

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11 March 2018

Sunday, March 11: Fourth Sunday in Lent

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)

No 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

10:30 am Bible Study (Choir Room)
12:30 pm Lenten Organ Recital
6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (Chapel)
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 17

10:00 am AA Group (Gym)

Sunday, March 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent

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
12:00 pm Farewell Reception for Jim Hagen
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 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.

Grace's Living the Good News Sunday School program will feature a guest speaker today during 10 am class: ask Franklin Stone what happens at CHiPS. Questions? Contact Kim Lovejoy at kim.lovejoy@gmail.com or 646-335-5080.

Name Tags: What a Gift! Our new Rector, The Rev. Dr. Allen J. Robinson, and his family join us on Palm Sunday, March 25. What a great welcoming gift it will be if we all wear our name tags whenever we are at church. When Allen greets us after the service, or talks to us at coffee hour, our name tags help him put a name to a face. So, starting now, please put your name tag on when you arrive at church, and keep it on until you leave the building. Just put your tag in one of the tag drop boxes when you leave. If you have any questions or concerns about your name tags as issued, please see Rick Francis after Sunday services.

Thank You & Godspeed! We say good-bye to Jim Hagen on *Sunday, March 18*, Jim Hagen celebrates his last services at Grace. We are more than grateful for his wise sermons, pastoral presence, and thoughtful guidance as we made our way through this time of transition. Join us *following the 11 am service* to share our appreciation and our good wishes for his “real” retirement!

Lenten Outreach: Lent is a season of reflection, prayer and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. In gratitude for the many blessings in our life and in our community at Grace Church, we are supporting two organizations, one local and one global, that work to improve food security and nutrition. You can make donations to the World Food Program and/or CHiPS by going to the organizations’ websites or leaving your contributions in the envelopes located on the Lenten Outreach table at the back of the church. You can also contribute non-perishable food items for CHiPS by leaving them in the labeled baskets. More detailed information about each organization can be found on the Lenten Outreach table. (Checks should be made out to: Grace Church and the memo line should indicate either World Food Program or CHiPS). Your support is appreciated!

To donate to The World Food Program, go to: <http://cdn.wfp.org/donate/>

To donate to CHiPS, go to: <http://chipsonline.org/>

Lenten Organ Recitals underway: We are once again having Tuesday Lenten Organ Recitals at Grace Church during the months of February and March, from 12:30 to 1 pm. Please come and listen to wonderful music and to take a half hour out of your busy day for some quiet Lenten reflection. Please see flyers in the rear of church and elsewhere in this service bulletin’s pages for more information.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues in the Choir Room, next *Tuesday, March 13*, from 10:30 am to 12 Noon, as we focus on the Book of Acts, Chapters 10-18. We are honored and gratified by the arrival of our new Rector, The Rev. Dr. Allen Robinson, who will lead our weekly classes, beginning *Tuesday, March 20!*

Please remember that a priest is available for hospital and home visits. You may reach out Jim Hagen through the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10 or call him directly at 917-627-0771.

Get Connected with Grace Church e-News by signing up at 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. (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: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of England, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Astoria; Parish Health Ministry Program; All Saints', Bayside; Retired Bishops & Retired Bishops Suffragan; St. David's, Cambria Heights; The Mary Brennan Inn; The Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In this time of transition: for our clergy, staff and lay leaders, and for all the people of Grace Church, as we prepare for the arrival of our new rector; for the Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson and his family as they prepare for a new parish and a new life; and for the people of St. James Lafayette Square in Baltimore in their own interim period.

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

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Howard & Kathy Engstrom; Steve Berger & family; Marielle & Vivian; Roger Stenlund; Julian Douglass; 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; Melonee Walker; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; Dolores Rivera Ferrer; Nick Wedge; Sissie Morris; Susan Rice; The Ragsdales; Edith Keller; Jim Caiozzo; Greg Held; The Nixon Family; Marie; Sue Seymour; Karl Steinbrenner; Ben Bankson; Ann Marie Przybyl.

For those who have died, especially The Rev. Martha Renn; *Rest eternal grant to them, O God.*

Preparing for Marriage: Karen Loew and Paul Backalenick; Chad Pennington and Joanna DeFelice; Amelia Covino and Ender Erhan.

Preparing for Baptism: Matthew James Dwyer; Leo Daniel Giuliani; Theodore Bryan McCarty; Hooper LaFarge Summers; Gabriel Nasir Williams.

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 Dates: March 31 (Easter Eve) at 4:00 pm and May 20 (Pentecost) at 11:00 am. To inquire about Baptism, please call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.