

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

24 June 2018

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Amelia Covino and Ender Erhan.

Sunday, June 24: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Monday, June 25

6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

Tuesday, June 26

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Wednesday, June 27

7:30 pm Al-Anon Group (Gym)

Thursday, June 28

6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)
8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

Friday, June 29

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
7:30 pm Couples Group (Choir Room)
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Saturday, June 30

10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, July 1: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Gym)

Please join us after each service for fellowship, coffee and refreshment in the Choir Room.

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 Guild Hall. 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 tag 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 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Colonial Room, upstairs across from the kitchen. **Children's Activity Materials and Bulletins** are available on the Children's Table in the Guild Hall. 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.

NEWS AT GRACE

Grace Gender Equity Committee's Second Annual Feminist in Residence event a great success: On Saturday, June 16, 2018, Grace Church's Gender Equity in Word and Deed Committee—co-sponsored by the Mercer School of Theology, All Saints Park Slope and Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity—held its second annual feminist in residence with The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the first woman Presiding Bishop of the U.S. Episcopal Church (2006-2015), with some 75 participants.

The Bishop began with a lament about the exclusion, abuse, and undervaluing of women in a world “which continues to be robustly uncomfortable with women leaders.” She argued, however, that our Christian tradition has subversive elements to it: Jesus spoke directly to women, and until Christianity became a state religion, early church communities were often hosted by women. She also encouraged us to “subvert the old narratives” of women in the bible: it was Mary Magdalene who first witnessed the resurrection, and Eve was “the investigator, the giver of life, the risk taker.”

The lament, she asserted, is what evokes our passion to lead, the prophetic voice which names the gap between the real and what is possible. Referring to both Jewish and Native American traditions as well as Jesus's ministry, she then offered a “spirit-filled leadership model which empowers all bodies”—full of big dreams, curiosity, playfulness, and collaboration—designed to “repair the world.” She sees these ideals in the asset-based community development model now embraced by Episcopal Relief & Development and in the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

Throughout, the Bishop shared some of her experiences—and asked all of us to do the same—so that we could find our own “gifts of agency.” Most powerfully, she shared her experiences of challenging the old narratives and of sharing power. For example, when asked not to wear her miter by the Church of England, she carried it instead, arousing even more attention. She also used different images of Jesus, as black and as a mother who feeds us all. In parting, she expressed her hope “that this starts a new conversation for everyone” in all their communities.

Thank you, Joanne Kowalsky! Grace's Altar Guild thanks member Joanne Kowalsky for more than twenty years of dedicated ministry. Joanne is retiring at the end of the summer from setting up communion for the 8 am and 9:15 am services. We praise God for Joanne's faithful service as a member of the Altar Guild.

The Altar Guild is open to new volunteers at the 8 am and 11am services. Please contact Kate Hill at katharinehill@gmail.com to volunteer.

Education for Ministry fall enrollment: LAST CHANCE: You too can be a part of the EfM community when classes resume in the fall, if you register before the end of June. EfM provides a safe space for you to develop and understand your own beliefs while learning about the Bible, Christian history, the Episcopal Church and the place for your personal ministry within the larger world—all with people who may well be just as confused as you are!

Learn more about the EfM program of study at efm.sewanee.edu.

For information about Grace's group, please contact Kathy Page at pagingkathy@gmail.com.

Next Docent Tour: July 1 at 12:30 pm: Parishioners and visitors are invited to explore the interior of our 1847 Gothic Revival church. Tour lasts around 30-45 minutes and starts after the 11 am Eucharist.

For more information, contact Marianne Hurley at marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net, or the church office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org.

North Room Chats continue in the Summer, in the Choir Room: At our “North Room Chats” we discuss spirituality and Christianity in bite-sized chunks. No need to prepare in advance. No need to have attended a prior chat. Just be open to learning something new, sharing your own life experiences, and, most importantly, growing in the Christian faith. The next Chat will be *Sunday, July 1* from *10:15 to 10:45 am* in the **CHOIR ROOM**. The following North Room Chats will take place on August 5 and September 2. Join us!

Attend a welcome dinner for Allen and Allison Robinson on July 14! The Rector Transition/Welcome Team has organized welcome dinners this Spring/Summer for our new Rector and there is one left! Join us on *Saturday, July 14* for a dinner which will be hosted in a parishioner’s home in Brooklyn Heights. Spaces are limited so please contact Brianna McCarty at McCarty.Brianna@gmail.com or 785-550-1598 if you’d like to attend.

Grace Church School Applications: Parish families interested in applying for admission to Grace Church School for the 2019-2020 school year may request an application online at www.gracechurchschool.org, beginning at *9 am* on *Wednesday, September 5, 2018*. Prospective parents should note that the school recognizes the importance of diversity in its student body.

Completed applications are due September 28, 2018. Tours will be assigned once completed applications are received. Please indicate if you are applying under Special Consideration status as a Grace Church Parish Member (early notification and commitment, if offered a place). Special consideration eligibility does not guarantee admission to the school.

Grace Church School is committed to making pre-school a viable option for all. Financial Aid is available for students from Twos through Pre-Kindergarten and is awarded on the basis of need and availability of funds.

Summer Music Notes:

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

From June 24 – September 9, all worship services will be held in the air-conditioned Guild Hall. A summer choir will be needed to lead in worship at the 11:00 am service. Rehearsals will be 10:15 am in the Guild Hall with Paul Olson at the piano. Service at 11:00 am

All are welcome! If you have family visiting and would like to sing—bring them along!

The younger generation are also welcome! No audition! Some helpful hints: some ability to read music, a love for singing, and a joyful spirit!!

Further information, speak to Paul Olson in person or by phone (718-624-1850, ext. 20) or by e-mail (polson@gracebrooklyn.org).

TUESDAYS IN AUGUST HYMN SINGS

August Hymn Sings will resume on *Tuesday, August 7*, from *7:00 to 8:30 pm* in the McKittrick Choir Room. Led by Paul Olson, there will be presentations by Pam McAllister, Music Director at Park Slope Methodist Church, by our own Rector, Allen Robinson, and other surprise guests!!

Each Tuesday during the month of August! Bring a friend or two and your love for singing!

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: Brazil.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Nigeria, The Most Rev. Nicholas Okoh.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Islip; St. Mary's, Lake Ronkonkoma; St. Boniface, Lindenhurst; Staff, Board & Managers of Camp De Wolfe; Jubilee Center, Mastic Beach; The Spouses of Diocesan Clergy; Church of the Redeemer, Mattituck.

For Grace Church: For our Rector, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that we may never take in vain God's spontaneous, loving, and unearned grace to us; but rather that our all ministry may be focused on reconciliation, and that we may live out our faith in our lives, with wide-open hearts, inspired by the assurance that now—each day—is the day of salvation!

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; Marielle & Vivian; 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; Jennifer Wallick; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Karl Steinbrenner; Dennis Christian; Dr. Terry Gillian; Grant Murdoch; Julia; Glenn; Dave J. & family; Bruni Suarez; Chris Farrell; Connie Nowlan.

For those who have died, especially Denis Pelia and Richard Schuurman. *Rest eternal grant to them, O God; and for those who mourn.*

In thanksgiving for: the marriages of Amelia Covino and Ender Erhan; and Matthew Drescher and Julia Simmons.

Preparing for Marriage: Tiffany Whelan and Christian Paltzer.

Preparing for Baptism: McVey Richardson Copeland; Charles Fortier Johansen.

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: Rachel and Evan, 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 call Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office, at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.