

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

28 January 2018

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

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## Sunday, January 28: Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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

## Monday, January 29

6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)  
8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

## Tuesday, January 30

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

## Wednesday, January 31

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

## Thursday, February 1

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

## Friday, February 2

6:00 pm NA Group (Sanctuary)  
7:30 pm Couples Group (Hope Library)  
8:00 pm NA Group (Sanctuary)

## Saturday, February 3

10:00 am WinterFair 2018  
10:00 am AA Group (Sanctuary)

## Sunday, February 4: Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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 (Gym)  
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

*Coffee Hours after 8 and 9:15 am services are held in Guild Hall; after 11 am service, in the rear of church.*

**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

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**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.

## NEWS AT GRACE

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**The 2018 Annual Giving Campaign is winding up!** Please submit your pledge *by January 31!* Thank you to the many, many members of the Grace community who have already submitted a pledge for the coming year. If you have not, there is still time to stand up and be counted as a pledging member of our parish. This is especially important this year as we welcome a new Rector. You can pledge online through your Realm account, the Grace website (<http://www.gracebrooklyn.org/pledge-form/>), or filling out and returning a pledge card.

**WINTERFAIR 2018 is next Saturday, February 3!** We are now accepting donations of kids' toys & clothes, women's and men's clothing, household items and books. Bring your donations to the gym. And please, be kind to your Fair volunteers by sorting like items into separate bags and boxes and placing them in the assigned locations.

**Next Burning Books meeting Tuesday, January 30.** Burning Books meets next to discuss When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalantithi, on *Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 pm* in the Choir Room. It is available on Amazon. Please join us! The next two selections are: A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman, on February 27 and Evicted, by Matthew Desmond, on March 27.

**Sunday Morning North Room Chats continue Sunday, February 4.** For those who have been looking for a little something "extra" from church on Sunday. Join us the first Sunday of each month at 10:15 am in the North Room, where we'll discuss spirituality and Christianity in bite-sized chunks. No need to prepare in advance. Just be open to learning something new, sharing your own life experiences, and, most importantly, growing in the Christian faith. The next Chat will be *Sunday, February 4* from *10:15 to 10:45 am* in the North Room. Anne Silver and Jane Parkerton will lead a discussion on Sabbath (timely for those who need a rest after the WinterFair!) Save the date for the next chat, to be led by Kathy Page on March 4. Join us!

**Bishop Geralyn Wolf Sunday, February 4:** The Rt. Rev. Geralyn "Gerry" Wolf, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Long Island, will preside at 11 am on Sunday, February 5. Bishop Wolf has done extensive work in urban ministry, especially with soup kitchens, thrift shops, and the homeless. Her book, *Down and Out in Providence*, was a result of spending thirty days as a homeless person. Please join us in welcoming Bishop Wolf on the 5th.

**Evensong and Forum with Bishop Provenzano, Wednesday, February 7.** Parishioners of Grace are invited to the Church Club of New York's annual Bishop's Forum featuring The Right Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island. Bishop Provenzano will be speaking on the latest news of the Diocese with a reception will follow. The evening begins with *Evensong* at *5:30 pm*, followed by the *forum* at *6:15* and the *reception* at *7:30* in Guild Hall. For more information, and to RSVP for free as a Grace parishioner (scroll to the bottom tier in "Tickets"): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-bishops-forum-the-rt-rev-lawrence-provenzano-bishop-of-long-island-registration-41762560944> or call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

**A Requiem Eucharist for Anne Richards** will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Canaan, CT on *Saturday, February 10*, at *11 am*. For further information and a touching tribute from The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop of the Diocese of New York, please see the Grace web site <http://www.gracebrooklyn.org> home page under "Schedule of Services."

**Grace Church Docents are meeting on Sundays, February 11, and February 25**, in the North Room from about 10 until 11 am, or after the 9:15 am Family Service until just before the 11 am service. Anyone interested in the program is also encouraged to attend. Questions? Feel free to email Marianne Hurley at [marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net).

**20s/30s Brunch February 11:** Will Reily invites members of the Grace community in their 20s and 30s (or those who remember those years fondly!) to a Mardi Gras-themed gathering on *Sunday, February 11*, from *12:30 to 4 pm*, in the intimate setting of his own apartment on Remsen Street. Will will serve Gumbo, and King Cake for dessert. Guests may contribute a salad or side dish of their liking and something to drink. If you're giving up something (chocolate, maybe?) for Lent, bring that along for one last indulgence. Please contact Will at [wreily@gmail.com](mailto:wreily@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP.

**Tuesday Bible Study continues.** The Tuesday morning Bible study group continues in the Choir Room at 10:30 am with the Rev. Craig Townsend, associate for faith formation at St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, discussing Biblical Images. This group has now met for the past twelve years, lead over the years. For a fascinating summary of the topics, see a list compiled by parishioner Ben Bankson in this week's e-Grace Notes or on the Grace web site home page ([www.gracebrooklyn.org](http://www.gracebrooklyn.org)).

**Please remember that a priest is available for hospital and home visits**, and also to meet in the office for informal discussion of personal issues. Jim Hagen's phone is 917-627-0771. Small cards are available on the table at the church entrance with email and phone information.

**Altar Flowers are a lovely way** to remember a loved one who has died or to give thanks for a special blessing. You may make your donation on line through the church's web site at <http://www.gracebrooklyn.org/give>. Or sign-up sheets are available on the Information Table in the rear of church. Memorials and thanksgivings are included in the Sunday bulletin's Parish News.

**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:** Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, The Most Rev. Francisco De Assis Da Silva.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Andrew's, Yaphank; The Standing Committee of the Diocese; All Saints', Brooklyn; Church of the Ascension, Brooklyn; Calvary & St. Cyprian's, Brooklyn; Christ Church Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; Christ Church Cobble Hill, Brooklyn.

**In this time of transition:** for our clergy, staff and lay leaders, and for all the people of Grace Church, as we await our new rector, The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson; and for the people of St. James Lafayette Square in Baltimore as they move into their own process of loss and transition.

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

**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; Malcolm; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Chuck Jabaley; Mary Inwood; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Kevin Kretz; Juliana O'Brien; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Hope Boyd; Andrew Campbell; Jackie Rodriguez; Jennifer Wallick; Melonee Walker; pGrace Sauser; Dr. Terry Gillian; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; Robert Derault; Mary Gallagher.

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

**Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child.** *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 Dates:** March 31 (Easter Eve) at 4:00 pm; May 20 (Pentecost) and September 9 (Rally Day) at 11:00 am. To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.