

Grace
Church
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Heights

Family Matters

Confirmation 2022: a Great Day in Garden City

On June 4th, Grace Church presented six youth and one adult for Confirmation, and one adult for Reception, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, NY. The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin presided over the ancient rite of anointing with holy oil and the laying on of hands. Congratulations to **Henry Solmo-Brewer, Dean Tuminello, Eleanor Belinfanti, Maggie Stuckey, Zachary Sedgwick, Elliot Sedgwick, Marco Cipriani** and **Amir Bibawy**.



The newly confirmed and received with Bishop Franklin at the Cathedral steps.



Welcome, Storymakers!

After a two year hiatus, Sunday School returned during Lent, and was an immediate success. A simple but elegant new curriculum called Storymakers energized teachers and students alike. Hats off to **Kate Hill, Sarah Davies** and **Dave Fay**, along with **Jess Smith** and **Jacqui Taylor Basker**, for diving right in and making it happen. Though we're taking the summer off, registration for the Fall will open soon. And we're always looking for teachers! Email Fr. Chris at clec@gracebrooklyn.org for more info.

Top left: Seminarian Jess Smith and Jacqui Taylor Basker guide students in illustrating the Bible story for the day; Bottom left: Sarah Davies leads students in a dramatic re-enactment of a parable.

Grace Church Youth at Work...



...and at Play

Throughout the spring and into the early summer, the youth of Grace Church made time for living out their faith in the form of both service and fellowship. As part of the parish's ongoing work with Red Hook Farms, a group of teens and their parents helped prepare their Wolcott Street site in April; in May, our best bowlers hit the lanes at Brooklyn Bowl, along with a group of youth from Grace Church Manhattan; and in June, another volunteer group prepared meals for North Brooklyn Angels' food truck feeding ministry. Know someone in grades 6-12 who would like to participate in future activities? We'd love to have you! Email Fr. Chris at clec@gracebrooklyn.org

Stump the Clergy!

On June 12th, all four Grace Church clergy participated in the first annual "Stump the Clergy" session, hosting a handful of young members and answering their questions about a range of subjects. Here is a great one that was asked by Clara Morettini:

"How did Jesus get the last name 'Christ?' I'm pretty sure that wasn't Mary's last name!"

Father Chris responds: We're so used to hearing the phrase "Jesus Christ" that we assume it's a name, but it's not. People in Jesus' time didn't have last names like ours. They were often known by

the names of their fathers. Jesus would have been called something like "Yeshua ben-Yoseph," which means Jesus, son of Joseph.

So "Christ" is not a last name, it's a title, like "Julius Caesar" or "Winnie-the-Pooh." But what does that word "Christ" mean? And where did it come from?

Remember that the stories about Jesus were originally written down in the Greek language. The word "Christ" is an English translation of the Greek word *christos*, which means "anointed one." And here is where things get even deeper. For the Jewish people of Jesus' time, the

Anointed One was another name for "the Messiah," a great leader who would deliver the Jewish people out of bondage from the Roman Empire.

And as we see in the Bible, Jesus' followers started to believe that he was that long-awaited leader. And after Jesus was crucified and resurrected, they became convinced of it, and began referring to him as "Jesus the Messiah," or "Jesus the Anointed One," or the name that's most familiar to us today: "Jesus Christ." So, with apologies to Shakespeare, you can see that there's quite a lot in a name!