

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Second Sunday in Lent

17 March 2019

Sunday, March 17: The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir followed by Benjamin Morse book presentation
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

10:30 am	Bible Study (Choir Room)
12:30 pm	Lenten Organ Recital
5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm	NA (Gym)
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
8:00 pm	NA (Gym)

Wednesday, March 20

4:00 pm	Beginner's Guide to Holy Week Class (North Room)
5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm	EfM (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Al-Anon (Gym)

Thursday, March 21

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm	AA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm	Rector's Lenten Book Study (Guild Hall)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Gym)

Friday, March 22

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, March 23

10:00 am	AA Group (Choir Room)
10:00 am	Centering Prayer Quiet Day (Guild Hall)

Sunday, March 24: The Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Family Eucharist
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)
5:00 pm	Columbarium Memorial Service
6:00 pm	Newcomers Gathering (North Room)

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.

Special book presentation after 11 am service Coffee Hour: Benjamin Morse, Grace parishioner, biblical scholar and author/illustrator of “The Bible Beautiful Series,” will be on hand today to share his whimsical and engaging artwork and biblical storytelling. Suitable for children and adults. He will be visiting the Journey to Adulthood class, and also show his work and speak during coffee hour after the 11 am service.

NEWS AT GRACE

The Rector’s Lenten Book Study with Grace Church and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church:

Please join us for a Lenten book study of Fleming Rutledge’s [The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ](#).

The book study will meet on every Thursday in Lent, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

March 21: Grace

March 28: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church (31 Sidney Place)

April 4: Grace

Light fare will be served.

The book is available online: <https://amzn.to/2Sh5dCB>.

Please see Allen+ or contact the parish office (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) for more details.

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. Between now and April, 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 focus group about core values during a **North Room Chat at 10:15 am on Sunday, April 7 - please save the date and join us.** We encourage everyone to participate in this important work, and will continue to update you about future opportunities for engagement.

Quiet Day of Contemplative Prayer: Saturday, March 23. Take time to restore yourself with silence and scripture in a day of contemplative prayer. We will begin with a brief review of centering prayer and lectio divina, followed by practice of these two methods of contemplative prayer. We will eat lunch together in silence and in the afternoon, experience a contemplative prayer service with Eucharist, led by The Reverend Erika Meyer and Lindsay Boyer. All are welcome. A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of a box lunch and to help us sponsor future events, but if you are unable to pay for the lunch, please come anyway!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lindsay: lindsay@lindsayboyer.com or 718-858-4119.

Columbarium Memorial Service: Sunday, March 24 at 5 pm. Please join us for a quiet, contemplative evening prayer service, honoring those who have passed on in our lives. We will begin with a short memorial service, read aloud the names of the dead interred in our Columbarium and other community members and friends, and then enjoy beautiful piano music during a period of silent prayer and meditation. There will be light refreshments in the Narthex after the service. If you would like to have a name read aloud, please email Christian DeRuiter (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org), in the parish office. This event is open to members and friends of Grace Church as well as the wider community. No RSVP is necessary.

Newcomers Gathering, Sunday, March 24 at 6 pm: If you have recently joined the Grace community — or you've been attending Grace for a while (whether that's months, years, or decades!) — we invite you to a special **Newcomers Gathering** on **Sunday, March 24, at 6:00 pm**. Join us in front of the fire in the North Room for drinks and a light bite. This is a low-key, family friendly event. We're looking forward to getting to know each other! Please RSVP to Parish Administrator, Christian DeRuiter, at (718) 624-1850, x10, or parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org.

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 (sonell@schimoler.net).

Special event at Grace: “Funeral Planning for Folks Who Have No Time to Die - A talk with funeral director Amy Cunningham,” Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 pm in the Guild Hall. Planning for your own death, and getting acquainted with what is traditional and newly possible in funeral service enables you to face your own mortality with courage and focus on what your life has been all about. Sadly, for people who postpone funeral discussions, their survivors are then confronted with huge decisions involving thousands of dollars as they hold Kleenex in their hands. Join journalist and NY licensed funeral director Amy Cunningham for a riveting (even fun!) presentation on trends within the \$16 billion funeral business.

Topics covered include how to make a cremation more meaningful, the differences between a green burial and a traditional one, the usefulness of a burial shroud, plus a run-down of service costs and options including a funeral in the home, casket in church, urn in church, committal prayers at gravesite or crematory chapel, witnessed cremation. We'll touch upon digital obituaries, “life letters” to loved ones, eulogies, full body donation to medical science, and organ donation. After all that, we'll have time for questions. In the end, you'll get a glimmer of what funerals customs and products from the past should be preserved, and what can be jettisoned—and you'll leave with some planning resources for yourself or for someone you love. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2EjN4IO>.

Amy Cunningham is a licensed funeral director and owner of the Brooklyn firm Fitting Tribute Funeral Services (<http://www.fittingtributefunerals.com>). She specializes in simple burials within the NYC-Metropolitan area and upstate, home funerals, and cremation services at Green-Wood Cemetery's crematory chapels in Brooklyn. Amy was profiled by the New York Times (<https://nyti.ms/1kjEr6U>), and was named one of nine top funeral innovators by FuneralOne (<https://bit.ly/2VKrRpf>), a leading voice for change in the funeral industry. She majored in English at the University of Virginia and holds a mortuary degree from the American Academy McAllister Institute.

Lenten Class offering underway:

Entering the Passion of Jesus:

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

A six-week study using a book & brief DVD lecture series
from noted Jewish New Testament scholar, Amy-Jill Levine.

Please order her book, same title as the class,
(available online at <https://amzn.to/2SSNFSr>)

This class will meet on Wednesdays in Lent,
from 4:00 – 5:15 pm in the North Room. Led by the Rev. Erika Meyer.

Send Rev. Erika an email if you are planning to attend:
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 is the upcoming date (more to be announced at a future time):

- Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Easter Eve), at 4:00 pm – 1 spot 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.

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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: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of England, The Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Justin Welby.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Democratic Republic of the Congo; Zion Church, Douglaston; Church of the Resurrection, East Elmhurst; St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Far Rockaway; St. George's, Flushing; St. John's, Flushing.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that this church may never fear; but rather that this community may daily commit to our citizenship in heaven; bless and honor those who come in God's name; and stand firm as we follow the cross of Christ.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Sandra Bajor; Elle (pronounced "Ellie") Petersen; baby James; Bill Irwin.

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; Kevin Kretz; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Andrew Campbell; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Suzanne Cadarett; Ginny Lindle; Anne Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Anne Garland; Donald Owings; Karl Steinbrenner; Robin; Sarah Cobb; the family of the Rev. Anthony Idris Jata'u; Charles Loew; Chento Marron; Betty Vohr; Aileen Mastin.

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

Preparing for Baptism: Charles Danilovich, Caroline Ewing, Van Friedman, Harper Gonnella, Casper Hannah, Claire McDonald, Knox Sliger, Margaret Walsh.

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