

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

11 November 2018

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Sunday, November 11: Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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	Episcopal 101 (Classroom #1)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist and Baptisms with Parish Choir
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)

Monday, November 12

6:45 pm	AA Group (Choir Room)
8:00 pm	AA Group (Choir Room)

Tuesday, November 13

10:30 am	Rector's Bible Study (Choir Room)
12:00 pm	Opinionated Elders' Luncheon (Guild Hall)
6:00 pm	NA Group (Guild Hall)
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
8:00 pm	NA Group (Guild Hall)

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 pm	EfM (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Al-Anon Group (Hope Library)

Thursday, November 15

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

Friday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 17

10:00 am	AA Group (Choir Room)
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Sunday, November 18: Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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
12:15 pm	Lay Eucharistic Minister Training
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)

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.

NEWS AT GRACE

Seniors, Retirees and Opinionated Elders Luncheon: this Tuesday, November 13. Please join us this coming *Tuesday, November 13 at 12 Noon*, in the *Guild Hall* for a gathering of our beloved senior parishioners. Allen is looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Christian DeRuiter in the Parish Office at 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

Journey to Adulthood Sunday School: For the next three weeks, at 10 am in the Hope Library, we will be taking a look at the biblical notion of “welcoming the stranger,” and examining what it means for Christians in our society regarding relationships to immigrants and refugees.

Heights Interfaith Homeless Shelter at Grace: We are at the midpoint of our six weeks, and yes, we still need your help! Grace has hosted the Heights Interfaith Homeless Shelter since October 22, and it has been a terrific experience for our Grace volunteers and also for our guests. If you have volunteered and brought a meal or slept over in those weeks, thank you so much!

But we still need volunteers! How can you help? Sign up to come for dinner and sleep overnight – in Classroom #1, just off the Gym – on beds with fresh linens and your own bathroom. Sign-up boards are at the back of the church.

We still seek one more sleeper volunteer for the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 14
- Friday, November 16
- Friday, November 23

Please contact Elizabeth Stong or Charlotte Thorp, via the Parish Office at parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org.

Guests at Thanksgiving Dinner: Thanksgiving is both a day of celebration and reflection for the many blessings in our lives, including our friends and family. It's also an opportunity to open our hearts and tables to members of the Grace community who may find themselves far from home on Thanksgiving Day. We are asking for volunteers to host a fellow parishioner might otherwise be dining alone as a guest at your Thanksgiving table this year.

If you are able to host or if you would like to be a guest, please contact Sheila O'Neill (soneill@schimoler.net or call/text 917-365-2820). Sheila will notify both the host and guest when a match has been made and provide contact information to each party to work out the details for attending Thanksgiving dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila.

Seeking Nominations to the Vestry for 2019: The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6 pm in the Guild Hall. 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 be both open and welcoming. 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.

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 are the upcoming dates:

- Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 11:00 am – 4 spots remaining
- Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 11:00 am – 6 spots remaining
- 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 Stroller Group seeks volunteers: If you have young kids (pre-school age and younger) and are interested in getting involved at Grace Church, consider joining the Stroller Group committee! We are growing our group and would love to welcome new members interested in dreaming up and planning events. Interested? Questions? Reach out to Lauren O'Garro-Moore (lauren.ogarro-moore@gmail.com) and Anne Carson Blair (annekcarson@gmail.com) or come chat with us at coffee hour! We hope to connect with many of you soon!

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: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of Cuba, The Rt. Rev. Ulises Prendes.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James of Jerusalem, Long Beach; Christ Church, Lynbrook; Province II; The Diocesan Chancellor; Christ Church, Manhasset; Grace Church, Massapequa; St. Francis, North Bellmore.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that we, who are so abundantly blessed with talent, resources, and energetic faith, may prayerfully and humbly discern this church's mission and goals in God's time and according to Jesus' teachings; and in all we do going forward, that we may act with thankfulness, simplicity of intention and generosity of spirit, grounded in the love of God.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Sandra Bajor; Bill & Renee Krebs; Karl Steinbrenner; Diane Bervig.

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; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Dennis Christian; Suzanne Cadaret; Carly and Kay; Ginny Lindle; Eleanor Wedge; Sarah Thames; Cat & Michiko; Gwen Goldsmith; Darren & Henry; Leo Berger; Anne Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; and for those, known and unknown to us, who have lost hope.

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

In thanksgiving for: the baptism of Everly Healy, Charles Johansen, Caspian Larson, Harper Jones, Julian Kraus, Duncan MacRae-Ruml, Henry Sparrough and Charlotte Sytsma.

Preparing for Baptism: John Aubrey, Meritt Brown, Isla Dua, Harper Gonnella, Waylon Parker, 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.