

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

14 January 2018

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Sunday, January 14: Second 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 (Choir Room)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, January 15

Parish Office closed

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

Tuesday, January 16

10:30 am	Bible Study (Choir Room)
6:00 pm	Parish Annual Meeting (Guild Hall)
6:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm	NA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

10:00 am	AA Group (Gym)
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Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Family Service Lay Help Orientation (North Room)
10:00 am	WinterFair Planning Meeting (Guild Hall)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
12:30 pm	WinterFair Planning Meeting (Choir 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

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

In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on *Monday, January 15*.

Ongoing prayers for Anne Richards. We continue to hold The Rev. Anne Richards, our Interim Rector, and her family in our prayers. She is receiving hospice care at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx.

Annual Meeting Tuesday, January 16. Grace's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, January 16*, at 7:30 pm with an all parish potluck beginning at 6:00 pm. Please join us as we discuss the accomplishments of 2017 and plans for 2018. At that meeting there will be an election to replace the following officers whose terms are expiring or vacant for Junior Warden and Vestry as recommended by the Nominating Committee (consisting of Warden Vivian Toan; John Colon, Martha Dietz and Tom Hill, John Colon, Bill Newbury, members) and endorsed by the current Vestry.

Candidates are: Marilyn Grant, Junior Warden; Chis Larson, Brianna McCarty, Lauren O'Garro-Moore, and James Williamson. For a second 3-year term: Andrew Foote, Abagail Nelson.

Marilyn is a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) and member of the Altar Guild, primarily at the 8 am worship service. She has served on the Vestry in prior years and most recently on the Search Committee. Chris Larson is also a LEM, primarily at the 9:15 Family Worship Service, and served on the Search Committee. Brianna McCarty also served on the Search Committee. She is active with the lay ministries of the Family Service, directs the Christmas Pageant, is one of the lead organizers of the WinterFair and has most recently helped introduce North Room Chats, a forum for conversation on faith and spirituality in our busy lives. Lauren O'Garro-Moore serves as a reader and intercessor, also at the Family Service, and is one of the co-heads of the Stroller-Group, providing opportunities for socialization and service for families with young children. James (Jim) Williamson serves with dedication as co-chair of our Annual Giving Campaign. He can be found at all of Grace's services!

The potluck dinner depends on your contributions! Please bring your entree, side, salad or dessert ready to serve. We will provide beverages and coffee. For more information, contact Kate Rock (katewrock@gmail.com) or Vivian Toan (vivian.toan@gmail.com).

The 2018 Annual Giving Campaign is winding up! Please submit your pledge by January 31st! 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://gracebrooklyn.org/pledge-form/>), or filling out and returning a pledge card.

Memorial Service for Bill Mead, Saturday, January 20: A memorial service will be held here at Grace for Bill Mead *next Saturday, January 20*, beginning 11:00 am in the sanctuary, with a reception to follow in Guild Hall.

Lay Help at the 9:15 Family Service: This lively service relies on the help of many to offer the chalice, read the prayers of the people, collect the offering and serve as acolytes. But we realize that there are gaps in our understanding and that we don't all know how the pieces fit together or even all the details of our specific responsibilities. Please join Jim Hagen, Kate Rock and Linda Wexelblatt on *Sunday, January 21*, at 10 am in the North Room to learn more about lay help at the Family Service and also how you can volunteer. For more information contact Jim at jhagen710@gmail.com or Kate at katewrock@gmail.com.

Contributions from WinterFairs and Galas to the parish...Let us count the ways! As we prepare for Grace's 2018 WinterFair on *February 3*, followed by the Spring Gala and Auction in May, we should take a moment to consider the many projects underwritten by past fairs and galas. In recent years, funds raised by these events have underwritten the renovation of the parish office; the renovation of the ladies' and men's restrooms; and a significant contribution to the capital restoration and beautification of the church. Most recently, proceeds from the WinterFair & Spring Gala have funded the new acolyte robe closet in the Guild Hall and the new ADA accessible bathroom (this latter project was also supported by a significant memorial gift). Future projects include the replacement of the air conditioners in the Guild Hall and Choir Room. In addition to these major projects, there have been countless smaller undertakings that have improved our life in community. None of these would have been accomplished without the commitment and hard work of many, many parishioners and volunteers. We remain grateful to Lynn Vardakis for her many years of leadership and to all of those who have helped make each Fair and Gala such an important part in the life at Grace Church.

Rescheduling of Estate Planning Forum: We are postponing the estate planning forum which had been scheduled for January 9 at 7 pm. Richard Moore and an associate from the law firm of Day Pitney are willing to offer this free workshop to help parishioners with estate planning issues and we would follow with a reception. If you are interested in attending this forum, please contact Matilda Garrido at matilda.garrido@gmail.com to RSVP. We will set a date when we have sufficient number of likely attendees.

Sunday School News: On January 7, eight girls and boys in the Primary class learned about the baptism of Jesus and the love of God for each of us. They identified situations when we might need God's spirit, then created a mobile of doves bearing words that express how God's spirit comes. The class for grades 2-5 meets weekly from 10-10:55 and uses the "Living the Good News" curriculum. Teachers in the Winter term include Kim Lovejoy, Thatcher Woodley, James Grohsgal and Pamela Brown. One or two more volunteers are invited to assist monthly. For more info, contact kim.lovejoy@gmail.com or 646-335-5080.

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)!

Invitation to the Ordination of John Musco. The parish of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights is cordially invited to the Ordination to the Diaconate of John Musco on *Saturday, January 27*, at *11 am*, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, New York. Join us as we celebrate this achievement of one of our own. John, a longtime member of Grace and former director of lay ministries, is currently a co-mentor of our Education for Ministry program. Several of us will be driving out on the 27th and if you would like to catch a ride, please contact Kate Rock at katewrock@gmail.com.

WINTERFAIR 2018 is 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. There will be an organizing meeting for all area heads and interested volunteers on *Sunday, January 21*, at *10:00 am* in the Guild Hall and at *12:30 pm* in the Choir Room.

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.

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 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: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia, The Most Rev. Philip Leslie Freier.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James', St. James; St. Andrews, Saltaire; St. Ann's, Sayville; St. Cuthbert's, Selden; The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women; Caroline Church, Setauket; St. Mary's, Shelter Island.

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 prepare to lose their pastor and move toward their own process of transition.

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

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; Melonee Walker; Jessy; The Nixon family; Bita Brun; Bruni Suarez; Jean Gennaro; Grace Sauser; and for justice, reconciliation and peace for all people as we celebrate the birthday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

For those who have died, especially Bill Barron. *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.*

Upcoming Baptismal Date: 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.