

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Third Sunday of Advent

16 December 2018

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by an anonymous donor.

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

No 9:15 am Family Eucharist

No 10:00 am Sunday School/Journey to Adulthood

11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Christmas Pageant

1:30 pm AA Group (Gym)

No 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga

5:00 pm Service of Lessons & Carols

6:00 pm Post-Lessons & Carols Reception
(Guild Hall)

Monday, December 17

6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)

8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

Tuesday, December 18

10:30 am Rector's Bible Study (Choir Room)

12:30 pm Advent Organ Recital (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

7:00 pm Centering Prayer (Chapel)

8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 pm EfM (Choir Room)

7:30 pm Al-Anon Group (Gym)

Thursday, December 20

6:30 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

6:45 pm AA Group (Gym)

8:00 pm AA Group (Gym)

Friday, December 21

6:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

8:00 pm NA Group (Gym)

Saturday, December 22

10:00 am AA Group (Gym)

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas today, 5 pm. Seasonal music by the Parish Choir, our fine soloists, and carol singing by the congregation. A reception follows in the Guild Hall.

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.

Final Tuesday Advent Organ Recital next Tuesday, December 18 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Judith Hancock performs.

Christmas Flower dedications: Parishioners and friends who would like to contribute Christmas flowers and greens in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings in their lives may do so by filling out the half sheet form on the Welcome Table in the rear of church and either placing it in the offering plate or sending it to the Parish Office. Suggested minimum donation is \$25. For names to appear in the Christmas services bulletins, please **respond by Wednesday, December 19.**

2018 Advent Giving: Advent is a season of spiritual preparation for the miracle and joy of Christmas. During Advent, we often seek to express our gratitude for the many blessings in our life and in our community at Grace Church. This year, Grace Church is partnering with organizations responding to the needs of local families by supporting Forestdale's Family Services with a New Toy Drive and a Coat Drive. Additionally, we are supporting the California wildfire disaster relief efforts of The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. Please do what you can to support our partner organizations this Christmas.

Donations envelopes for California wildfire disaster relief are on the Giving Tree table in the back of the church or by donating online: <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/disaster-relief>.

Collection bins are in the Narthex for the Toy Drive and the Coat Drive (new or gently used coats for adolescents and adults are needed). You can also purchase toys directly for the Forestdale Toy Drive online at: <https://www.forestdaleinc.org/latest/campaigns/>.

Sanctuary Cinema screenings begin Friday, January 11, 2019, 7 pm: Please join us in the Guild Hall at 7 pm for a **free** showing of the first movie in our Sanctuary Cinema Screening series: *Blackkklansman*, directed by Spike Lee. Popcorn provided, guided discussion follows.

Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? written by **The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, January 20, 2019:** The Congregation is cordially invited to participate in reading of this book by The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as we look to celebrate his life and legacy in January. *On January 20, 2019*, there will be a *Rector's Forum* at 10 am and a chat at 12 Noon to reflect on this book. Whether you read the entire book, part of it or not at all, please join in the conversation. This book is available at Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

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, 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 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: Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of Kivu in Rwanda, The Rt. Rev. Augustin Ahimana.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James', Brookhaven; St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches; Primates of the Anglican Communion; Church of the Messiah, Central Islip; St. Patrick's, Deer Park; St. Lawrence of Canterbury, Dix Hills; St. Luke's, East Hampton.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that, to counter the bad fruits that are so prevalent in our beloved country and the world today—the greed, wastefulness, injustice, hatred, violence and abuses of power—this community may, with urgency and courage, heed John the Baptist's warning to bear fruits worthy of repentance, remembering our baptismal covenant to love and serve others as ourselves, respect the dignity of every human being, and strive for justice and peace.

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

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; Suzanne Cadarett; Ginny Lindle; Eleanor Wedge; Gwen Goldsmith; Anne Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Jack Moore & Family; Mark Whitney; Gwelda & family; Anne Garland; Adele & Bob; Bobby Hinton; Susan Hunnicutt; Robin.

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

Preparing for Baptism: John Aubrey, Isla Dua, Harper Gonnella, 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.