

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, 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, Sedrick, Caroline, Yvonne, Angi, Peggy, Jamie, Bobby and family, Maureen, Neal, Bill, Ella, Jean, Eric and Lauren, Neille, Karen, John

Requiescat in Pace ... Nicholas R. Burke, Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Kyle Milliken 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,

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

Those travelling: June Huber and Brad Bergmann

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: New Jersey – (II, The Episcopal Church) and **The Rt. Revd. William Stokes.**

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: All Saints, Richmond; St. James', Leesburg; St. James', Warrenton.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Jennifer Pease, Vestry chair of the **Outreach Program, Judy Willard,** co-chair, and the volunteers who care for the hungry, the homeless and the needy, both locally and in the wider world.

Those with birthdays this week:

14 Evelyn Ovando, Ben Locher

15 Caroline Jamison, Erin Kelly, Debbie Schultz

16 Halina Banas-Jones, Mike Dobbs

17 Lois Hatch, Sonia Hernandez, Magnolia Lipsky

18 Gary Carter

19 Martha Bethea, Jan Wolff

20 Mike Barron, John Berry

Today

Flowers on the Altar

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Ferguson Bates by Edgar Bates and Carol and Max Schreiber; and in loving memory of my beloved mother Anna, my godmother Gloria and my grandmother Helen by Lisa F. Cassady.

Vacation Bible School registration is open

Go to ccalexvbs.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. VBS week is June 26-30 and will be held at Christ Church.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Seminary pub (3737 Seminary Road. The pub is located in the brick building behind the little white post office.) Each week we discuss the Gospel lesson for the following Sunday. Contact Lorna Worley or Steve Lovell for more information.

Christian Formation Hour

Adult Forum: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Come and hear Father Klemmt's final forum 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.

Youth News

J2A Parents will meet in the St. Mark Room for a brief meeting following the 9:00 service.

This Week

Brown Bag Lunch Week – May 17 – 19

Thank you to all who responded to the sandwich alert for May 17 – 19. The sandwiches should be in the freezer in the Merrow Hall kitchen no later than Wednesday at 9 am. Our next responsibility for the program is June 26 – 30, back to a full week.

Next Week

Adult Forum:

We will gather during the Forum hour to celebrate our year in Sunday School and recognize the teachers that have worked faithfully to impart the love of Christ and the wisdom of His teachings to the children and youth of Grace Church. Join us in Merrow Hall Auditorium for a forum of thanksgiving and celebration.

Upcoming Events

Ascension Day Festival Eucharist, May 25, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for the Feast of the Ascension. On this feast day, the Handbell Choir joins the Adult Choir. The mass setting will be Harold Darke's Communion Service in F. The anthem is O Clap Your Hands by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Handbell Choir will play a prelude and accompany the choir during communion. Please invite a friend to experience the beautiful liturgy and music.

Choral Evensong, May 28, 5:00 p.m.

The Boys and Girls choir will lead us in Choral Evensong. The setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis is by Canadian-born, U.K. based organist Sarah MacDonald and includes the premiere of *Festal Preces and Responses* by Richard Newman written for the Boys and Girls Choir. The anthem will be *Ex ore innocentium* composed by British composer John Ireland. Following the closing organ voluntary, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated.

Welcome Newcomers!

Our next Newcomer Reception will be held June 4 at 6:00 pm in the St. Mark Room.

Community News

Office Volunteers

Retired? Staying home, but the kids are at school part-time? Consider talking to Amy or one of the office volunteers about volunteering in the office. Full-day and half-day shifts are available. Office volunteers do everything from straightening up the pews to typing sermons to monitoring the door and letting people in. For more information, contact Amy at parish.administrator@gracealex.org

Calendar of the Week

May 14-20

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Children's Chapel,
La Gracia Service in the Auditorium
10:15 a.m. Christian Formation Hour, Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist with Children's Chapel
12:30 p.m. Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry – St. John
7:00 p.m. GES Board – St. Mark

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. GES: Surviving Middle School – St. Mark
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. Vestry Meeting
7:00 p.m. GES Girl Scouts – St. Mark

Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch through Friday
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. AA – St. Luke Room
7:00 p.m. Community Lodging Meeting – St. Mark
8:00 p.m. AA/Alanon – Auditorium and St. Luke Room

Thursday

Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury (tr)
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
4:15 p.m. Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Memorial Service -- Auditorium

Friday

9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
10:30 a.m. GES Spring Performance
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 7:30 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. GES Donor Recognition
8:30 p.m. AA – St. Mark Room

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
2:00 p.m. Townsend-Goodman Wedding