GRACE CHURCH PARISH NEWS

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday **14 April 2019**

Sunday, April 14: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms
9:15 am	Family Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Journey to Adulthood (Hope Library)
10:15 am	Multicultural Day Planning Meeting (North Room)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir and Liturgy of the Palms
1:30 pm	AA (Gym)

No 3:30 pm Gentle Yoga

Monday, April 15: Holy Monday

7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:45 pm	AA (Gym)
8:00 pm	AA (Gym)

Tuesday, April 16: Holy Tuesday

7:30 am	Holy Eucharist
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, April 17: Holy Wednesday

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

Maundy Thursday, April 18

5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:45 pm	AA (Gym)
7:30 pm	Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir, Foot-Washing & Stripping of Altar
8:00 pm	AA (Gym)

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
5:30 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm	NA (Gym)
7:30 pm	Couples in Recovery (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Solemn Liturgy with Parish Choir
8:00 pm	NA (Gym)

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 am	AA (Choir Room)
4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist with Easter Eve Baptisms

Sunday, April 21: Easter Day: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:15 am	Festival Eucharist with Parish Choir
11:00 am	Festival Eucharist with Parish Choir followed by Easter Egg Hunt
1:30 pm	AA (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.

Are you/your family from another country? Grace Church wants to celebrate the international diversity of our congregation with an inaugural Multicultural Day in October 2019. There will be food from around the world, artifacts and pictures on display from various countries, music and entertainment, children's activities and much more!! If you are interested in planning and/or participating in this event, please join us for a meeting today **Sunday, April 14, 10:15 - 11:00 am** in the **North Room**. For more information, contact Denise Farrell (dlyfarrell@gmail.com) or Allison Robinson (a.robinson2@verizon.net).

Easter Flower Dedications: **Last Chance!** Parishioners and friends who would like to contribute Easter flowers in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings in their lives, may do so by filling out the purple half sheet form found 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. You may also earmark your donation online: https://bit.ly/2FBp1MM. For names to appear in the Easter Day bulletin, **please respond to the Parish Office** (parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org) **by tomorrow, *Holy Monday*, *April 15***.

NEWS AT GRACE

Holy Week Services: Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday services today and concludes with our Easter Day celebration next Sunday, April 21 with an Easter Egg Hunt following the 11 am Eucharist. You can find a full schedule of Holy Week services elsewhere in this bulletin and on the Grace web site home page (http://gracebrookyn.org).

Join us on Saturday, April 20, at 10 am to adorn the Church for Easter Sunday. During the solemn season of Lent, all is restrained. The music…. the altar flowers…. even the alleluias go missing! The explosion of flowers for Easter Sunday is part of a joyous celebration. To prepare, we will be placing pots of lilies, azaleas, hydrangeas, tulips and daffodils throughout the Church and Guild Hall. If you'd like to help with this special activity, please contact Kate Rock at katewrock@gmail.com or Leslie Keiler at lkeiler@earthlink.net.

2019 Spring Gala & Cabaret - Save the Date!

You and your guests are cordially invited to Grace Church Brooklyn Heights for the 2019 Spring Gala & Cabaret. That's right — Cabaret! This year we will be treated to the talents of some of our most musically gifted parishioners, as they provide cabaret-style entertainment throughout the evening. It will be a lot of fun! Hearty appetizers will be served, along with wine and other festive beverages, followed by dessert and champagne.

Advance tickets are $35, and are available here on Eventbrite (https://bit.ly/2ItJTZE). Or you can purchase tickets at the door for $40. We will also be selling tickets at Coffee Hours following the 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services.

If you'd like to volunteer to bring appetizers or desserts — as so many of you have done in the past; thank you! — please sign up here on Signup Genius (https://bit.ly/2X11P1v) or email Cordelia Stephens at cordelia.stephens@gmail.com.

We hope to see many of you on May 11th!

Cordially,

Cordelia Stephens and Jody Mullen
Co-Chairs

Summer Church Camp Registration is now open! Grace Church, together with St. Ann's and the Holy Trinity Church, is hosting The Brooklyn Heights Episcopal Story and Song Summer Church Camp (shorthand: Story and Song Camp) for the week of August 26 to 30. Story and Song Camp hours are from 9 am to 3 pm with aftercare available until 5:30 pm. Opportunities available for adult, middle school, and high school volunteers. More details available at https://tiny.cc/StoryAndSong2019 (case sensitive). Space is limited, so sign up today! Questions? Contact Brianna McCarty brianna.orton@gmail.com or Rev. Erika emeyer@gracebrooklyn.org.

First Aid and Defibrillator Training: 10:15 am Sunday, April 28. 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, April 28 at 10:15 am** in the **North Room**. If you are interested in receiving training, please sign up at the back of the Church.

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. 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 amyerowland@gmail.com. In addition, the vestry will be facilitating a series of focus groups about core values - the next one will be held **at 10:15 am on Sunday, June 9 in the North Room and we encourage everyone to attend**. We will continue to update you about future opportunities for engagement on this very important discernment process.

Calling all Coffee Hour Hosts..... As you know, coffee hour is a time for fellowship and conversation among church members. To share a cup of coffee, pastry and have small chats, what a great way to spend time after Sunday service. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to host the Coffee Hour after the 11am service.

It can be very simple or as elaborate (but not expensive) as you like, infusing fruits, carrots, celery with hummus dips or pastry, homemade cookies or brownies. Prepare your favorite goodies to share. You can also make a monetary donation and the Church can do the shopping for you. We hope you will consider this special ministry and volunteer a small amount of time to host. If you are interested in volunteering one Sunday, please contact Marilyn Grant (Marilyn.prycegrant@icloud.com), Emily Horcher (ejhorcher@gmail.com), or Sheila O'Neill (soneill@schimoler.net).

Many thanks to Ellen and Lila Lovejoy for hosting Coffee Hour after the 11 am service today. On behalf of Emily, Marilyn and Shelia, we appreciate all that you do for Grace! Thank you again.

"Walk in love as Christ loves us." Each year Episcopal Ministries of Long Island seeks support for programs that serve the congregations and local communities of this Diocese, among them Camp DeWolfe and the Ali Forney Center. The 2019 Annual Appeal is now underway. For further information, please find information on the Welcome Table at the back of the church or visit the Episcopal Ministries website at http://www.episcopalministries.org/news-events/annual-appeal.html.

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.

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 is the upcoming date (more to be announced at a future time):

- Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Easter Eve), at 4:00 pm – 1 spot 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.

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: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Woodside; All Saints', Baldwin; St. Thomas', Bellerose; St. Mary's, Carle Place; The Daughters of the King; St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor; St. Francis, East Meadow.

For Grace Church: For our clergy, staff, Wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace that the same mind may be in us that was in Christ; that we may become ever more obedient to Jesus' teachings, setting aside worldly vanities and rivalries, growing daily in humility, and encouraging one another as we live in loving service to others.

Parish Prayer Concerns: Wendy Hooker; Sybil Payne; Jacob Connor; Eric & Frances Harrison; Baby Daniel.

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; Theo Levy & family; Elaine Robinson; David Pitou; Ron & Betsy; Andrew Campbell; Karen Seipel; John Terefinko; The Nixon Family; Suzanne Cadarett; Ginny Lindle; Ann Wilkerson; Sohee Kim; Anne Garland; Donald Owings; Karl Steinbrenner; Robin; Sarah Cobb; Elle Petersen; Andrew Genco Rosenthal; Mary Palmer; Samuel Smith; Doug Best; Gwen Goldsmith and Marybeth Bauries; Jan; those who continue to be affected by extreme weather in Africa and the United States.

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

Preparing for Baptism: Charles Danilovich, Caroline Ewing, Van Friedman, Harper Gonnella, Casper Hannah, Claire McDonald, Knox Sliger, Margaret Walsh.

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.