

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

**Parishioners...** Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, John and Anne, Lorna and Ken, Patt, Bette, Michael, Wendy, Jack

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Mary, Jean, Brenda, Virginia, Paul, Martha, Carolyn and John, Bernice, John, Stephen and Marian

**Requiescat in Pace ...** Fr. Gerry Creedon 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, Lt. Claire Eudy.

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

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Wad Medani - (Sudan), **The Rt Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi**

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Pray for all the baptized in their daily life and work.

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

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

26 Lisle Bean, Stephen Boris

27 Sean Harris

28 Geovanny Portillo, Joe Reeder

29 William Bertles IV

30 Todd Egass, Valli Haas, Liz Imphong, Julie Mills Cizek

*Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or submit them on the website at: <https://www.gracealex.org/worship/personal-worship/>. Requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed.*

## **Today**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving from Christine and Richard Jones on their fourth wedding anniversary; by Ruth and Bob Schrott in thanksgiving for God's many blessings on the 54th anniversary of their marriage; by Betty Mills in thanksgiving for the 16th birthday of her daughter, Julie Mills Cizek; by John and Elisabeth Graham in thanksgiving for the lives of David Graham and Petya Graham; and the Bamfords in memory of Joe and Joy Lamb and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Joey Portillo.

### **Christian Education Hour (10:15 a.m.)**

#### **Inter-Generational Forum**

Join us in Merrow Hall Auditorium for the Advent Inter-Generational Forum immediately following the 9:00 Eucharist. Create a manger scene, pick up Advent devotionals and make your Advent wreath for the season. Cost of the wreath is \$25 and can be paid at the table. Kits are given to those who made reservations and then on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Grace Church on Amazon Smile**

The holidays are approaching. When you shop at Amazon, be sure to shop with smile.amazon.com, and choose to support Grace Episcopal Church. With each purchase, you are making a donation to Grace.

## **We Need Your 2018 Pledge**

It is not too late to make a pledge for 2018. We need your help to meet our goals. We are currently working on the budget and your pledge is how we know what we can and cannot manage. You can mail in a pledge card, place one in the offertory or pledge online. (<http://bit.ly/2A11Axk>)

## **Christmas Flowers**

It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. Forms are available on the credenza and in the Narthex tract rack.

## **Next Week**

### **Christian Education Hour (10:15 a.m.)**

**Adult Forum** Bilingual Advent Forum (Auditorium)

Mother Belanger and Jenni Faires present an overview of the devotional materials for adults and ideas for developing a more meaningful Advent season for children and families. If you did not receive your Advent devotionals at the Forum last week, they are available for distribution.

**Inquirers Class** The Church Year: Sacred Time (Library)

### **Sunday School**

Christmas Pageant parts for our youth will be assigned in Sunday school and our elementary Sunday school classes will have their first rehearsal. If your child will be absent but wants a part, please advise your sponsor.

### **Youth Night, December 3 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Youth Night is at Hard Times Café, Springfield. Sponsors will send details.

### **Photo Sale, December 3 and December 10 (Foyer)**

Our annual photo sale is the First Sunday in Advent after all services. It's a great time to get that special photo you enjoyed during the year — or a surprise gift for friend or family. You may find an envelope with your name containing set-a-sides featuring you or your family. Typically, the sale brings \$1,400 into the parish general fund. Come look, browse, buy!

### **Bethlehem Craft Sale, Dec. 3 (Parlor next to the St. Mark Room)**

We will be hosting a display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem in the parlor. They are handmade by Christians in Bethlehem who rely on these sales for their daily bread. Please support our Christian brothers and sisters. The website showing the crafts is [www.holylandcsc.com](http://www.holylandcsc.com)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Visit from St. Nicholas, December 10**

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

### **Brown Bag Alert for December 11 - 15**

Our Brown Bag Lunch obligation is very close to Christmas and it is difficult to add “just one more thing” to your calendar. But we need 230 sandwiches and two servers each day for three hours. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board or e-mail Linda Waskowicz at [linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org](mailto:linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org).

**Advent Lessons and Carols, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.**

Advent Lessons and Carols will be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir. Music by Elgar, Stanford, Jean, Ord, and Palestrina. Festive hymns for the season will also be sung. The service concludes with Holy Communion Rite I.

**Christmas Pageant, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for December 17 at 5:00, for an unforgettable Advent worship experience. If you are interested in helping with the pageant (costumes, coordinating, cooking) please contact Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org).

**Calendar of the Week**  
**November 26 - December 3**

**Sunday**                    **Christ the King**  
7:30 a.m.                  Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m.                  Choral Eucharist, La Gracia Eucharist  
10:15 a.m.                Intergenerational Forum (Auditorium)  
10:30 a.m.                La Gracia Consejo (St. Mark Room)  
11:15 a.m.                Festival Eucharist  
5:00 p.m.                  Holy Eucharist  
5:00 p.m.                  La Gracia Dinner - Auditorium

**Monday**  
1:00 p.m.                  Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)  
6:30 p.m.                  Education for Ministry – St. Mark Room

**Tuesday**                    **Kamehameha and Emma**  
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  
7:00 p.m.                  Outreach Meeting – St. Mark Room

**Wednesday**                **Nicholas Ferrar**  
7:30 a.m.                  Holy Eucharist  
6:00 p.m.                  Conversation Group with Mother Belanger  
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**                    **Saint Andrew**  
12:15 p.m.                Holy Eucharist  
6:45 p.m.                  Handbell Choir Practice  
7:30 p.m.                  Adult Choir Practice

**Friday**  
6:00 p.m.                  GES Sleepover - Auditorium  
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  
6:00 p.m.                  AA Memorial Service - Auditorium