

## **GRACE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2020**

### **Monthly Gratitude Altar Guild**

This month we raise up Brinda Bradley and the Grace Church Altar Guild team. Please recognize them and thank them for this amazing ministry.

Carol Mitchell, Gloria Chang, Brinda Bradley, Sandy McAllister, Melanie Jackson, Audrey Taylor, Shirley Spencer, JoAnn B. Boylan, Lyris Cooper, Ruth Theodore, Edith Gonzalez, Haydee DeLeon.

### **TODAY**

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Census Sunday 2020** Karen M Barnes Partnership Specialist - U.S. Census Bureau will be joining us (during announcements) at the 8AM, 10AM and 12:30PM (in Spanish) Services to address concerns, answer questions and share how we can be involved. Michael Heffner

**In Grace La Gracia E- Newsletter** this week is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Dietsche regarding the recent crisis in Iran, Iraq, and the middle east.

### **The Episcopal Church Weekly Bible Study Is Available Online**

We are adding another Bible Study at Grace Church. It has been developed by the Episcopal Church and can be accessed online by clicking this link or searching the following web address: <https://episcopalchurch.org/bible-study/year-a>. Once you access the site, scroll down to Bible Study for Epiphany A. You'll see four tabs, one for each week in Epiphany. Just click the correct tab and enjoy. God Bless, Fr. Chip

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Financial Visioning**

Over the past several years we have developed a growing financial deficit. Therefore, your leadership is proactively responding by developing a financial visioning process, eventually leading to a healthier environment. **This process will begin with a meeting in the library at 7PM Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>.** All are welcome to attend. The diocese is working with us in this process, allowing us to define what we want at Grace Church and how to support that vision given our resources. If you are interested in attending, please let our office know. If you are unable to attend, then you can catch the next meeting. This process will take several months.

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> Book Club Update:** The Book Club is starting the new year with a discussion of **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng on Tuesday, Jan 14 at 7 pm. Meetings are held in the church library unless otherwise noted. Interested in the Book Club? Contact Karen Odom at [karenodom@yahoo.com](mailto:karenodom@yahoo.com) or just come to a meeting!

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> God's Word for Today's World Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) in the library.** A New BSF Satellite Discussion Group will meet, right here, at Grace Episcopal Church, on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm-8:45pm. There is no cost to join.

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class held in the library from 11AM to 1PM with Fr. Chip:** The class will be similar to his adult education class held earlier this year. The class will cover the basic tenets of the Episcopal church to include history, beliefs, liturgy, sacraments and so much more. Those completing this course will be able to be Confirmed later next spring 2020. The specific class dates will be based on participant feedback. Please email the office or Fr. Chip if you are interested.

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Upcoming Anti-Racism Workshop** (*Two-part workshop on consecutive Saturdays*) **Church of the Crucifixion, Manhattan** The purpose of the diocesan Anti-Racism Workshop is to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. **It is required for clergy in our diocese and highly recommended for lay leadership.**

Dialogue is the foundation of the two-day workshop. We use group exercises and examine scientific and historical evidence concerning the origins of the concept of race and its legacy.

**Coffee and lunch are served and there is no cost to attend for members of our diocese.** (There is a \$25.00 registration fee for members of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark and a \$50.00 fee for all others.) Of the hundreds of workshop participants, more than 85% have found the workshop to be "very useful" or "extremely useful" in their work and daily lives.

**Download to register for the January 2020 workshop in our January 12, 2020 Grace La Gracia E- Newsletter**

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Parent Reception 11:30 AM-12:30 PM:** There will be a reception for parents of our Youth Christian Education students. All parents are invited. If you have not received an email invitation, please let Linda Gallo know ([ldg052@aol.com](mailto:ldg052@aol.com)) or speak with any of the teachers. We will love to have a conversation with you regarding the instruction your children receive.

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Grace's Kitchen Volunteer Luncheon. Parish office closed**

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> Bilingual Service at 9:30 AM with Annual Meeting after service in the parish hall.**