

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10 February 2019

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Sunday, February 10: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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	Stroller Group Brunch
10:15 am	Rector's Forum: "Where Do We Go from Here?" (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
12:00 pm	"Where Do We Go from Here?" Chat (North Room)
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Monday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm	EfM (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Al-Anon (Gym)

Thursday, February 14

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

Friday, February 15

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, February 16

10:00 am	AA Group (Choir Room)
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Sunday, February 17: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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)

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.

Stroller Group Brunch at 10 am. The next Stroller Group brunch will be held today in the Gym *immediately following the 9:15 am service*. We will be decorating Valentine's Day cards to donate to the charity Cards for Hospitalized Kids. Not yet on the stroller group email distribution list and would like to be added? Please send a note regarding either to lauren.ogarromoore@gmail.com or annekcarson@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Special Rector's Forum and Chat at 10:15 am and 12 pm: We will continue the discussion around The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book, Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? Please join in the conversation at 10:15 and after the 11 am service in the North Room.

NEWS AT GRACE

Grace's 2019 Annual Giving campaign is underway! Pledges make up over half of Grace's income, and we hope every member of the community will join us in pledging this year. Pledges can be made by filling out the pledge card in the pews or online at www.gracebrooklyn.org/give.

Hey you, WinterFair Warriors! You know who we mean! You're the ones who organized and sorted; set up and cleaned up; diced, cooked, and served; set the tables and cleared them away; baked and plated. You cleaned up your houses and donated your goods and then you filled it again after discovering that absolutely perfect find — thereby affirming the great circle of life that is the Grace Church WinterFair. We are so grateful to you and for the community of fellowship we enjoyed last Saturday. Thank you, thank you. And if WinterFair just whetted your appetite, get ready for the **Spring Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 11**. Details to follow!

“Souper” Bowl Sunday thanks. A big thank you to all who contributed to the “Souper” Bowl Sunday offering last Sunday - be it with money or super-size soup cans - and the Sunday school students who gathered the bounty for CHiPS in soup pots!

Another opportunity to help our Interfaith Shelter Guests: Have you ever passed a homeless person on the street and wished that you could give them something that would really help? Maybe a coat, a pair of boots, a hoodie? Now you can. As you know, Grace hosted the Heights Interfaith Shelter for six weeks in October and November, and many members of our community helped us to extend warm hospitality by bringing a hot meal for our twelve guests or staying overnight. Now we have an additional opportunity to help these homeless men. CAMBA has collected requests from the homeless men and women that they serve, and a link to the list is below.

Many of the men and women ask for boots, and indicate their size. Coats and hoodies are also on the list. CAMBA also requests thermal underwear, jackets, and hoodies of any size, because often, the homeless arrive at The Gathering Place with nothing more than the shirts on their backs.

Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/2GfItAE>. Items can be dropped off at Grace between now and Valentine's Day, February 14. Thank you for joining us in this important ministry to our neediest neighbors!

First Aid and Defibrillator Training - 10:15 am on Sunday, February 24. As many of you may have noticed, we now have a first aid kit and AED equipment across from the ADA bathroom and another AED Kit in the North Room. The Grace Church School also has a Kit outside of their office space above the Gym. Dr. Bryan McCarty has graciously agreed to do some training on this equipment for *Sunday, February 24, at 10:15 am in the North Room*. If you are interested in receiving training, please sign up at the back of the Church beginning this Sunday.

A special message from the Rector: The Vinton Society was established in 2010, to recognize parishioners for their long and outstanding service to Grace Church. Last Sunday, the 2019 Vinton Society award was bestowed on Barbara Becker, for her many contributions to the life of this Church. A parishioner of Grace for over 35 years, Barbara has been a member of the choir for 28 of those years. A long-time volunteer with the East Brooklyn Congregations program, Barbara has mentored high school students in essential life skills. She has been a central organizer and dedicated worker at many, many WinterFairs, Spring Galas and Silent Auctions. Barbara has also been a participant in many improvements to our interior spaces and, perhaps most significantly, helped plan and supervise the restoration of the Sanctuary. We are grateful for her tireless work as Co-Chair of the Search Committee. A member of the Vestry for six years, Barbara is now returning to serve as Clerk. The community of Grace is stronger and more beautiful for Barbara's life with us. I am proud to bestow on Barbara Becker the 2019 Vinton Society award.

Special Mardi Gras Pancake Supper Fundraiser, March 5. Grace Church Brooklyn Heights cordially invites you to join us on Mardi Gras for a special Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser. The event will be held on March 5, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Guild Hall. The cost is \$5 for children; \$10 for adults; and \$20 max for a family.

Proceeds benefit Grace acolytes attending local and national Acolyte Festivals. For more information, contact Sarah Davies (sarahmossdavies@yahoo.com) or Allison Robinson (a.robinson2@verizon.net).

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Grace Church Brooklyn Heights, in association with Qumri Pilgrimages, is hosting a trip to the Holy Land, June 12-23, 2020. There is a space limit of 40 pilgrims. An informational meeting will take place on *Sunday, March 10 at 10:15 and 12:15 in the North Room*. If you are interested in learning more about the trip to the Holy Land, I invite you to attend the informational seminar. Additional information regarding site visits, accommodations, cost and airline travel will be forthcoming. Any inquiries, please see Allen+.

Rector's Tuesday Bible Study. Please know that you are invited to join us each Tuesday, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Choir Room, for bible study and conversations around interpretation, application, social justice, current world events or a host of other topics that may surface during our time together. We really do have a lot of fun and we invite you to come and join us! Right now, we are studying the Gospel of John. Each class is independent of others; therefore, you do not have to play "catch up" in order to participate. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me! Allen+

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, March 3, 2019, at 11:00 am – full
- Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Easter Eve), at 4:00 pm – 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.

Altar Flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one who has died or to give thanks for a special blessing. You may make your donation on line through the Church's website at <http://gracebrooklyn.org/give/> or through the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Table at the rear of church. A donation of \$200 covers the cost of two arrangements. Memorials and thanksgivings are included in the Sunday Bulletin's Parish News.

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: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev. Frederick Hiltz.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Holy Spirit, Brooklyn; Staff & Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries of Long Island; Church of the Nativity, Brooklyn; The Black Clergy Caucus; St. Alban's, Brooklyn; St. Andrew's, Brooklyn; The Retired Clergy of the Diocese.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that this community may hold firmly to the Good News of resurrection and redemption for all people through Jesus Christ; and that, having acknowledged our sinfulness, we may, like Simon, put aside our fear, take up our discipleship, cast our nets, and be awed by God's bounty.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Sandra Bajor; Sarah Cobb; 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; Eleanor Wedge; Anne Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Anne Garland; Bob, Stacy & Pam; Donald Owings; Seth Lloyd, Sr.; Clarke Jackson; Scott Dorau & Joanne Corda; Jim; Clare Rock; Karl Steinbrenner; Kay; Elle Petersen; Bernice Ostromer; Mireille Villargui; Jane; William.

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

Preparing for Baptism: Myles Acker, Eleanor Devine, Isla Dua, Van Friedman, Harper Gonnella, Casper Hannah, Yumi Mulley, 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.