

## GRACE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2019

### Sunday, December 1

#### The First Sunday of Advent

The Rev. Canon Victor Conrado Guest Preacher at Worship Services

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM

**8 AM** The Holy Eucharist

**10 AM** The Holy Eucharist

Sunday School Classes Will Not Meet- Thanksgiving Weekend

**12:30 PM** La Gracia Santa Eucaristía

### Monday, December 2

**6:30 PM** Walk the Labyrinth- Parish Hall

**7:00 PM** Fr. Chip's Adult Ed "Pondering the Sacred" - Library

### Tuesday, December 3

**12:05 PM** Eucharist in Chapel

**7:30 PM** La Gracia Leaders Meeting – Library

### Wednesday, December 4

**12:10 PM** DTM Concert at Grace.

**1:30 PM** SAGE Meeting- Library

**7:15 PM** BSF Bible Study -library

### Thursday, December 5

**12:05 PM** Eucharist in Chapel

### Friday, December 6

**3:00 PM-5:00 PM** Wedding Rehearsal - Church

### Saturday, December 7

**2:30 PM** Wedding – Church

**4:00PM – 9:00 PM** Site Rental – Parish Hall

### Monthly Gratitude S. A. G. E.

We cannot thank Marie Barrow enough for her leadership with SAGE. Each and every month SAGE group members gather to sing, to share, to sing and to pray. Thanks to all who belong to and support this amazing ministry.

Elsie G. Adams, Jo- Ann B. Boylan, Joe Brown, Bernice Burton, Carole S. Carter, Harvey Chambers, Cecile Fray, Barbara Griffith, Sylvia R. Howard, Dorothy Lynch, Joyce Pickering, Uriel G. Reid, Carolyn J. Rogers, Al E. Sargent, Shirley Spencer, Heather Southwick

### TODAY

#### Poinsettias for Sale

Poinsettias are widely used as Christmas decorations in homes, churches and offices. In the United States, December 12<sup>th</sup> is National Poinsettia Day. The Grace Church Choir is taking orders for Poinsettias for delivery on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for \$15.00 each to help defray the cost of the Music Program. These beautiful plants will enhance your home or make a wonderful Holiday Gifts. **To place an order, please contact: Any Member of the Choir** or sign-up on the order sheet posted on the parish hall bulletin board.

### THIS WEEK

#### Advent Adult Education Series with Fr. Chip

Join Fr. Chip for a three-part Advent adult education series entitled, ***Pondering the Sacred***. Fr. Chip will share a video series on one of the greatest contemporary Christian writers, Rob Bell in order to discuss various themes such as our dealing with grief, knowing Jesus' infinite love, being human, and so much more.

**Come join us for this three-part series to be held on**

**Monday Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at 7PM in the library.**

**No books are needed. Please call our administrator in order to make a reservation.**

- The Labyrinth will be available beforehand; however, I will need two helpers to assist with putting it up at 6:15PM each evening before the Adult Education event. Thank you. Fr. Chip

**2019 Lifting Up Westchester Christmas Gift Card Drive:** Beginning December 1st and continuing December 8th & 15th, we will have the opportunity to once again provide a gift card in the grocery bags to be distributed to families in need for a Christmas meal. Lifting Up Westchester traditionally distributes 500+ bags filled with non-perishable items to deliberate the holidays. Missing are the perishable items. That's where we come in. In the past, Grace Church has increased its generosity each and every year. In 2017, we furnished 55 cards; in 2018, we furnished 72 cards. I genuinely believe we can minimally achieve last year's contribution if not exceed it in 2019. How? Cash, checks (made out to Lifting Up Westchester) or gift cards in the amount of \$10-\$25 from either Stop & Shop or Shop Rite will be gladly accepted. Contributions can be made in the Parish Hall 9:30-10:00 AM and after the 10:00 AM service. Can't get there? Please leave your name, type and amount of contribution in an envelope marked with "LUW gift cards" in an envelope in the collection plate. The last day to contribute is December 15th. Please speak with Linda Gallo if you have questions.

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> SAGE at 1:30 PM in the library.**

We will have a pre-holiday party. Everyone is invited to bring in something to eat. Beverages will be provided. What is your favorite Christmas Carol? Be ready to share, sing and answer questions about different Christmas Carols. Many Blessings! Marie Barrow

**God's Word for Today's World Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 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. To register download information in E-newsletter.

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> La Gracia Celebration of Guadalupe**

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Caroling at Grace Church at 4PM**

We encourage you bring your family and friends! Sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. We need three assistants to help in set up. For more information please contact Walter Simon.

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ECW Meeting in the library at 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> Festive Service of Lessons and Carols at 10 AM Worship Service**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**December Advent Greens** Signup sheet is on the bulletin board near the library.

Remember those you love by signing up for greens to adore the altar. Contribution: \$100.00

**Toys for The Children of Grace La Gracia** – Every year La Gracia distributes toys to children on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Epiphany/Three Kings Sunday. This year, we will distribute gifts to all our children – in the morning and in the afternoon. Please see Fr. Adolfo about ways you can contribute toys or financial donations for this tradition. Thank you.

**Grace/La Gracia Vestry Member Candidates Desired**

Nominate yourself or someone else for a leadership position. Information on E-newsletter and on table in the rear of the church. Please submit your request for consideration no later than December 29, 2019.

**Confirmation Class January 2020**

Fr. Chip is holding a Confirmation class in January 2020. 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.

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I want to request our church parishioners to please welcome our visitors and let us share the love of God together.

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If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!

Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Our communion is open to all baptized Christians.

Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available.

Your presence is a blessing to us; may our worship together be a blessing to you.

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