

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

Sunday, April 28: The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
10:15 am	AED Training (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Hymns
1:30 pm	AA (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Monday, April 29

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:45 pm	AA (Gym)
8:00 pm	AA (Gym)

Tuesday, April 30

No 10:30 am Bible Study

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm	NA (Gym)
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
8:00 pm	NA (Gym)

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm	EfM (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Al-Anon (Gym)

Thursday, May 2

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:45 pm	AA (Gym)
7:30 pm	Gender Equity Planning Meeting (North Room)
8:00 pm	AA (Gym)

Friday, May 3

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm	NA (Gym)
7:30 pm	Couples in Recovery (Choir Room)
8:00 pm	NA (Gym)

Saturday, May 4

10:00 am	AA (Choir Room)
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Sunday, May 5: The Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:15 am	North Room Chat (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
12:15 pm	Docent-led Tour
1:30 pm	AA (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Please join us after all services for fellowship, coffee and refreshment 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 worship. 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 sanctuary. 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 adhesive 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 in the Colonial Room, upstairs across from the kitchen. **Children's Activity Materials and Bulletins** are available on the Children's Table in the sanctuary. 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 validated 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.

First Aid and Defibrillator Training: 10:15 am today. As many of you may have noticed, we now have a first aid kit and AED equipment across from the ADA bathroom and another AED Kit in the North Room. The Grace Church School also has a Kit outside of their office space above the Gym. Dr. Bryan McCarty has graciously agreed to do some training on this equipment **today at 10:15 am** in the **North Room**.

NEWS AT GRACE

Tuesday Morning Rector's Bible Study will not meet this coming Tuesday, April 30, but will resume the following Tuesday, May 7, at 10:30 am in the Choir Room.

Saturday, June 8 will be our third annual Feminist Scholar in Residence event. The Rev. Dr. Cristian De La Rosa will lead us in learning about *mujerista* theology and its application to today's world issues. Want to know more and/or help plan this event? Please come to the **next meeting** of the Gender Equity in Word and Deed Committee in the **North Room from 7:30 to 8:30 pm**, on **Thursday, May 2**. All are welcome.

The Sunday Morning North Room Chats continue, next Sunday, May 5 from 10:15 to 10:45 am in the North Room for those who have been looking for a little something "extra" from church on Sunday.

Join us the first Sunday of each month at 10:15 am in the North Room where we'll 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 following Chat on June 9.** Members of the vestry will be facilitating a focus group about core values to deepen our understanding of the core values that underpin Grace's mission and our vision for the future.

Contact Brianna McCarty (mccarty.brianna@gmail.com) and/or Anne Silver (aesilver@optonline.net) with questions, or if you'd like to lead a chat!

Docent-led Tour at 12:15 pm next Sunday, May 5. All are welcome to explore the interior of our historic Gothic Revival church on the first Sunday of each month. Tour begins inside the church and lasts around 30 to 45 minutes. No reservations needed. For more information, contact Marianne Hurley (marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net) or the parish office (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org).

2019 Spring Gala & Cabaret - Save the Date! **Saturday, May 11th, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

You and your guests are cordially invited to Grace Church Brooklyn Heights for the 2019 Spring Gala & Cabaret. That's right — Cabaret! This year we will be treated to the talents of some of our most musically gifted parishioners, as they provide cabaret-style entertainment throughout the evening. It will be a lot of fun! Hearty appetizers will be served, along with festive beverages, followed by dessert.

Advance tickets are \$35, and are available here on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/2ItjTZE>). Or you can purchase tickets at the door for \$40. We will also be selling tickets at Coffee Hours following the 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services.

If you'd like to volunteer to bring appetizers or desserts — as so many of you have done in the past; thank you! — please sign up here on Signup Genius (<https://bit.ly/2X11P1v>) or email Cordelia Stephens at cordelia.stephens@gmail.com.

We hope to see many of you on May 11th!

Cordially,

Cordelia Stephens and Jody Mullen
Co-Chairs

Retirees, Seniors and Opinionated Elders Luncheon: Tuesday, May 14 at 12:30 pm. You're Invited to a Spring Luncheon honoring Grace's Retirees, Seniors & Opinionated Elders on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 12:30 pm in the Guild Hall Please let Us know you're coming! RSVP to the parish office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

Next Stroller Group Brunch, Sunday, May 19: Please mark your calendars for the Spring Stroller Group Potluck Brunch on **Sunday, May 19, immediately following the 9:15 am service.** Stop by to meet other parents of young kids at Grace Church and make a new friend (or three!).

Who: Parents with youngsters (generally pre-K and below, though we don't mind if older siblings want to join in on the fun!)

What: Potluck brunch—the theme for the brunch is houses & homes and we will be decorating birdhouses with the little ones!

Where: The Gymnasium

Why: Because we are blessed to have many wonderful young families and we want to make sure we all have the chance to get to know each other!

Donations: **Starting this Sunday – April 28,** we will be collecting donations of household items for families in need (baby wipes, soaps, lotion, toilet paper) and donating them to CHiPS.

Please help us make sure everyone stays fed—we welcome any and all brunch potluck donations you can share :) A potluck sign-up sheet will be emailed out.

Note: We'll be painting the birdhouses with washable paint, so please bring a smock or old shirt!

We hope to see you there!

Lauren (mom of Sloane & Meritt) and Anne (mom of CC & Michael)

Grace Core Values Inquiry Process: Who are we as a church community? What are we called to do? This is an exciting time of transition and growth at Grace, and we need your help to deepen our understanding of the core values that underpin Grace's mission and our vision for the future. Members of the vestry will be inviting parishioners to engage in conversation about Grace's core values and mission. Please be receptive if you are called or approached at coffee hour to chat for a bit.

You may also contact Amy Rowland directly if you are interested in participating in this dialogue at amyrowland@gmail.com. In addition, the vestry will be facilitating a series of focus groups about core values - the next one will be held **at 10:15 am on Sunday, June 9 in the North Room and we encourage everyone to attend.** We will continue to update you about future opportunities for engagement on this very important discernment process.

Calling all Coffee Hour Hosts.....As you know, coffee hour is a time for fellowship and conversation among church members. To share a cup of coffee, pastry and have small chats, what a great way to spend time after Sunday service. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to host the Coffee Hour after the 11am service. It can be very simple or as elaborate (but not expensive) as you like, infusing fruits, carrots, celery with hummus dips or pastry, homemade cookies or brownies. Prepare your favorite goodies to share. You can also make a monetary donation and the Church can do the shopping for you. We hope you will consider this special ministry and volunteer a small amount of time to host. If you are interested in volunteering one Sunday, please contact Marilyn Grant (Marilyn.prycegrant@icloud.com), Emily Horcher (ejhorcher@gmail.com), or Sheila O'Neill (soneill@schimoler.net).

Are you/your family/parents or grandparents from another country? Join us on **Sunday, May 19, 10:15 to 11:00 am,** in the **North Room** as we continue to plan a festive celebration for our inaugural Grace Multicultural Day, to be held the afternoon of Sunday, October 20, in the Guild Hall. For more information, contact Denise Farrell (dlyfarrell@gmail.com) or Allison Robinson (a.robinson2@verizon.net).

Summer Church Camp Registration is now open! Grace Church, together with St. Ann's and the Holy Trinity Church, is hosting The Brooklyn Heights Episcopal Story and Song Summer Church Camp (shorthand: Story and Song Camp) for the week of **August 26 to 30**. Story and Song Camp hours are from **9 am to 3 pm** with **aftercare available until 5:30 pm**. Opportunities available for adult, middle school, and high school volunteers. More details available at <https://tiny.cc/StoryAndSong2019> (case sensitive). Space is limited, so sign up today! Questions? Contact Brianna McCarty brianna.orton@gmail.com or Rev. Erika emeyer@gracebrooklyn.org.

Interested in participating or receiving a bi-monthly newsletter? Who are our high school or college bound students at Grace? Any alumni attending Grace? Anyone moving away or individuals moving to the neighborhood and attending Grace? Having an exhibition (graphic art, sculptures or photography)? Where will it be? Published a book lately? Any book signings? Vacation rentals? This publication could help us get to know each other better and engage in dialogue. Hope you will consider this format. If interested please contact Charlotte Thorp at charlottethorp718@gmail.com.

Grace Schedule of Upcoming Baptismal Dates

Space is limited to no more than seven candidates baptized as a group during a service of Holy Eucharist with Baptism. Here are the upcoming dates:

- June 9, 2019 (Pentecost Sunday) – 7 spots remaining
- July 14, 2019 – 6 spots remaining
- September 22, 2019 – 7 spots remaining
- November 17, 2019 – 6 spots remaining

- January 12, 2020
- February 23, 2020
- April 11, 2020 (Easter Eve)
- June 7, 2020 (Pentecost Sunday)
- September 27, 2020
- November 22, 2020

- January 10, 2021
- February 14, 2021
- April 3, 2021 (Easter Eve)
- May 23, 2021 (Pentecost Sunday)
- September 26, 2021
- November 17, 2021

Please contact the parish office, at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org or 718-624-1850, ext. 10 for more information and to obtain an application.

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: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Communion in Japan, The Most Rev. Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Great Neck; Staff & Board of Directors of the Mercer School; EDLI Prison Ministries; St. George's, Hempstead; The Good Stewardship of the Earth; Trinity-St. John's, Hewlett; Holy Trinity, Hicksville.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that, as the Father sent Jesus, and Jesus sent the disciples, so may this church community, which has received the Holy Spirit in baptism, carry on Jesus' mission of love, bringing reconciliation and God's peace to the world.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Baby Daniel.

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Steve Berger & family; Roger Stenlund; Debby & Lee; Bill Frey; Anne, Moe & their two daughters; Mercedes Peters; Jean Bergson; Julian; Mary Inwood; Dolores Vollmer; Lisa Everett; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Andrew Campbell; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Suzanne Cadarett; Ginny Lindle; Ann Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Anne Garland; Donald Owings; Karl Steinbrenner; Robin; Sarah Cobb; Elle Petersen; Andrew Genco Rosenthal; Samuel Smith; Doug Best; Gwen Goldsmith and Marybeth Bauries; Jan; J. Essis.

For those who have died; *rest eternal grant to them, O God;* and for those who mourn.

Preparing for Baptism: Charles Danilovich, Harper Gonnella, John Melling.

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: James and Molly; Hunter and Jane. *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 Date: To inquire about Baptism, please see schedule above and call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.