

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

13 May 2018

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by an anonymous donor.*

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## Sunday, May 13: Seventh 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 EfM Information Session  
(North Room)  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir  
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)  
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

## Monday, May 14

3:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)  
8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

## Tuesday, May 15

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, May 16

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

## Thursday, May 17

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

## Friday, May 18

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

## Saturday, May 19

10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

## Sunday, May 20: Day of Pentecost

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 and Baptisms with  
Parish Choir  
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)  
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (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

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**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.

**An Important Message from the Rector.** Several pieces of donated jewelry went missing following the closing of the auction bidding period at the Spring Gala. We assume that whomever has taken these items misunderstood the checkout procedure and perhaps thinking they'd already won, took them with the intent of sending in payment. If that is the case, please kindly call the parish office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10 and we would be more than happy to let you know how much is owed. However, if the items were taken purposefully then I would prayerfully ask that if you or someone whom you know who has these items in their possession, please consider returning these items back to the church—no questions asked and no further action taken! We would like to recover these items since they were given out of the kindness and generosity of parishioners and Friends of Grace who believe in the ministries of this church. Thank you!

The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson, Rector  
Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

**Flowers for the Women of Grace:** Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and those who serve in the role. Carnation flowers will be available today at the rear of the church for any woman who wishes to take one. The flowers are an expression of love and appreciation from your Grace Church Family.

**Ready to explore your faith in a supportive group?** The Grace Education for Ministry group is now taking names for several openings in September. Participants commit to meet Wednesday evenings for 36 weeks each year to study, reflect and explore lay ministries in the world.

\*Learn more about this international program with 80,000 participants since 1975 at [efm.sewanee.edu](http://efm.sewanee.edu).

\*Come to an information session today, *Sunday, May 13 at 10:15am* in the *North Room*.

\*Group size is limited. Contact Kathy Page (co-mentor) at [pagingkathy@gmail.com](mailto:pagingkathy@gmail.com) for a registration form.

\*Speak with or contact current participants:

Kim Lovejoy: [kim.lovejoy@gmail.com](mailto:kim.lovejoy@gmail.com),

Mary Jacobus: [maryjacobus@gmail.com](mailto:maryjacobus@gmail.com),

Cub Gichenje: [cichenje@gmail.com](mailto:cichenje@gmail.com).

**Thank you, Ellen Lovejoy, for hosting coffee hour today!** Emily and Marilyn are grateful. 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)).

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**Our Heartfelt Thanks!** Last Saturday night's Spring Gala & Silent Auction was such a beautiful event — in more ways than one! Not only were our gym and Guild Hall transformed into sparkling party rooms, but the people who helped make it happen worked seamlessly and cheerfully as one cohesive team. Please join us in extending heartfelt thanks to all our Spring Gala & Silent Auction volunteers:

Alison Scott, Amanda Philip, Amber Woolworth, Amy Rowland, Barbara Lowe, Blake Foote, Bruce and Diane Gregory, Caroline Dyson, Carter Hamontree, Charlie Hopkins, Charlotte Thorp, Christian DeRuiter, Christy Maddox, Craig and Susan Hupper, Dale Swift, Debbie Buell, Dee Maxfield, Denise, Cameron and Charlotte Farrell, Dennis and Audrey Gephardt, Edward Trerise, Elizabeth Stong and Margaret Cassidy, Elliot and Zachary Sedgwick, Emily Horcher, Franklin Stone, Harriet DeCeunynck, Heather Goodchild, Helen Copeland, Isla Rose Batchelor, Jack Crutchfield, Jack Stallings and Janera Soerel, Jane Ordway, Jen Murdoch, Jennifer Yaggy, Jill Gilbert, John Colon, Judy Stanton, Kate Rock, Katherine Slingluff, Kim Lovejoy, Lynn Vardakis, Mallory Muse, Marilyn Grant, Mark Rose, Martha Dietz, Martha Foley, Mia Parker, Nick Spriggs and Steph Ballis, Pamela Kerns, Patrick Burns Jr., Priscilla Newbury, Randall Thomas, Rick Francis, Sarah Holbrook, Shahed Larson, Sheila O'Neil, Soossan Salmassi, Thomas Baldwin, Tom and Kate Hill, Vivian Harrison, Will Reily.

Thanks also to our fabulous Sextons, Diomedes Luna, Felipe Guerra and their helpers, Jose Garcia and Jorge Luna.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Barbara Becker and Cordelia Batchelor  
Co-Chairs

**Gender Equity Committee event with former Presiding Bishop: Saturday, June 16:** The Gender Equity in Word and Deed Committee is delighted that The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will be Grace Church's Second Annual Feminist Scholar-in-Residence at an all day event here at Grace, Saturday June 16. Bishop Schori was the first woman Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

The title of the event is "Women Lead Change Toward Abundant Life For All," enter this link into your Web browser window to enroll: <https://feministscholarinresidence18.eventbrite.com>. So far, in addition to Grace Church Brooklyn Heights, our additional co-sponsors are Mercer School of Theology, All Saints Park Slope Church and St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church.

We are also seeking volunteers to help during the event. Please see Kathy Page or call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10 to sign up.

**Parishioner Stacie Gillian has asked Grace Church to spread an urgent appeal** for a kidney donor for her father, Dr. Terry Gillian. Dr. Gillian's blood type is O+ and to date, no family matches have been identified. If you know of anything that might be of assistance to Stacie, please contact her directly at [Stacie.gillian@gmail.com](mailto:Stacie.gillian@gmail.com).

**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 <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:** Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Work of the Anglican Centre in Rome; The Province of Christchurch in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, The Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Grace Church, Massapequa; Church of the Resurrection, Williston Park; L.I. Council of Churches Food Pantry; Members of Diocesan Council and its Departments; the Church in Central America; St. Andrew's, Oceanside; Christ Church, Oyster Bay.

**For Grace Church:** For our Rector, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that, just as God sent Jesus into the world, and Jesus sent his disciples into the world, so we pray that Christ may abide with us in his Church on earth, inspire us, and send us into the world to do God's work in love and joy.

**Parish Prayer Concerns:** Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Bruni Suarez; Sandra Bajor; Grant Murdoch; Chris Farrell.

**Please pray for the ongoing needs of:** Kathy Engstrom; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Mary Inwood; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Andrew Campbell; Jackie Rodriguez; Jennifer Wallick; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Karl Steinbrenner; Dennis Christian; Anna & Monica Egen; Bill Law; Dr. Terry Gillian; Jeff Webb.

**For those who have died:** especially Joseph A. Russo; *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; Matthew Drescher & Julia Simmons; 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; Siobhan Sari O'Sullivan; Phineas Tate Wallace.

**Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child:** Rachel and Evan, 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.