

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

**Parishioners...** Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Martha, Jack, Easter, Dick, Josie, Elisabeth, Dorothy, Lesley, Wendy

**Family and friends...** Tina, Pepper, Jack, Spencer, Lori, Jennifer, Margaret, Denise, John, Patty, Caitlin, Bibsy, 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, Yvonne, Angi, Peggy, Jamie, Bobby and family, Bill, Ella, Eric, Neille, Karen, John, Sigrid, John, Kay, Jean, Leonard, Lynn, Katherine, Rod, Jody, Don

**Requiescat in Pace ...** 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. 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, Chris, Maggie and Eddy Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell,

**Those travelling:** Karla Merritt, Jane Weaver

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

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Puerto Rico - (XI, The Episcopal Church) and **The Revd Rafael Morales Maldonado**

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Kingston, Matthews.

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Jean Reed,** Vestry chair of the **Evangelism Program,** and the volunteers who help with newcomer ministries.

### **Those with birthdays this week:**

- 7 Mary-Jo Cooney, Amanda Hungerford, Jenna Payne
- 8 Diana Jarrett, Kimberley Reyes, Robert Schrott
- 9 Alexander Grimes, Erica McFarquhar
- 10 Victor Vassallo
- 12 Beverley Borgia, Piers Spencer

## **Today**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving by the Altar Guild for the new ministry of Mother Belanger to our parish.

### **10 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

Mother Belanger is working with a tutor at V.T.S., practicing her singing of the service as Celebrant. When she presides at the choral service, she will speak/read the parts of the Celebrant and the congregation will speak the responses. We will continue singing the Lord's Prayer.

### **La Gracia Yard Sale**

Final call for donations for the La Gracia Yard Sale on August 12! We are currently collecting and sorting items for the Yard Sale in the St. Luke Room on the third floor. The Sale will be Saturday, August 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will raise funds for the bus that brings members of the La Gracia congregation to Shrine Mont.

### **Shrine Mont Cards help needed**

We need some help with the card ministry — collecting names, checking addresses, assembling cards, and laying them out for signing at Shrine Mont. If you have some spare time between now and the Shrine Mont retreat, contact Nancy at Nancy.robinson@gracealex.org or 703.812.0292. Thank you!

### **Shrine Mont Registration**

The theme for this year's Shrine Mont retreat is "All Roads Lead to Grace." We will be at Shrine Mont September 8, 9 and 10. For more information on Shrine Mont and to register, please visit: <https://www.gracealex.org/parish-life/fellowship/shrine-mont/>

### **October Retreat to The Society of Saint John the Evangelist**

Travel to Cambridge, Massachusetts for a retreat with the brothers at the Episcopal Benedictine monastery guesthouse on October 6 through October 8. Guests pay \$270 for program fees, 2 nights lodging, and lunch and dinner in the refectory. Free continental breakfast available. Guests self-fund and arrange their own travel. Registration is open, for up to 12 guests, through September 6. We will hold a group meeting in September prior to the trip. Contact Julia McClung by contacting 571.242.7080 or emailing [julia.mcclung@yahoo.com](mailto:julia.mcclung@yahoo.com).

### **Lector Sign-Up**

The lector sign-up sheet is now in the lector folder in the credenza. Please take a couple of minutes to sign up to read at several services.

### **Education for Ministry**

Registration is open for the 2017/2018 Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Participants in this adult education program meet on Monday nights, at Grace, starting September 11. Classes end May 21, 2018. The cost is \$350 per year for fees and books. Limited scholarship available. Registration is open until September 6. For more information, visit The Education for Ministry page of our website at <http://bit.ly/2u3YRPK> or contact Julia McClung with questions or to register 571.242.7080 or emailing [julia.mcclung@yahoo.com](mailto:julia.mcclung@yahoo.com).

### **Confirmation at Grace**

We will be hosting a special “area” confirmation service for our Diocese on September 24 at 4 p.m. The Rt. Rev. David Jones will preside. This will include reception (for those confirmed in other denominations) and reaffirmation (for those confirmed years ago in the Episcopal Church). Please contact the Parish Administrator, Amy Medrick, if you are interested or if you have any questions.

### **Foyer Groups**

Join a small group of parishioners, both married couples and singles, for a monthly dinner in one another’s homes. If desired by the group, meetings can also be held in the church or at other venues. Foyer Groups for families who wish to include children may also be available. Everyone is welcome to participate. Registration has begun. Please contact Sharon Hickok: [shickok1@cox.net](mailto:shickok1@cox.net) or see Sharon or Phil to sign up at coffee hour after the 10 am service.

### **Backpacks and School Supplies**

There is a container in the Commons for donations of backpacks and other school supplies. It will be there through August 15. Please take this opportunity to help school age children in Alexandria who need your help.

### **Travelling this summer?**

The work of the church continues even while you are away! It’s never been easier to remember to pledge, even when you are out of town. Download the new giving app, Give+, from the App store for your iPhone or Android. It allows you to securely give to Grace in just a few quick and easy steps. Use “Find A Church” to locate Grace Episcopal Church and continue to make your pledge all summer long.

# **Calendar of the Week**

## **August 6 - 12**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Transfiguration</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Santa Eucaristia
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Monday</b>	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221</b>
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>John Mason Neale, Priest, 1886 (tr)</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	AA – St. Mark Room
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study at the VTS Pub
8:00 p.m.	AA/Alanon – Auditorium and St. Mark Room
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Laurence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258</b>
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Friday</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open (until 7:30 p.m.)
8:30 p.m.	AA – St. Mark Room
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	La Gracia Yard Sale
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild