

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday in Lent

4 March 2018

Sunday, March 4: Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist with Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
- 10:15 am North Room Chat (North Room)
- 10:15 am 2018 Spring Gala & Silent Auction Planning Meeting (Colonial Room)
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
- 1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)

No 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga

- 5:00 pm Paul Olson Scholarship Benefit Recital

Monday, March 5

- 3:15 pm Children's Choir
- 6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Choir Room)
- 8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

Tuesday, March 6

- 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 7

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

Thursday, March 8

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

Friday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 10

- 9:00 am Safe Church Certification Training (Choir Room)
- 10:00 am AA Group (Gym)

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

Coffee Hours after all services are held 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.

2018 Spring Gala and Silent Auction — Help Us Plan! We are pleased to announce that the 2018 Spring Gala and Silent Auction will be held on *Saturday evening, May 5!* Please save the date on your calendars.

Planning is already under way, and we welcome everyone's help! Co-Chairs Barbara Becker and Cordelia Batchelor warmly invite parishioners to attend an Organizational Meeting TODAY, *Sunday, March 4* from 10:15 to 10:55 am, in Grace Church School's Colonial Room (the classroom across from the kitchen).

If you have any interest in serving on a Sub-Committee for things such as Food, Auction Item Donations, Decoration or the like, please join us. We are keen to bring people on who have experience planning this kind of event — but equally keen to bring on those who are new but feel they have some time, enthusiasm and skills to contribute.

If you can't come to the meeting but are interested in being involved in some way, please email bejbecker@gmail.com or cordeliakbatchelor@gmail.com and we will find a role for you. The Spring Gala and Silent Auction will be a very special all-parish social occasion at which we will formally welcome our new Rector, the Rev. Dr. Allen Robinson and his family to Grace. So please join us on Sunday, March 4 at 10:15 am, and help us make that happen!

Barbara Becker and Cordelia Batchelor,
Co-Chairs, 2018 Spring Gala and Silent Auction

Next Sunday Morning North Room Chat: The Sunday Morning North Room Chats continue for those who have been looking for a little something “extra” from church on Sunday. The next Chat will be TODAY, *Sunday, March 4* from 10:15 to 10:45 am in the North Room. Kathy Page and

Rachel and Evan Cook will lead a discussion on Lent. How do you observe the season? Why? What are traditional spiritual practices? How can we apply the lessons of Lent to the rest of the year?

At these North Room Chats, 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. Save the date for the *next chat on April 8* (note that this is the second Sunday in April, due to Easter falling on April 1).

Contact Brianna McCarty (brianna.orton@gmail.com) and/or Anne Silver (asilver@gts.edu) with questions or if you'd like to lead a chat!

Paul Olson Benefit Recital at 5 pm this evening to benefit the Scholarship Fund for the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. (\$20.00 suggested donation at the door).

NEWS AT GRACE

Grace's Living the Good News Sunday School program will feature a guest speakers during 10 am classes on upcoming Sundays. On *March 11*, ask Franklin Stone what happens at CHiPS. Questions? Contact Kim Lovejoy at kim.lovejoy@gmail.com or 646-335-5080.

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 6, from 10:30 am to 12 Noon.

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: Germany, France.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of the Province of Congo, The Most Rev. Zacharie Masimango Katanda.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Flatbush, Brooklyn; St. Philip's, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn; St. Philip's, MacDonough Street, Brooklyn; St. Stephen & St. Martin, Brooklyn; St. Thomas', Brooklyn; Church of the Redeemer, Astoria; Grace Day School, Massapequa.

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 as they say goodbye to their pastor and move into their own interim period.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sally Forbes; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Ben Bankson; Karl Steinbrenner; Charles Cole; The Rev. Martha Renn.

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; Pamela; John Condon; David G.; John McCracken; Dolores Rivera Ferrer; Nick Wedge; Sissie Morris; Susan Rice; The Ragsdales; Edith Keller; Jim Caiozzo; Greg Held; The Nixon Family; Marie; Sue Seymour.

For those who have died, especially Juliana O'Brien. *Rest eternal grant to them, O God.*

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; 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.

