

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Easter

15 April 2018

**Sunday, April 15: Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
10:15 am	Spring Gala Planning Meeting (Colonial Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)

**Monday, April 16**

10:30 am	Bible Study (Choir Room)
3:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm	AA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Gym)

**Tuesday, April 17**

10:30 am	Bible Study (Choir Room)
6:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
8:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)

**Wednesday, April 18**

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

**Thursday, April 19**

6:30 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm	AA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Gym)

**Friday, April 20**

6:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)
7:30 pm	Couples Group (Choir Room)
8:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)

**Saturday, April 21**

10:00 am	AA Group (Gym)
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**Sunday, April 22: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)

*Please join us after each service for fellowship, coffee, and refreshment in the 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, ext. 10.

**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 validated 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.

## NEWS AT GRACE

**Thank you for hosting.** Emily and Marilyn would like to thank The Search Committee, The Vestry and The Stroller Group for recently hosting coffee hours. We are truly appreciative. We also want to thank Jim and Molly Williamson in advance for hosting today's Sunday Coffee Hour after the 8 am service. We hope you will consider this special ministry and volunteer a small amount of time to host. If you are interested in volunteering one Sunday, please contact Marilyn Grant ([mghotblade@aol.com](mailto:mghotblade@aol.com)) or Emily Horcher ([ejhorcher@gmail.com](mailto:ejhorcher@gmail.com)).

**New to Grace?** We'd like to get to know you! Please join us on *Sunday, April 29* at 6 pm in the North Room for fellowship and conversation, with light fare and refreshments. Don't forget that kids are welcome and we'll be feeding them also!

Please RSVP by *Sunday, April 22* to Christian DeRuiter at [parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org](mailto:parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org).

## **2018 Spring Gala & Silent Auction**

**Auction Donations Needed!** Our Spring Gala & Silent Auction is just three weeks away — but we still need lots more auction items to ensure a robust and varied offering! Can you help? Here are some ideas to spark your imagination....

Framed artwork or art-quality photographs....a dinner, dessert or cocktail party catered by you or a professional....unique collectibles....new kitchen cookware or gadgets....restaurant or other merchant gift certificates....wine or spirits baskets....fancy board games....signed or first-edition books....vacation home rentals or other getaways....antiques....one-day outings (perhaps with you!) at your special place....health and beauty items or services....home decor or furnishings....jewelry....vintage or other special garments in very good condition....tickets for sports or cultural events....behind-the-scenes tours....something special for a little one....a professional or other special service that you can provide....tabletop items such as silver, serving pieces or dinnerware....

Feel free to contact Barbara Becker ([bejbecker@gmail.com](mailto:bejbecker@gmail.com)) if you'd like to discuss an idea. Or just go right to the online Donation Form! (Be sure to save before you submit) on the home page of our website (<http://gracebrooklyn.org>).

Your donation will really help us make this a special evening — thanks in advance! And volunteer assistance is always appreciated — contact Cordelia Batchelor at [cordelia.k.batchelor@gmail.com](mailto:cordelia.k.batchelor@gmail.com) if you can lend a hand.

PS — Why wait to buy tickets? Go to the home page of our website (<http://gracebrooklyn.org>) to purchase your Spring Gala & Silent Auction tickets online right now!

**Sacred Sites Open House comes to Grace:** On *Sunday, May 6*, Grace will open its doors to friends, neighbors and tourists as part of the Sacred Sites Open House tour sponsored by the New York Landmarks Conservancy. Grace has always been a popular destination and we invite you to help greet visitors as they view our beautifully restored interior. Please email Marianne Hurley at [marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer or for more information. Note: Grace will be open from 12:30 - 4 pm and the afternoon will be divided into 3 shifts.

**Attend a dinner in the homes of Grace Church parishioners to welcome Allen and Allison Robinson!** The Rector Transition/Welcome Team is organizing welcome dinners for our new Rector and we'd love for you to attend. Spots to attend are still available for the July 14 gathering, which will be hosted in a parishioner's home in Brooklyn Heights.

Please email Brianna McCarty at [mccarty.brianna@gmail.com](mailto:mccarty.brianna@gmail.com) or call 785-550-1598 if you're interested in attending and, if so, what dates you'd be available. We appreciate your understanding that, due to space limitations, it is possible that not all sign ups can be accommodated this Spring. More welcome gatherings will be held in the Fall and until then, join us at the Spring Gala Welcoming the Rector on May 5. Thank you!

**Get Connected with Grace Church e-News** by signing up at [www.gracebrooklyn.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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:** East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Ireland, The Most Rev. Richard Lionel Clarke.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints' Baldwin; St. Thomas', Bellerose; St. Mary's, Carle Place; The Daughters of the King; St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor; St. Francis, East Meadow; St. Thomas', Farmingdale.

**For Grace Church:** For our Rector, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace as we go forward together in worship, fellowship, and shared ministry in Jesus' name.

**Parish Prayer Concerns:** Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Charles Cole; Bill Law; Bruni Suarez.

**Please pray for the ongoing needs of:** Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Ron Ford; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Chuck Jabaley; Mary Inwood; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Hope Boyd; Andrew Campbell; Jackie Rodriguez; Jennifer Wallick; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; Dolores Rivera Ferrer; The Nixon Family; Karl Steinbrenner; Dorothy DeVot; Joan; Steve Convard; Dennis Christian; Lavender Gonzalez; Sandra Bajor; Anna & Monica Egen.

**For those who have died.** *Rest eternal grant to them, O God; and for those who mourn.*

**Preparing for Marriage:** Karen Loew and Paul Backalenick; Chad Pennington and Joanna DeFelice; Amelia Covino and Ender Erhan; Tiffany Whelan and Christian Paltzer.

**Preparing for Baptism:** Claire Forest Ballinger; Alexander Wilhelm Carrick; Thomas Luke Fenimore Cooper; Henry Newcomb Davis; Theodore James Fox Douglass; Theodore Bryan McCarty; Siobhan Sari O'Sullivan; Phineas Tate Wallace.

**Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child:** Rachel and Evan, Lauren and Colin, Medora and Hiram, Spencer and Leigh. *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, ext. 10.*

**Upcoming Baptismal Date:** To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.