

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, John and Anne, Lorna and Ken, Michael, Jack, Nora Lee, Lew, Richard, Jimmy, Rose

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Mary, Jean, Brenda, Virginia, Paul, Martha, Carolyn and John, Stephen and Marian, Amy, Tina, Cathie, Eileen, Heinz, Alec, Steven, Sherril, Frederick

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

Those serving in Afghanistan or Iraq and all others at risk: Lt. Claire Eudy. 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.

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Zululand - (Southern Africa), **The Rt Revd Monument Makhanya**

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

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Molly Sim**, coordinator of the Youth Acolytes, and **Stephanie Reed**, coordinator of the Adult Acolytes, and all of the volunteers who serve as acolytes.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 31 Barbara Ramm
- 1 Ramon Calderon, Judy Miller
- 2 Mira Chiow, Jane Clare Joyner
- 3 Chris Corlett, Dina Salamanca
- 4 Carlos Martinez
- 5 Dorothy Bakke

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

The Greens on the Altar

Today's greens are given in thanksgiving and to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

No Christian Education Hour

We will be having a 10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols service instead of 9:00 and 11:15 services. There will not be a Christian Education Hour. Nursery will be provided, but there will not be Children's Chapel. Classes resume on January 21st.

Stewardship 2018: Reach those goals!

Hopefully, you have seen our posters upstairs in the stairwell outside the Auditorium with gauges measuring our progress toward 275 pledges and \$950,000 in donations. We have received 193 pledges for a total of \$687,209.00. Don't incur the wrath of Dr. Evil, help us reach our goals! Pledge online (www.gracealex.org/pledge) or pick up a pledge card. Email any questions to chrisrugaber@gmail.org.

Next Sunday

The Epiphany, January 7, 2018

We will celebrate the Epiphany at all services. At 9:00 a.m. we will have a Bilingual Eucharist with La Gracia followed by a festive coffee hour. At the 11:15, we will celebrate a Festival Eucharist. There will be no classes.

Upcoming Events

Vestry Elections

We will elect five new Vestry members at the Annual Meeting on January 28 at 11:30 a.m. Active, pledging, confirmed members of Grace are able to be nominated. Please speak to a member of the Vestry or to Lorna Worley, John Boris, or Jennifer Long if interested in being nominated.

Shrine Mont Camp Reunion

A Shrine Mont camp reunion will be held January 6 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Arlington. Come reconnect with your friends!

Shrine Mont Camp Registration

Shrine Mont summer camp registration goes live on January 9. Dates and prices can be found at <http://www.shrinemontcamps.net/>.

Save the Date - Living with Difference, How to Build Community in a Divided World -- Saturday, Feb. 4

This day-long retreat will be led by David Montgomery, a founder of CEDAR, a group working to help members of disparate communities recognize and accept differences to create a civil society. The cost is \$30 and includes the book and lunch. Registration is limited and can be found at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e45aba62eabf94-living> or by emailing Jenni Faires at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Trinity Institute Values in Action, February 2-3

This year's conference features leading activists, theologians, authors, and experts on how to integrate core values into strategic and effective action. The conference is in New York. For more information, visit <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2018/home>.

Christmas Season Services

The Feast of the Holy Name, January 1

12:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist

The Epiphany of Christ, January 7

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Bilingual Eucharist and
Visit from the Three Kings

11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Youth Night

Calendar of the Week
December 31 - January 6

Sunday	The First Sunday after Christmas
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Lessons and Carols
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	The Holy Name
	Parish Office, Food Pantry and School Closed
12:00 p.m.	Feast of the Holy Name Choral Eucharist
Tuesday	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:00 p.m.	New Chorister Practice
5:00 p.m.	Advanced Chorister Practice
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing
Wednesday	
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	AA – St. Luke Room
8:00 p.m.	AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke Room)
Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Friday	
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark Room)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild