

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

13 January 2019

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Sunday, January 13: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
10:00 am	WinterFair Organizing Meeting (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist and Baptisms with Parish Choir
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

10:30 am	Bible Study (Choir Room)
5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm	NA (Gym)
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
7:30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting (Guild Hall)
8:00 pm	NA (Gym)

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:45 pm	AA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Gym)

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

10:00 am	AA Group (Gym)
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Sunday, January 20: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
10:00 am	Rector's Forum (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
12:00 pm	"Where Do We Go from Here?" Chat (North Room)
1:30 pm	AA Group (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.

WinterFair 2019 Volunteer Organizing Meeting at 10 am. Organizing meeting for all volunteers — both experienced and interested — today in the North Room.

NEWS AT GRACE

Grace's 2019 Annual Giving campaign is underway! Pledges make up over half of Grace's income, and we hope every member of the community will join us in pledging this year. Pledges can be made by filling out the pledge card in the pews or online at www.gracebrooklyn.org/give.

Christmas poinsettias have staying power through Epiphanytide! Let the cheer of a Christmas poinsettia take you right through the season of Epiphany! Please take a plant for yourself or to someone who would enjoy some brightness through the gloom of January. But please consider making a free-will offering to help underwrite our annual Greening (and Poinsettia-ing) of the Church. Thanks so very much and enjoy!

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights Annual Meeting: January 15: Grace's Annual Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 pm*. We will discuss the accomplishments of 2018 and plans for 2019 as well as elect new members to the Vestry. As is our tradition, the meeting will be preceded by a Potluck supper at 6 pm. For more information, contact Kate Rock at katewrock@gmail.com or Marilyn Grant at marilyn.prycegrant@icloud.com.

***Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* written by The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, January 20:** The Congregation is cordially invited to participate in reading of this book by The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as we look to celebrate his life and legacy in January. *On January 20*, there will be a *Rector's Forum* at 10 am and a chat at 12 Noon to reflect on this book. Whether you read the entire book, part of it or not at all, please join in the conversation. This book is available at Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

WinterFair 2019 is Saturday, February 2! We are accepting tax-deductible donations of kids' toys and 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.

If you would like to bake a cake or pie for the Luncheon Cafe dessert table, please contact Jennifer Yaggy at jennifer.yaggy@gmail.com. Thank you! For further information, please contact Kate Rock (katewrock@gmail.com), Brianna McCarty (mccarty.brianna@gmail.com) or Kate Hill (katharinehill@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 is the upcoming date (more to be announced soon):

- Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 11:00 am – 3 spots remaining

Please contact Christian DeRuiter, Parish Administrator, at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org or 718-624-1850, ext. 10 for more information and to obtain an application.

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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of Kyushu in Japan, The Rt. Rev. Luke Ken-ichi Muto.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Sag Harbor; St. James', St. James; St. Andrew's, Saltaire; St. Ann's, Sayville; St. Cuthbert's, Selden; The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women; Caroline Church, Setauket.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that this church may be a place where the Word is not just accepted, but where the living Spirit is spread through our prayers, our actions and the laying on of human hands, one to another, so that all people may be healed and reborn into new life.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Sandra Bajor.

Please pray for the ongoing needs of: Kathy Engstrom; 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; Kevin Kretz; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Andrew Campbell; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Suzanne Cadarett; Ginny Lindle; Eleanor Wedge; Anne Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Anne Garland; Bob, Stacy & Pam; Bobby Hinton; Susan Hunnicutt; Robin; Donald Owings; Margret; Bob, Stacy & Pam; Whitney Klein; Melanie Montembeau; Grace Watrous; The Essis Family; Janet Malpeso; Lesa; Phyllis & Richard; Seth Lloyd, Sr.; Clarke Jackson; Karl Steinbrenner.

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

In Thanksgiving for the Baptism of John Aubrey and Lucy Effron.

Preparing for Baptism: Isla Dua, Harper Gonnella, Giuditta Riolo, Louisa Thompson.

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: James and Molly; Medora and Hiram. *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.