

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Last Sunday After the Epiphany

11 February 2018

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Sunday, February 11: Last Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Monday, February 12

6:45 pm	AA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting (Choir Room)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Gym)

Tuesday, February 13

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)

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday

7:30 am	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
12:00 pm	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
7:30 pm	Al-Anon Group (Gym)
7:30 pm	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 17

10:00 am	AA Group (Gym)
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Sunday, February 18: First Sunday in Lent

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 all services are held in 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. **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 Church Docents are meeting TODAY and again on Sunday, 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.

20s/30s Brunch: 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 *TODAY 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 for more information or to RSVP.

NEWS AT GRACE

WinterFair 2018: It was a brisk Saturday morning. As parishioners and volunteers made last minute arrangements to displays, prospective shoppers filled the courtyard. Shortly after 10 am, the doors opened and visitors streamed in. Another WinterFair was underway and what a success it was!

There are never enough words to make known our appreciation to all those who gave so much time, energy and commitment to this great event. To those who organized and arranged women's, men's and children's clothes and toys, who worked in the kitchen as cooks and dishwashers, who set and cleared the Café tables, who unpacked and organized hundreds of books, who dusted and displayed household items collectively known as "Fleas" and "Heavy Fleas" — we thank you. To those who served the cakes, collected coats and counted cash — we thank you. And to those who labored long hauling furniture, setting up and cleaning up — we thank you. Our thanks to all of the staff of Grace who work tirelessly just to keep the wheels turning. And finally, a special thanks to Barbara Becker, Kate Hill, and Brianna McCarty for their incredible dedication to organizing this year's Fair. And always, our thanks to Lynn Vardakis who created the foundation on which we continue to build today.

Funds raised through the WinterFair and Spring Gala are used for improvements to and the beautification of the Church. Most recently, Fair funds have been used to help build the accessible facility that we bless on Sunday.

Souper Sunday thanks: Many thanks to the congregation on Sunday, February 4 for their warm generosity to CHiPS. Jared Scott and Zachary Sedgwick volunteered as soup kettle bearers, along with Kim Lovejoy, representing the Sunday School.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues in the Choir Room, next *Tuesday, February 13 from 10:30 am to 12 Noon*. Led by The Rev. James Hagen.

Ash Wednesday Service Schedule:

7:30 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

12 Noon Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

7:30 pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion with Hymns

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.

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: Ireland, United Kingdom.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev. Frederick Hiltz.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Staff & Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries of Long Island; Church of the Nativity, Brooklyn; The Black Clergy Caucus; St. Alban's, Brooklyn; St. Andrew's, Brooklyn; The Retired Clergy of the Diocese; St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, 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; Lesley Lull; Ben Bankson; 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; 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; Grace Sauser; Dr. Terry Gillian; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; Robert Derault; Mary Gallagher; Pamela; John Condon; David G.; John McCracken; Karl Steinbrenner; Dolores Rivera Ferrer.

For those who have died, including Terry McCracken. *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.