

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

21 May 2017

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

Sunday, May 21: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Coffee Hour (Guild Hall)
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Coffee Hour (Guild Hall)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Rear of Church)
12:30 pm Bereavement Group (Colonial Room)
1:30 pm AA (Gym)
2:00 pm Sacred Sites Stained Glass tours
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, May 22

3:30 pm Children's Choir
6:45 pm AA (Guild Hall)

Tuesday, May 23

11:00 am Parents Group (North Room)
6:45 pm NA Group (Guild Hall)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 pm EFM (Choir Room)
7:00 pm Grace Chorale
7:30 pm Al-Anon (Gym)

Thursday, May 25

1:00 pm Wise Aging (North Room)
6:30 pm Parish Choir (Choir Room)
6:45 pm AA Group (Guild Hall)

Friday, May 26

6:30 pm NA (Guild Hall)
6:30 pm Couples (Gym)

Saturday, May 27

10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, May 28: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Coffee Hour (Guild Hall)
9:15 am Family Eucharist
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11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
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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 (near the name tag board at the back of the church), and on the Welcome Table, also at the back 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. **For 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.** 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

This week's hosts for the Coffee Hour following the 11 am service are the wonderful and talented members of our Parish Choir. Please join us for friendship and refreshments after the 11 am service in the rear of the church.

The Bereavement Group meets at 12:30 pm in the Colonial Room today. Any who have suffered a loss (recent or not) are most welcome to come.

Sacred Sites Open House Today: Sponsored by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, from 1 to 4 pm in the sanctuary, docents will be conducting guided tours of the church, and you're welcome to join! The theme of this year's Sacred Sites event is "Stained Glass: Windows on This World and the Next." Bob Whiteford, author of "Hidden Grace: A Study of the Signs, Symbols and History of Grace Episcopal Church, Brooklyn Heights," will be delivering talks at 2 and 3 pm on our stained glass windows.

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.

Please do not leave leaflets in the pews...bring them to the back of the church and put them into the baskets for recycling. Thank you.

NEWS AT GRACE

Children's Choral program meets Monday at 3:30 pm in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Paul Olson at polson@gracebrooklyn.org.

The Parents Group meets on Tuesdays, from 11 am - 12:30 pm in the North Room. All parents are welcome to this informal, fun, conversational group led by The Rev. Anne Richards. We have begun a 6-week series around the book "Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life: How to Finally, Really Grow Up" by James Hollis, PhD, easily available on Amazon. Spread the word...GCS parents and neighborhood parents are welcome too!

Our Wise Aging Group meets on Thursdays, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the North Room. All are welcome to this informal, conversational group centered around both the joys and hard realities of aging. This group is led by The Rev. Anne Richards and is open to everyone at Grace and beyond. Spread the word!

Grace Garden Guild: Help us create a garden that welcomes members of our Grace community and beckons in the passerby. A guild of volunteers is being formed to bring creativity and energy to these long-neglected areas. Members of the Guild will help cultivate, plant and maintain the beds and planters around the courtyard and at the corner of Hicks and Grace Court. Join us in the garden! To volunteer or learn more, please speak with Anne+.

Office Angels Ministry: We are streamlining our parish offices practices. In order to free up our Parish Administrator for truly administrative tasks, we would like to form a group of volunteers who would be willing to come to the parish office on Fridays 2:00 - 3:30 pm to handle the photocopying of Sunday bulletins. We hope to form a flock of several Office Angels for this purpose. Are you interested? Call Anne+ 718-624-1850, ext. 14 or the Parish Office, 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

Parents Night Out, May 31! Everyone is invited to a Parents Night Out on Wednesday, *May 31* from 7 - 9 pm in the Guild Hall. Join us for an informal conversation with The Rev. Anne Richards: "Raising a Good Kid in a Culture of Affluence and Entitlement". Leave your spouse at home with your children, or get a babysitter and come together. Wine and snacks, too. These have been very enjoyable evenings in the past....the fun continues! No RSVP necessary.

Annual Parish BBQ, June 11: The day of our Annual Parish BBQ is fast approaching - Sunday, June 11, alongside Grace Court. **So that the entire Grace Church community can be together that day, we are having only one service, at 11 am.** Please help make this event a fun one, by bringing salads and/or desserts and volunteering to help grill hamburgers and hot dogs! To volunteer your grilling time or to let us know what type of salad or dessert you can bring, please contact Martha Bakos Dietz at mbdietz94@gmail.com or 718-237-2263, or Emily Horcher at ejhorcher@gmail.com or 718-625-1586.

2017 Annual Giving Campaign - Countdown to 300 Pledges! We are well on our way to our giving goal of \$850,000, but we need all of you to get us there! Please consider joining the 200 other parishioners who have made a pledge so far for 2017. We are very grateful for your participation and no amount is too small. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks or you can pledge online at www.gracebrooklyn.org. Please do not hesitate to contact our Annual Giving Campaign Chair, Amy Rowland, at amyrowland@gmail.com with any questions.

Call for Photos! We are happy to accept photos taken at Grace on Sundays or at special events for possible inclusion in our weekly Grace e-Notes. Names of the people or children in the photos are not ordinarily included. Feel free to email photos to Christian in the Parish Office: parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org. Please make sure you have set your camera to the highest possible resolution before taking or sending photos. We are especially interested in close-up photos of people, individually or in small groups (not empty pews, architectural details, and so forth, though these will occasionally be used).

Compassionate Cooks delivers meals to those returning home from hospital, in special need, or celebrating a birth or other milestone. If you would like to join us in preparing or delivering a meal, please contact Martha Eckfeldt: 718-624-0111 or marthaeck@gmail.com. If you would like a meal brought to you, please call the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

Contemplative Centering 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.

E-waste recycling drive, May 20 and 21 at First Unitarian Church, on Pierrepont Street, between Clinton Street and Monroe Place, Saturday, *May 20*, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, *May 21*, 10 am to 4 pm. Rain or shine!

Get Connected with Grace Church e-News by signing up at www.gracebrooklyn.org. We send out an email to the parish every week.

Daily Recovery Community Meetings at Grace: Sunday, AA, 1:30 pm (Guild Hall); Monday, AA, 6:45 pm (Guild Hall); Tuesday, NA, 6:45 pm (Guild Hall); Wednesday, Al-Anon, 7:30 pm (Gym); Thursday, AA, 6:45 pm (Guild Hall); Friday, NA, 7:00 pm (Guild Hall), Couples in Recovery, 6:30 pm (Gym); Saturday, AA, 10:00 am (Gym).

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 in the back 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: Kenya, Tanzania.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ngbo in Enugu, Nigeria. The Rt. Rev. Christian Ebisike.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Stephen's, Port Washington; Church of the Ascension, Rockville Centre; St. Paul's, Roosevelt; Trinity Church, Roslyn; St. Luke's, Sea Cliff; The Chapter of Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Ann Gaffney; Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Patrick Owen Burns, Sr.; Bill Newbury; Jeanne Zebrowski; Jacob Connor; Diego Garrido; Joseph Hoplamazian; Andrew Campbell

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: James & Lillian Crutchfield; Joan Rycheck; Russell Rycheck; Myrna Schimmel; Diosdado Hernandez; William Hurley; Marian Pryce; Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Ethan Escobar; Evan Chapman; Eric Huato, Alejandra, Julio; Gwen Goldsmith; Steve Berger & family; Judith Delsman Robinson; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Julian Douglass; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Ron Ford; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Taylor Joines; Maxine Coppersmith; Claudia, Mark & Griff Seymour; Lori Pogharian Smith; Malcolm; Jack Crowley, Jr., Tim, Kelsey and Perkins Crowley; Mary Ann Bader & Philippe Debeusher; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Emily Miao; Julian; Chuck Jabaley; Marie Santoro; Mariella Russo; Lesa; Cat Schaefer; Mary Inwood; Mark Whitney; Jessy, Jade, Brian; Patricia Higgins; Ron and Betsy; Matt; Irene Backalenick; Lisa Kwasha; Kim Escobar; Paul Backalenick; Dolores Vollmer; Mike Jabaley; Jim Kendrick; Alice Connell; Lisa Everett; Joanne Kowalsky; Naomi Ngatia; Lotte Jaeger; Anita Wylds; Deborah Everett & family; Bitia J. Brun; Kevin Kretz; Peter Bockman; Britt Freier; Zackery Freier; Randy Van Riper; Juliana O'Brien; Robert and Roger; Theo Levy & family; David Chin; Dolly Mungai; Michelle Cadette; Elaine Robinson; Ann; Ollie Mae Slade; Betty Baxter; David Pitou; James Ragsdale

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

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: Megan and Sean, Brianna and Bryan. *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.*

Preparing for Marriage: Evann Borgman and Tom Payne.

Preparing for Holy Baptism: Maia Elisabeth Carrick, Ford Michael Giancola, Charles Holguin Granquist, Edward Heide Granquist, Nell Harper Hamontree, Louisa Royall Warner, Oliver Thatcher Woodley and Colgate Elson Woodley

Upcoming Baptismal Dates: June 4 (Day of Pentecost); September 10 (Rally Day) and November 5 (All Saints Sunday) at 11:00 am. To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.