

# GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

First Sunday After Christmas

31 December 2017

## Sunday, December 31: First Sunday After Christmas

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:15 am Family Eucharist  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns  
1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)

## Monday, January 1, 2018: New Year's Day

*Parish Office Closed*

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

## Tuesday, January 2

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)  
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

## Wednesday, January 3

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

## Thursday, January 4

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

## Friday, January 5

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

## Saturday, January 6

10:00 am AA Group (Gym)

## Sunday, January 7: Second Sunday After Christmas (The Baptism of Our Lord)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:15 am Family Eucharist  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am North Room Chat  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms and  
Parish Choir  
12:30 pm Bereavement Group (Colonial Room)  
1:30 pm AA Group (Choir Room)  
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.

**Gentle Yoga will not meet** today Sunday, December 31, but will resume on *Sunday, January 7, 2018*.

## NEWS AT GRACE

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**The Parish Office will be closed** *Monday, January 1*, in observance of New Year's Day.

**2018 Pledges or Other Gifts.** Changing tax laws have prompted some parishioners to think ahead about their planned giving for next year and are choosing to prepay their 2018 pledge to Grace Church. If you are interested in doing this by December 31, you can make the donation through our website: [www.gracebrooklyn.org/give](http://www.gracebrooklyn.org/give). You may also make a wire transfer (and save us transaction costs) to the following:

Chase Bank, 177 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Routing Number: 021-000-021

To the account of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights  
Acct. 892-98-5813

**North Room Chats continue Sunday, January 7.** Our first chat, led by Anne Silver, was a success and we will continue to hold chats on Sundays in the North Room! We 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 led by Jane Parkerton and Kate Hill *Sunday, January 7* from *10:15 to 10:45 am* in the North Room. More info on the topic to come. Join us!

**Tuesday Bible Study resumes January 9.** Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume with a new guest leader, The Rev. Craig Townsend, who will be looking at the images of water, tree, sheep, bread, and rock, and trace their development through Old and New Testament passages. Craig is currently an Associate for Faith Formation at St Ann's and the Holy Trinity, and has preached at Grace on several occasions. He has led pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela, Spain on three different routes (Frances, Portugues, and Ingles). He holds a Ph.D. in Church History, specializing in American Religious History. He has a reputation as a strong speaker and teacher. The five week sessions meet *January 9 to February 6, 10:30 am to 12 pm* in the Choir Room. Bible Study has represented a long-standing and very well regarded ministry at Grace for many years.

**Save the Date: Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 16.** We will begin the evening with a Potluck supper at 6:00 pm, followed by our meeting at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Kate Rock ([katewrock@gmail.com](mailto:katewrock@gmail.com)) or Vivian Toan ([vivian.toan@gmail.com](mailto:vivian.toan@gmail.com)).

**WINTERFAIR 2018 is on the way, Saturday, February 3!** We will be accepting donations of kid's clothes, toys, women's and men's clothing, household items and books, beginning *Monday, January 8, 2018*, in the Gym. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kate Rock at [katewrock@gmail.com](mailto:katewrock@gmail.com).

**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.

**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](mailto:lindsay@lindsayboyer.com)) with questions or just come by.

**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:** Stateless people and migrants.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Zululand, Southern Africa.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Long Island Cursillo Community; The Clergy of the Diocese; The Spouses of Diocesan Clergy; Church of the Redeemer, Mattituck; St. Mark's, Medford; Trinity Church, Northport; St. John's, Oakdale.

**In this time of transition:** for clergy, staff and lay leaders, and for all the people of Grace Church, as we await our new rector.

**Parish Prayer Concerns:** The Rev. Anne Richards; 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; Lori Pogharian Smith; 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; Mellonee Walker; Jessy; The Nixon family; Bita Brun; Bruni Suarez; Jean Gennaro.

**For those who have died,** especially Michael Lucey and Bob Lovett. *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.*

**Preparing for Baptism:** Henry Edward Jordan.

**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.