

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Mary, Michael, Jimmy, Joyce, Lisa, Michael, Martha, Jack, Josie, Wendy, Lisle, Susie, Khacki, Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, John and Anne, Lorna and Ken

Family and friends... 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, Darrie, Alice, Wiley, Clare, Dick, Susan, Barbara, Cathy, Mary, Kim, Jim, Pat, Christine, Cameron, Kimberly, Gale, Amy, Sedrick, Yvonne, Angi, Peggy, Jamie, Bill, Ella, Neille, Karen, John, Sigrid, John, Kay, Jean, Lynn, Katherine, Rod, Jody, Don, Scout, Sherrel, Donna, Charlotte, Tim, Steve, Jessica, Devan, Patt, Martha, Miguel, Joseph, Stephen and Marian, Jean, Brenda, Virginia, Anna, Paul, Martha, Christopher, Carolyn and John, Victoria

Requiescat in Pace ... Leonard Dixon and all those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and all others at risk. 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 and Maggie Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell

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

Those travelling: Cynthia and Cathy Puskar, the Doyle and Dodd families

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Thoothukudi - Nazareth - (South India), **The Rt Revd Samuel Devasahayam Ebenezer Clement;** Tirunelveli - (South India), **The Rt Revd Jayaraj Christdoss**

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Clement's, Alexandria; Christ Church, Gordonsville

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Administrative Staff and Volunteers of Grace Church: **Amy Medrick, Beth Calaman,** and the volunteers that staff the Parish Office.

Those with birthdays this week:

29 Christine Harris, Willem Schultz, Christine Young

30 Eliza Balsamo, Teresa Payne

31 Pedro Hernandez

1 Laura Bellantoni, Kathie Burgess, Michael Plunkett, Izabel Stanfield

2 Clifford Walsh

3 Caroline Sweet, Alex Wilson

4 Robert Blunden, Olivia Gilliam, Sterling Gilliam III, Beth Yancey

5 Haile Dagne

Today

Flowers on the Altar

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Willem Robert Schultz on his 10th birthday from his family and in loving remembrance of Emilia Grace Nider on her birthday by her parents, Kate and Steven, and sisters Isabella and Alessandra.

Pledges on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017

On November 5th, All Saints Sunday, we will bring forward our financial pledges for 2018 and bless them. Cards have been mailed with a letter and the 3rd quarter statements. Extra cards are available in the Narthex Tract Rack and on the Credenza in the Commons.

Prayer Requests

As of Nov. 1, prayer requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed

Adult Forum: J2A Pilgrimage

Parish Directory Drafts Available for Correction

There are copies of the draft directory located in the Narthex, at the coffee hour and on the credenza in the Commons. Please make corrections, mark anything you want omitted, or if it is all correct, make a checkmark so we know it is ready to go.

November Requiem

On All Souls' Day, November 2 at 12:15 p.m., we will celebrate the November Requiem. Please call the office to submit any names to be remembered.

Missing Vestments

Thanks to the person who brought back items from Shrine Mont that were left behind in the hall (a black cassock, a navy-blue Altar Guild apron, 3 Altar Guild smocks, and a red Fellowship apron) all used as costumes in the Follies. Unfortunately we do not know where the items are now. Please contact Lucy-Lee (lucylee.reed@gracealex.org).

United Thank Offering

May we always hold onto the knowledge of how much God loves us, be mindful of and thankful for our blessings and pass those blessings to others. Match your blessings with your coins in your UTO Blue Box. Blue Boxes and envelopes are available in the tract rack and on the credenza in the Commons.

Next Week

Adult Forum: Community Lodging Presentation (St. John Room)

Inquirers Class: Why a Book of Common Prayer? (Library)

Join Father Malm for the first of the Inquirers classes this Sunday in the library. It will include an introduction to the course and a discussion of the Book of Common Prayer.

Youth Night, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Don't forget! Next Sunday night is Youth Night.

Upcoming Events

Newcomers Reception, November 12

All newcomers to Grace are invited to join the Evangelism committee, clergy, and staff at the Newcomers Reception on November 12 from 5:45-7:00 in the St. Mark room. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Saturday Night Social, November 18

Our second Saturday Night Social will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 5:30-8:00. Plans are still being developed, but will be announced soon! Save the date and come share in an evening of fellowship!

Helping Others

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Please consider joining other volunteers from Grace Church at 10 a.m. on the 1st Friday of the month to deliver meals for the Alexandria Meals on Wheels program. Generally, two volunteers make 8-10 deliveries on a carefully planned route normally requiring only 1 ½ to 2 hours. Several long-time volunteers have recently had to retire from this ministry and there are several slots to fill. To volunteer or for more information please contact Mike Reed at 703.836.4550 or at mike.reed@gracealex.org.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year Grace families sign up to support other families in our La Gracia community. It is time once again to begin signing up for this wonderful, heartwarming program. You will find a sign-up poster in the lobby next to the parking lot and it will remain there until November 12. Please write legibly. Once you have signed up, you will receive via email the shopping list and delivery instructions. Thank you! Please contact Sally Schneider with questions, sallydschneider@comcast.net or 703-683-1848.

Alexandria Tutoring Consortium Still Needs Tutors

Volunteers are still needed for the Book Buddies program at several schools. Tutors meet once or twice a week for 30 minutes during the school day with a first grader. Training are provided. For more information, www.alexandriatutors.org.

Calendar of the Week
October 29-November 4

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and La Gracia Eucharist
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Forum and Sunday School Classes
- 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. COHI – St. Mark

Monday

- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry – St. Mark Room
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting - Library

Tuesday

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
- 4:00 p.m. Beginner Chorister Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Advanced Chorister Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday All Saints' Day

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 4:00 p.m. Chorister Practice
- 7:00 p.m. AA – St. Luke Room
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study at the VTS Pub
- 8:00 p.m. AA/Alanon – Auditorium and St. Luke Room

Thursday All Souls' Day

- 12:15 p.m. Requiem
- 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir – Choir Room

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