

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

7 October 2018

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Sunday, October 7: Twentieth Sunday After

Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist

No 10:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
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 Group (Gym)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)
5:00 pm St. Francis Day Service
and Blessing of the Animals (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 8: Columbus Day

Parish closed

Tuesday, October 9

10:30 am Rector's Tuesday Bible Study
(Choir Room)
6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)
7:00 pm Centering Prayer (Chapel)
8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Wednesday, October 10

6:30 pm EfM (Choir Room)
7:00 pm Study of Christian Themes in
Southern Literature Class
(Hope Library)
7:30 pm Al-Anon Group (Gym)

Thursday, October 11

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

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

10:00 am AA Group (Choir Room)

Sunday, October 14: Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Rector's Forum – Faith in Action
(North Room)
10:00 am Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
10:00 am Episcopal 101 Class (Classroom #1)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Please join us after each service 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 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 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.

Next North Room Chat today, 10:15 am. The North Room Chats continue for those who have been looking for a little something “extra” from church on Sunday. The next Chat will be today *Sunday, October 7* from *10:15 to 10:45 am* in the North Room. Brianna McCarty will lead a discussion on values and intention focusing. What do you value and how can you put that into action? Why do you come to church? Can you apply your values to your spiritual journey? 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 November 4**. Want to lead a chat or have questions? Contact Brianna McCarty at mccarty.brianna@gmail.com.

Next Docent-led Tour today, 12:15 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, around *12:15 pm*. For more information, contact Marianne Hurley at marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net, or the church office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org.

St. Francis Day service and Blessing of the Animals today, 5 pm. The Grace Community welcomes our members, friends and neighbors and their pets for an annual St. Francis Day service and Blessing of the Animals beginning at *5 pm* on *Sunday, October 7*. A special offertory will benefit an appropriate charity.

NEWS AT GRACE

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the Parish and Grace Church School will be closed tomorrow, Monday, October 8.

Seeking a talented teen Soprano to participate in Grace Christmas Pageant trio: Do you participate in your school choir? Love to sing in harmony and can read music? Then we invite you to participate in a special trio of singers for this year’s Grace Church Pageant. Rehearsals will be today October 7, 14, and November 18 directly following the 11am service as well as December 15 at 9am. **The Pageant** is at **11 am** on **December 16**. Contact Brianna McCarty at mccarty.brianna@gmail.com **as soon as possible** if you are or someone you know would be interested in this unique opportunity!

The Rector’s Forum returns Sunday, October 14. This time-honored tradition returns to Grace with gatherings on the *third Sunday of the month at 10 am* in the *North Room*. The exception to this rule? The introductory Forum will be on Sunday, October 14 to accommodate the change of worship schedule on the 21st for the Institution of The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson as our 15th Rector. These Forums will unpack the sermon with further examination of the text and its application to today’s world.

Be Bold! Sign up to volunteer when Grace hosts the Heights Interfaith Shelter, beginning *Monday, October 22*. There’s no better way to make a difference than to sign up to prepare a meal or sleep overnight at Grace Church when the Heights Interfaith Shelter comes to Grace on October 22.

We are proud to offer hospitality in the form of a welcome, dinner, and a place to sleep to up to 12 homeless men on Monday to Friday nights. How can you help? You can prepare a hot meal for our guests and volunteer sleepers and bring it to Grace early in the evening. Or you can come for dinner and sleep overnight – in classroom #1, just off the Gym – on beds with fresh linens and your own bathroom.

We host the shelter for six weeks, from October 22 to November 30. And we need your help! Please sign up to prepare and deliver a hot meal for our guests and volunteer sleepers, or to share the meal and spend the night. Sign-up boards are at the back of the church. Any questions? Please contact Elizabeth Stong, Emily Horcher, or Charlotte Thorp, via the Parish Office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org.

Seeking Nominations to the Vestry for 2019. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6 pm. At that meeting, we will be electing three new Vestry members for a three-year term. The Nominating Committee (consisting of the three out-going members, Kathy Page, David Pitou, and Amy Rowland, as well as the Rev. Allen Robinson and Wardens Kate Rock and Marilyn Grant) is receiving names for consideration. The criteria for nomination are regular and faithful attendance at Grace Church worship services; active participation in the life of Grace; and making an annual pledge supporting the financial life of the Church. Vestry members should be able to attend regular Vestry meetings (held on the first Monday of the month), willing to take a leadership role in Church programs, interested in the Grace community and have an open and welcoming personality. If you, or someone you know, is interested in Vestry service, please speak with Kate Rock or Marilyn Grant or email them at katewrock@gmail.com or Marilyn.prycegrant@icloud.com. The **nominating period runs** from *November 12 through November 30*.

The Study of Christian Themes and Symbols in Southern Literature, led by The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson, underway. In an era of religious and cultural pluralism in America, the study of southern writers continues to grow with a renewed sense of intrigue and discovery. In this class, we will study the works of three southern Christian writers in an effort to discover the power and use of Christian symbols in literature. We will seek to understand the presence or seemingly absence of God, the role and purpose Christ and the unifying work of the Holy Spirit as experienced through these important pieces of literature. What role, if any, does the faith of the writer play in each work?

For instance, Flannery O'Connor was a devout Roman Catholic and used her numinous religious experiences as the cornerstone for many of her books and letters. So, then why does many of O'Connor's writings reflect an existential understanding of the Holy? Lastly, it is my hope that each participant will be able to experience the presence of the Holy in new ways as a result of having read these profoundly spiritually-insightful writings. This course will take place the remaining Wednesday evenings of the month of October, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the **Hope Library**.

I would encourage participants to read each book ahead of class as we will launch into discussions at the beginning of each class.

October 10: O'Connor, Wise Blood (Chapters 8-14)
October 17: Walker Percy, The Moviegoer (Chapters 1-3)
October 24: Percy, The Moviegoer (Chapters 4-Epilogue)
October 31: Ernest J. Gaines, A Lesson Before Dying

If you have any questions or wish to register for the course, please contact the Church Office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

The Institution of The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson as 15th Rector on Sunday, October 21, will take place beginning **4 pm**. Festive reception to follow at the Heights Casino. Child care will be provided during the church service. Unfortunately, we cannot provide child care during or at The Heights Casino reception.

Both the service and reception at the Heights Casino are name tags events. Everyone in attendance should put on their name tags upon arrival to the service and keep the tag on until departing from the reception. If you are not going to the reception, please place your name tag in the drop box as for a regular Sunday service. Arrangements will be made for bringing name tags back to Grace from the reception by designated volunteers.

Episcopal Church 101 formation class continues. Deacon Bernie is delighted to welcome you on an adventure into learning more about the Episcopal Church on the last 3 Sundays of a month. Whether you are a long-standing member of Grace Church looking for a refresher on Episcopal Church history, theology and worship, or a relative newcomer, Episcopal Church 101 is for you. Classes resume **Sunday, October 14 at 10 am** in Classroom #1, just outside the Parish House Gym.

Day of Centering Prayer: Saturday November 10. Give yourself the gift of a mini retreat from *10 am to 3 pm* in the *North Room!* This day of centering prayer, led by Lindsay Boyer, will begin with a brief review of centering prayer, followed by a questions and comments period. We will engage in five or six half hour sessions of centering prayer with a break for lunch in silence and further questions and comments in the afternoon.

Recommended for those who have some experience of centering prayer who would like to spend a day in practice. A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of a box lunch and to help us sponsor future events.

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

Grace Schedule of Upcoming Baptismal Dates

As is a parish church tradition, no more than seven Candidates are Baptized as a group during a special service of Holy Eucharist with Baptism.

Here are the upcoming dates:

- Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 11:00 am – 4 spots remaining
- Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 am – FULL
- Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 11:00 am – 6 spots remaining
- Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 11:00 am – 4 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.

Tutors needed: Grace volunteers tutor academically needy high school students at Frederick Douglass Academy in Brownsville. Tutors work one on one with students in history, English and reading one afternoon a week at the school, 226 Bristol Street, with the goal of helping students pass their Regents exam and graduate. Anyone interested should contact Mark McIntyre at markmcint@gmail.com or 646-644-3261.

Do you enjoy flowers? Why not donate flowers on a particular Sunday or holiday to remember a loved one who has died or to give thanks for a special blessing? Sign-up sheets are in the binder on the Information Table in the rear of church. Memorials and thanksgivings are included in the Sunday bulletin's Parish News section.

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: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of the United States, The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Resurrection, Richmond Hill; St. Peter's, Rosedale; St. Alban the Martyr, Saint Alban's; St. John's, Ozone Park; Trustees of the Estate Belonging to the Diocese of Long Island; St. John's, Springfield Gardens; Grace Church, Whitestone.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that this church may be a community that is faithful to God and to his Son, Jesus Christ; though tempted by the pressures of this world, that we may choose commitment over expediency; that our actions may be grounded in compassion rather than in judgment; that we may offer heartfelt welcome to others, with special care for those who may be vulnerable or broken; that we may never intentionally do anything to break apart or obstruct the reconciliation that is God's promise; all so that this church and this community of ordinary people may, through our everyday actions, be a place of God's refuge and healing to all people..

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Sandra Bajor; Eleanor Wedge; Al Horcher; Bill & Renee Krebs.

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; Suzanne Cadarett; Carly and Kay; Rita Bosco; Amy Talcott; Ginny Lindle; Mary Sue Ballou; Rollin and Margo Norris; Ann Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Sarah Thames.

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

In Thanksgiving: for the baptism of McVey Richardson Copeland, Calvin Rider, Sarah Rider, Silvia Rider, Amelia Maduiké Seligsohn, and Darcy Graham Sise.

Preparing for Baptism: Meritt Brown; Emily Dyson, Everly Healy, Charles Johansen, Harper Jones, William Judson, Julian Kraus, Caspian Larson, Waylon Parker, Duncan MacRae-Ruml, Giuditta Riolo; Clark Schafer, Henry Sparrough, Charlotte Sytsma.

Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child: 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.