

GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

24 February 2019

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Keanu van der Horst by the Thomas Family.

Sunday, February 24: The Seventh 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)
10:15 am	AED Equipment Training (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir
1:30 pm	AA Group (Gym)
3:30 pm	Gentle Yoga (Guild Hall)

Monday, February 25

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

Tuesday, February 26

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 27

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

Thursday, February 28

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, March 1

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, March 2

10:00 am	AA Group (Choir Room)
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Sunday, March 3: The Last 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)
10:15 am	North Room Chat (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist and Baptisms with Parish Choir
12:15 pm	Docent-led Tour
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.

Today, a special film about stewardship, "Welcome to Grace," will be shown during all three coffee hours.

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.

First Aid and Defibrillator Training: 10:15 am. 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 today *Sunday, February 24, at 10:15 am in the North Room*.

Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign film, “Welcome to Grace,” featuring Grace parishioners to be shown in Guild Hall, during all three post-service coffee hours.

NEWS AT GRACE

Please Submit Annual Giving Pledges by February 28! A hearty Thank You to all the members of the Grace Community who have already made a pledge for 2019. If you have not yet, we'd urge you to prayerfully consider it this weekend. Getting all pledges in by the end of February lets our Rector and Vestry make a responsible plan for the coming year, and is critically important for our financial stability. Pledges can be made by filling out a card in your pew and placing it in the collection basket, or online at www.gracebrooklyn.org/give. **At coffee hour after all services this weekend, we will have more information about Grace's Stewardship Campaign available, and will be showing an inspirational film, “Welcome to Grace,” featuring Grace parishioners in the Guild Hall.**

Next North Room Chat Sunday, March 3: Join us next *Sunday, March 3, from 10:15 am to 10:45 am* in the North Room for another North Room Chat. North Room Chats occur on the first Sunday of each month. We discuss spirituality and Christianity in bite-sized chunks. No need to prepare in advance. No need to have attended a prior chat. Just be open to learning something new, sharing your own life experiences, and, most importantly, growing in the Christian faith. Questions? Contact Brianna McCarty at mccarty.brianna@gmail.com.

Next Docent-led Tour: next Sunday, March 3 at 12:15 pm. All are welcome to explore the interior of our historic Gothic Revival church on the first Sunday of each month. Tour begins inside the church and lasts around 30-45 minutes. No reservations needed. For more information, contact Marianne Hurley (marianne.hurley@sbcglobal.net) or the parish office (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org).

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper Fundraiser, Tuesday, 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 to 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. **Please add your name(s) and number of guests to the sign-up sheet in the rear of church.** For more information, contact Sarah Davies (sarahmossdavies@yahoo.com) or Allison Robinson (a.robinson2@verizon.net).

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, during the Rector's Forum 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+.

The Rector's Lenten Book Study with Grace Church and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church:

Please join us for a Lenten book study of Fleming Rutledge's [The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ](#).

The book study will meet on every Thursday in Lent, beginning March 14, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

March 14: St. Charles Borromeo

March 21: Grace

March 28: St. Charles Borromeo

April 4: Grace

Light fare will be served.

The book is available online: <https://amzn.to/2Sh5dCB>.

Please see Allen+ or contact the parish office (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) for more details.

Grace Core Values Inquiry Process: Who are we as a church community? What are we called to do? This is an exciting time of transition and growth at Grace, and we need your help to deepen our understanding of the core values that underpin Grace's mission and our vision for the future. Between now and April, members of the vestry will be inviting parishioners to engage in conversation about Grace's core values and mission. Please be receptive if you are called or approached at coffee hour to chat for a bit. You may also contact Amy Rowland directly if you are interested in participating in this dialogue at amyrowland@gmail.com. In addition, the vestry will be facilitating a focus group about core values during a **North Room Chat at 10:15 am on Sunday, April 7 - please save the date and join us**. We encourage everyone to participate in this important work, and will continue to update you about future opportunities for engagement.

LENT MADNESS COMES TO GRACE CHURCH! Forward Movement's Lent Madness, inspired by college basketball tournaments, pits 32 saints against each other in a bracket, as each saint seeks to win the coveted Golden Halo. Throughout Lent, fans vote for their favorite saints at www.lentmadness.org and you can sign up on the website and receive an email each morning with essays on the two competing saints on that given day and the ability to cast your vote. This can be an individual or family activity!

Started by the Episcopal Church, this is the tenth year of this growing madness and it's spreading throughout different denominations! At Grace, we are upping the ante by creating a friendly pool to see who can correctly pick the winner of the Golden Halo who, in turn, will win their own Golden Halo(s)! To join, we are asking a suggested donation of ten bucks which will be used to help offset the cost of our acolytes attending the National Conference of Acolytes in Washington, D.C.

Look for contest forms on the Welcome table in the rear of church or the table next to the kitchen, on the way to the Guild Hall. There will also be a limited number of free individual bracket cards. Questions? See John Colón or email him at johnecolon@yahoo.com.

Announcing a Lenten Class offering:

Entering the Passion of Jesus:

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

A six-week study using a book &
brief DVD lectures from noted
Jewish New Testament scholar,
Amy-Jill Levine.

Please order her book, same title as the class,
(available online at <https://amzn.to/2SSNFSr>)

This class will meet on Wednesdays in Lent,
Starting March 3 (Ash Wednesday) from 4:00 – 5:15 pm
in the North Room. Led by the Rev. Erika Meyer.

Send Rev. Erika an email if you are planning to attend:
emeyer@gracebrooklyn.org.

Next Sanctuary Cinema screening: Friday, March 8. Please join us for our next **FREE** Sanctuary Screening, on *Friday, March 8 at 7 pm* in the Guild Hall. “Roma,” by acclaimed director Alfonso Cuarón. The Oscars are this Sunday and “Roma” might win. It’s generating lots of buzz. Visit this link to read the multitude of letters this movie is stirring up: <https://nyti.ms/2EjrThP>. **FREE babysitting is provided** at the church, **beginning at 7 pm**, during the film. You parents of young children can enjoy a movie date!!! Popcorn and lemonade will again be served and facilitated discussion will follow. Keep informed: parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org or 718-624-1850, ext. 10.

Lenten Organ Recitals begin, Tuesday, March 12: Come for spiritual refreshment in the season of Lent, beginning 12:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please see flyer elsewhere in this service bulletin for a detailed listing of recitalists.

Special book presentation on Sunday, March 17: Benjamin Morse, Grace parishioner, biblical scholar and author/illustrator of The Bible Beautiful Series, will be on hand Sunday, March 17 to share his whimsical and engaging artwork and biblical storytelling. Suitable for children and adults. He will be visiting the Journey to Adulthood class and also show his work and speak during coffee hour after the 11 am service.

Quiet Day of Contemplative Prayer: Saturday, March 23. Take time to restore yourself with silence and scripture in a day of contemplative prayer. We will begin with a brief review of centering prayer and lectio divina, followed by practice of these two methods of contemplative prayer. We will eat lunch together in silence and in the afternoon, experience a contemplative prayer service with Eucharist, led by The Reverend Erika Meyer and Lindsay Boyer. All are welcome. A \$20 donation is requested to cover the cost of a box lunch and to help us sponsor future events, but if you are unable to pay for the lunch, please come anyway!

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

Special Columbarium Memorial Service: Sunday, March 24 at 5 pm. Please join us for a quiet, contemplative evening prayer service, honoring those who have passed on in our lives. We will begin with a short memorial service, read aloud the names of the dead interred in our Columbarium and other community members and friends, and then enjoy beautiful piano music during a period of silent prayer and meditation. There will be light refreshments in the Narthex after the service. If you would like to have a name read aloud, please email Christian DeRuiter (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org), in the parish office. This event is open to members and friends of Grace Church as well as the wider community. No RSVP is necessary.

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.

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 – 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.

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 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: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Central America, The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray Thompson.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Episcopale d'Haiti, Brooklyn; St. John's Park Slope, Brooklyn; St. Luke and St. Matthew, Brooklyn; The Ali Forney Center; Le Saint Nom de Jesus, Brooklyn; The Cathedral Chancellor; St. Mark's, Brooklyn; St. Mary's, Brooklyn.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that this church may respond generously to those in need with no expectation of gain or reward; may we be steeped ever more in the way of Jesus's mercy that does not weigh and measure worthiness, but instead sees the hunger and hurt within each human being and, without judgment, freely offers healing to all.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Lesley Lull; Sandra Bajor; Bill Irwin; Elle (pronounced "Ellie") Petersen; Eleanor Wedge.

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 Cadaret; Ginny Lindle; Anne Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Anne Garland; Bob, Stacy & Pam; Donald Owings; Seth Lloyd, Sr.; Clare Rock; Karl Steinbrenner; Kay; Bernice Ostromer; Mireille Villargui; Jane; William; Robin; Sarah Cobb; the family of the Rev. Anthony Idris Jata'u; Rita Bosco.

For those who have died, especially Keanu (pronounced "key-AH-new") van der Horst and Henny Ten Dam; *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. *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.