

### **Please Pray For...**

**Parishioners...** Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Dick, Martha, Liz, Nate, Easter, Thomas, Bette, Jack, Sherrie

**Family and friends...** Tina, Carol, Matthew, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Cecilia, Tom, Jeanne, Spencer, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Joan, Rob, Richard, Denise, John, Gayle, Bruce, Steve, Patty, Bobby, Caitlin, Bibsy, Wally and his family, Tina, Jack, Megan, Dottie, Lavonia, John, Ann, Scott, Larry, Sue, Nate, Cynthia, Jack, Sarah, Dominic, Maureen, Josie, Eileen, Meredith, Atelia, Yvonne, Kimberly, Sheila, Maria, Kathy, Jim, Jack, Bud, Max, Bill, Ella, Shannon, Chris, Neal, Alec, Darrie, Tammy, Alice, Sandra, Vicky, Russ

**Requiescat in Pace ...** Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott C. Dayton and all those killed in acts of terror and the wars around the world.

**Those serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and all others at risk, including,** Alex Ford, Andy Lopez, Eric and Karen Coulson, and Claire Eudy. Pray for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war and their caregivers.

**Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation, or studying, including** Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Maggie Eckel, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, the Scudi family, Mike and Kim Bomberger, Chris, Maggie and Eddy Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini Family, Evan and Kim Cannell

**Those travelling:** St. Andrew's Holy Land Pilgrimage

**Those in assisted living:** Shirley, Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Kathleen

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Mark's, Alexandria; San Marcos, Alexandria; Piedmont, Madison; Emmanuel, Rapidan

**In the parish: Lucy Tschetter,** chair of the **Twenties and Thirties (TNT) Program,** and the community and ministry of young adults in the parish.

**Those with birthdays this week:**

- 4 Parker Green, Kevin Plunkett, Clara Shriner, Nicholas Shriner, Mary Walsh
- 5 Jennifer Henel
- 6 Cameron Sweet
- 7 Harrison Moore
- 8 Valerie Eudy
- 9 Thomas Montgomery, Kirk Schultz

**Notes for Today**

**Greenery on the Altar**

The greenery arrangements on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving by the Altar Guild.

**Announcing Additions to Children's Chapel!**

We expanded Children's Chapel to the 11:15 service, and in both Children's Chapel services, we welcome children up to 8 years old to attend. Drop off begins at 11:00 and children will return at the Peace.

**Adult Forum Series with Senior Seminarian Jason Roberson**

Explore the use of Scripture in several rites of the *Book of Common Prayer*. We will meet in the St. John Room.

**Parent Forum: Tech Savvy Parenting with Billy Faires**

From internet safety to the common pitfalls we make as parents when crafting family policies for technology use, Billy will help guide us through the process of raising awareness and taking a cautious, yet common sense approach to parenting in the digital age.

**The Inquirers Class**

The Inquirers Class will be meeting in the Library with Father Malm. The topic will be: Baptism, Confirmation and the Renewal of Vows.

**Confessions in Advent**

During this season of preparation and reflection it is our practice at Grace Church to offer times for individual confession with a priest. The clergy will be available in the Church at the altar rail

on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. before the daily Eucharists. You may also call and make an appointment. A guide, "How to Make Your Confession," is available in the track rack in the Narthex and on the credenza in the Commons.

### **We Need Your 2017 Pledge**

We have received more than 40 additional pledges over the last three weeks, but we are still far from our 250-pledge goal. The current total amount pledged is over \$650,000. Over the last five years the budget has included more than \$840,000 for pledge income. Please help us meet our goals for 2017. You can mail in a pledge card, place one in the offertory or pledge online at <http://bit.ly/2fhwKkV>.

### **Visit from St. Nicholas**

During both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services, our children will receive a special visit from St. Nicholas.

### **Advent Lessons and Carols Today at 5:00 p.m.**

The Adult Choir will sing Advent Lessons and Carols today at 5:00 p.m.

### **Invitation to Serve**

The Vestry is seeking candidates to begin serving in January 2017. We are electing five members for three-year terms, two members for two-year terms, and two members for one-year terms. Vestry candidates must be confirmed members, in good standing, who are "known to the Treasurer." If you are interested or if you know someone to suggest as a nominee, please contact a member of the senior class (Bill Eckel, Jeff Chiow, Easter Thompson, Lina Dobbs, or Bill Malone).

### **Youth Dinner at Hard Times Café Tonight**

All 3 youth groups (EYC, J2A, and Rite 13) will join together for the food and fun! Cost for the evening is \$10. The event is at Hard Times Cafe in Springfield (6362 Springfield Plaza). We plan to leave from Grace Church at 5:30 pm and return at 8 pm.

## **Next Week**

### **Christmas Pageant - December 11 at 5 p.m.**

The Christmas Pageant is next week! Those with speaking parts need to be in the Nave and ready by 2:30. Other participants report to their rooms by 4:00. Following the pageant, a pizza party with cookies will take place in the Auditorium. Please bring a plate of cookies to share!

### **Brown Bag Lunch Week, December 12-16**

This is a busy time for everybody, but the homeless and hungry still need our help. Please sign up to make 10 to 20 sandwiches for our week at Meade Memorial. And servers are needed for the 13th or 14th. The sign-up sheet and instructions for both are posted on the Outreach bulletin board or e-mail [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Save the Date: Grace at the Movies, Tuesday, January 10**

Watch and discuss the film "Love and Mercy." The film starts at promptly at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by January 2 to [elisabeth.graham@gracealex.org](mailto:elisabeth.graham@gracealex.org).

### **#AWAKEN GRACE February 3-5, Richmond, VA**

Join youth from around the Diocese for the first annual conference for spiritual formation. Limited spaces and application required. If your 9-12th grader is interested, contact Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) for more information. Cost: \$80.

## **Help at Grace and Beyond**

### **Tutors Needed**

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium Book Buddies program is seeking volunteers for the several schools. Training, lesson plans and materials and support are provided. To register to tutor, visit [www.alexandriatutors.org](http://www.alexandriatutors.org). For any questions please contact [atc@opmh.org](mailto:atc@opmh.org) or 703-549-6670, ext 119.

**Observe "Advent In Reverse!" AND help the Food Pantry**

This Advent, place something in your bag for the Food Pantry each day and help keep our Bonus Shelves full. House, home and hygiene Items are especially appreciated. For more information, contact Jenni Faires ([jenni.faires@gracealex.com](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.com)) or Judy Willard ([judy.willard@gracealex.org](mailto:judy.willard@gracealex.org)).

**The Calendar for the Week**

**Sunday, Dec 4**

- 8:30 a.m. Library open (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and when church is open
- 8:45 a.m. Childcare for children 6 weeks through 2 years (until 12:30 p.m.) — Nursery
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel — St. Nicholas Room
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Forum – St. John Room,
- 10:15 a.m. Parent Forum – St. Mark Room
- 10:15 a.m. Inquirers Class -- Library
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Chapel — St. Nicholas Room
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols
- 6:00 p.m. Community of Hope International — St. John Room

**Monday, Dec. 5**

- 6:30 a.m. Strength and Flexibility — Auditorium
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry — St. John Room

**Tuesday, Dec. 6**

**Requiem**

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Confession – Lady Altar
- 6:30 p.m. Requiem Service with Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting -- Library

**Wednesday, Dec. 7**

**Nicholas, Bishop of Myra,**

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- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting – St. Mark Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA District 1 — St. Luke Room
- 8:00 p.m. AA and Al-Anon — St. Luke Room and Auditorium

**Thursday, Dec. 8**

**Ambrose, Bishop of**

**Milan, 397**

- 11:15 a.m. Confession – Lady Altar
- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist — Lady Altar
- 4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir
- 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Friday, Dec. 9**

- 9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Food Pantry
- 8:30 p.m. AA — Auditorium

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild — Sacristy and Nave