

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Martha, Jack, Easter, Dick, Josie, Tom

Family and friends... Tina, Sherrel, Pepper, Jack, Tom, Spencer, Ella, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Denise, John, Patty, Bobby, Caitlin, Bibsy, Wally and his family, Tina, Lavonia, John, Ann, Scott, Larry, Cynthia, Jack, Sarah, Meredith, Maria, Max, Shannon, Chris, Neal, Alec, Darrie, Alice, Wiley, Clare, Dick, Susan, Barbara, Cathy, Mary, Kim, Jim, Pat, Christine, Cameron, Kimberly, Gale, Dottie, Amy, Turner, Sedrick, Caroline, Yvonne, Angi, Peggy, Jamie, Bobby and family, Maureen, Neal, Bill, Ella

Requiescat in Pace ... Gene Alford III, Turner Goodson, Tom Higdon 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. 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, Mike and Kim Bomberger, Chris, Maggie and Eddy Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Taylor Puskar

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

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Nandyal – (South India) and **The Rt Revd Eggoni Pushpalalitha**

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Christ Church, Glen Allen; St. Andrew's, Richmond; St. Mary's (Reeville), Fleeton; St. Thomas, McLean; Region XV.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Chris Kupczyk, Vestry chair of the **Worship Program,** and the volunteers who serve in the Altar Guild and choirs and as acolytes, ushers, lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

Those with birthdays this week:

30 Victoria Howard, Dick Rogers, Henry Steffensen

1 Emma Meeks, Richard Wilmer

4 Mary Blouin

5 Andrea Mendendez

6 Emery Morales, Christian Portillo

Today

Flowers on the Altar

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our seminarians by the Altar Guild.

Christian Formation Hour

Adult Forum: Forgiveness and Reconciliation with Pierce Klemmt

Reconciliation is all the rage in our time and from time immemorial. But it seems illusive. For three Sundays, beginning on April 30, come and hear Father Klemmt on how forgiveness is the footstool to reconciliation and without it, no peace can be won. As we explore this topic, we learn how forgiveness is an act of Resurrection.

Twenties and Thirties (TNT) – Tonight at 6:15 p.m!

We invite all TNT's to join us upstairs at the Evening Star Café for drinks, dinner and conversation. Come meet other TNTer's, and our VTS Seminarians, William Campbell and Ashley Mather, as we enjoy an evening of fellowship. Please RSVP to Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Lector Sign Up

There is a new sign-up sheet in the lector folder in the credenza for the Pentecost season. Ask that lectors stop by and sign up for several reading opportunities.

New Giving App

Download the giving app GIVE+ from the App store for your Iphone or Android! This app allows you to securely give to Grace in just a few quick steps. Once you have downloaded the app, find Grace Episcopal Church in the "Find A Church" and either make a onetime gift or set up a recurring payment. Giving has never been easier!

Vacation Bible School registration is open

Go to calexvbs.wordpress.com for complete form and details. Cost is \$60 per camper and can be paid directly to Christ Church (VBS in the memo line). Registration closes June 1. Enrollment is limited to 100 children. VBS week is June 26-30 and will be held at Christ Church.

Next Week

Christian Formation Hour

Adult Forum: Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Part 2

Join us for part two of Father Klemmt's series of forums on how forgiveness is the footstool to reconciliation and without it, no peace can be won. As we explore this topic, we learn how forgiveness is an act of Resurrection.

It is Brown Bag time again – May 17 – 19

No, the dates aren't incorrect. St. Paul's only participates two days a week and in May it is Grace's turn to cover their Wed - Friday. We will need 180 sandwiches (though not needed until Wednesday, sandwiches can be left in the freezer on Sunday the 14th as usual) and two servers per day. A sign-up sheet is on the Outreach bulletin board along with instructions, or e-mail linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org.

Upcoming Events

Altar Guild Tea, May 13

The 17th Annual Altar Guild Tea will be on Saturday May 13, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The theme will be "Cherry Blossoms: The Way of the Tea," a look at Japanese tea customs and traditions. The wearing of hats is encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for best hats. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds go to the General Fund of Grace Church. Tickets sell out early so be sure to call (703) 549-1980 for reservations.

Community News

36th Annual Step ALIVE Walkathon

Mark your calendars now. The Step ALIVE! Walkathon will be held next Sunday, May 7, to raise funds for ALIVE!'s Child Development Center (CDC), a high quality, full-day preschool

program serving children of low-income working parents. This 5k, 5 mile (or whatever length you'd like) stroll starts at 2:00 pm at First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, and ends at the same place with food, music and door prizes. Virtual walkers are also welcome. Register in advance online at www.alive-inc.org or at the event on May 7 starting at 1:15 pm or call 703-837-9321 to obtain a registration form. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth and seniors.

From the Grace Episcopal School Admissions Office

GES is still accepting applicants for our *Preschool* program (age 3 by August 31st); we have one slot available in our *Jr. Kindergarten* program (must be age 4 by August 31st). We are also accepting applicants for certain Grades 1 - 5; **especially girls for our Grade One class.** Financial assistance is *still* available to qualified students with financial need. Please visit www.GraceSchoolAlex.org or call [\(703\) 549-5067](tel:7035495067) for additional information.

Calendar of the Week

April 30 – May 6

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Children's Chapel,
La Gracia Service in the Auditorium
10:15 a.m. Christian Formation Hour, Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel
1:00 p.m. Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. COHI – St. Mark Room

Monday

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry

Tuesday

Requiem

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts – St. Mark Room

Wednesday

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 (tr)

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. GES Cub Scouts – St. Mark Room
7:00 p.m. AA – St. Luke Room
8:00 p.m. AA/Alanon – Auditorium and St. Luke Room

Thursday

Monnica, Mother of Augustine

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. GESPA Meeting - Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 7:30 p.m.)
8:30 p.m. AA – St. Mark Room

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild