sunday, November 12: Twenty-third Sunday

After Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
- 1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)
- 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, November 13

- 3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:45 pm AA Group (Guild Hall)
- 8:00 pm AA Group (Guild Hall)

Tuesday, November 14

- 10:30 am Bible Study (North Room)
- 6:00 pm Annual Giving Reception (North Room)
- 6:00 pm NA Group (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30 pm EfM (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon Group (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 16

- 6:30 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:45 pm AA Group (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Annual Giving Reception (Vivian Toan residence)
- 8:00 pm AA Group (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 17

- 6:00 pm NA Group (Guild Hall)
- 6:45 pm Couples Group (Choir Room)

Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 am AA District Workshop (Gym)

Sunday, November 19: Twenty-fourth Sunday

After Pentecost

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
- 1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)
- 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

*Coffee Hours after 8 and 9:15 am services will be held in the Gym.
Coffee Hour immediately following 11 am service will be held in Guild Hall.*

Welcome to Grace Church! Visitors and guests are invited to sign a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. If you are new to Grace, welcome! Attractive magnetic name tags are available for you to wear when you are at church. These are a huge help in helping us learn each other's names and in building community. If you don't yet have a name tag, fill out a Grace Contact Form on the Welcome Table, in the rear of the church. Name tags are not only for newcomers...we all wear them, including kids! *If you have a pacemaker, you should not wear a magnetic tag; we have an alternative tag for you.* Questions? Contact our Parish Administrator, Christian DeRuiter, in the Parish Office at 718-624-1850. **Parents:** There is Staff-supervised Nursery Care offered from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Colonial Room, upstairs across from the kitchen. **Children's Activity Materials and Bulletins** are available on the Children's Table in the church. Children are always welcome at worship. **Hearing assistance devices are available on the Children's Table.** If you would like one, please ask an usher. **If needed, a Chairlift to the Guild Hall is available;** please ask an usher for assistance.

TODAY AT GRACE

Sunday Parking: Please note that Sunday parking for Grace parishioners is available at **44 State Street Garage (at the end of Willow Place).** The hours are only on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm unless a holy day (such as Good Friday, Christmas Eve) is scheduled for another day of the week. Please drop off your car at the garage, bring the ticket to an usher for stamping, and give the stamped ticket to the valet.

United Thank Offering Ingathering & Special Offering: As part of Bishop Provenzano's diocesan-wide fundraiser to support United Thank Offering (UTO) at this weekend's Diocesan Convention (November 10 and 11), we have the opportunity to contribute to UTO's disaster relief work for those victimized by recent natural disasters. UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, we give together and connect with our brothers and sisters by supporting ministries and missions throughout the Episcopal Church and in Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. Contributions made by check should be payable to: "The Diocese of Long Island – UTO" and can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed to the Parish Office (254 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.) Your support is much appreciated for this important ministry.

NEWS AT GRACE

Annual Giving Receptions: Please join Stewardship Co-Chairs David Krych and Jim Williamson in an evening of relaxed conversation about our Church, including our budget and needs. We'll throw a log on the fire, enjoy hearty appetizers and satisfying drinks, and chat as a community of Grace.

The next Receptions will be held on:

Tuesday, November 14, 6 pm (North Room)

Thursday, November 16, 7 pm (9 Willow Place, around the corner from Joralemon Street).

The evening of the 14th is focused on introducing children to the concept of charity and giving. We'll have special activities and kid-friendly eats.

Please choose the date and time that works best for you and join us!

For further information, please contact David (david.krych@gmail.com) or Jim (jim.j.williamson@gmail.com). And please RSVP to Christian in the parish office (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) or call (718) 624-1850, x10.

Change of Location for Annual Giving Reception, November 16: The Annual Giving Reception on *November 16* is being moved to the home of Vivian Toan at 9 Willow Place, beginning 7 pm.

All are welcome -- Please join us!

(Grace Church is such a busy place! The parish house will be full to the brim on the 16th, with more than a hundred parents meeting to talk about the Grace School curriculum, choir rehearsal, our shelter guests in the gym, and a meeting of one of our recovery groups).

Grace Christmas Pageant: It's time! This year's pageant is coming up - *Sunday, December 17* at the 11 am service. Everyone (not just Pageant Parents!) should visit the Grace web site or take a flyer from the rear of church to find out more and how to get involved. Most roles are open, so please discuss with your kids (ages 3 to 14) who they'd like to portray. Clear your calendars for three Saturday morning rehearsals on *Saturdays, December 2, December 9, and December 16*. All rehearsals will begin promptly at 9 am and end by 11:00 am.

Brianna McCarty will be taking sign-ups and answering questions during Coffee Hour between the 9:15 and 11 am services *TODAY, Sunday, November 12*, as well as online. Contact her here with any questions (mccarty.brianna@gmail.com). Don't miss this opportunity to share in a very special tradition here at Grace!

Wise Aging Forum continues: The next three sessions of our Wise Aging Forum will be held on Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 pm, on *November 16* (North Room), *November 30* (Choir Room), and *December 7* (North Room). We are going to read and discuss Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. The book is available on Amazon.

Grace Bereavement Group returns: *Sunday, December 3, 12:30 to 1:30 pm* in the Colonial Room. Any who have suffered a loss (recent or not) are most welcome to come.

Rector Search — Live Interviews Now Under Way: Having completed our telephone interviews in September, the Search Committee is scheduling live interviews with each of the selected candidates. These in-person meetings will take place here at Grace, throughout October and November. Following all those interviews, the Committee will provide Bishop Provenzano, and then the Wardens and Vestry, the names of three final candidates for the Wardens and Vestry to interview.

The Committee is grateful for the prayers and support of the clergy, the Wardens, the Vestry and the entire parish throughout this important process of transition.

For further information, please contact the Search Co-Chairs, Vivian Harrison and Barbara Becker at search.cochairs@gracebrooklyn.org.

Do you enjoy flowers? Why not donate flowers on a particular Sunday to remember a loved one who has died or to give thanks for a special blessing? Sign-up sheets are on the Information Table in the rear of church. Memorials and thanksgivings are included in the Sunday bulletin's Parish News section.

Contemplative Prayer Group meets on *Tuesdays* at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Please join us for a silent respite at the end of your day. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Lindsay Boyer (lindsay@lindsayboyer.com) with questions or just come by.

Get Connected with Grace Church e-News by signing up at www.gracebrooklyn.org. We send out an email to the parish every week. Also: **Follow us on the Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Facebook page** at www.facebook.com/GraceChurchBrooklynHeights.

GRACE CHURCH - A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

Do you have a prayer concern? In addition to offering Healing Prayer during our services, Grace provides two other ways to have people or situations prayed for: (1) For confidential or emergency prayer concerns, please email Anne Silver at asilver@gts.edu. (2) For ongoing, non-confidential prayer concerns, fill in the 3-ring binder at the rear of the church, and your concerns will be printed below and prayed for by members of the congregation. Names on the "Ongoing Prayer Needs" list will generally be removed after one month unless you indicate that the need is long-term. There is also space in the 3-ring binder to indicate if a name should be removed from the prayer list.

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Príncipe.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Ughelli, in Bendel, Nigeria, The Rt. Rev. Cyril Odutemu.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Lynbrook; The Diocesan Chancellor; Christ Church, Manhasset; Christ Church, Massapequa; St. Francis, North Bellmore; Safe Church Training Teams.

For Grace Church in This Interim Period: For the clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, Search Committee, and lay leaders of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights in this time of transition.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Karl Steinbrenner.

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Eric, Alejandra and Julio; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Julian Douglass; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Ron Ford; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Lori Pogharian Smith; Malcolm; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Chuck Jabaley; Mary Inwood; Jessy, Jade & Brian; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Juliana O'Brien; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Hope Boyd; Andrew Campbell; for all who suffer from storms, flooding, fires and earthquakes; Frances Brown; Karen Seipel; Jackie Rodriguez; Gwen Goldsmith; Jim Caiozza; for all victims of the shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas; Jackie Hunsicker.

For those who have died. *Rest eternal grant to them, O God.*

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: Helen and Ken. *If you are expecting a child or awaiting an adoption, and would like to be remembered in prayer, contact the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, extension 10.*

In Thanksgiving for Marriage: Alexandra Weheda and Chase Killeen.

Preparing for Marriage: Hilary Boller and Ben Aneff.

Upcoming Baptismal Date: January 7, 2018 (The Baptism of Our Lord) at 11:00 am. To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.