

Please Pray For...

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

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 ... Spc. Avadon A. Chaves, Sgt. 1st Class Mihail Golin, and 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: Trinity, Fredericksburg; Christ Church, Luray.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Joe Donovan and those who provide home communion.

Those with birthdays this week:

7 Colby Gustafson, Karen Hoppe, Emily Smith, Sydney Toler

8 Wyman Howard

9 Kristopher Kaufman, Kristie Pichler

10 Sawyer Morales, Sara Waskowicz

13 Margaret Smith, Nancy Velasquez

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 Flowers on the Altar

Today's flowers are given in thanksgiving and to the glory of God in memory of Lois Hatch who served for many years with the Grace Church Altar Guild.

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.

De-Greening of the Church, Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we remove and pack away the trappings of Christmas and prepare the Nave for 2018. Refreshments will be provided.

About Flowers

Thank you to all, known and unknown, who donated to our Christmas flower fund. The flowers looked amazing. Donating flowers is very simple. You can sign-up online, in the Commons, or in the Narthex. The cost is \$40 per donor no matter how many donors we have. We need three donors per week to cover our expenses. Be sure to write "Flower Donation" on your check along with your

envelope number. Send your message to Amy at parish.administrator@gracealex.org. Thank you and refer your questions to lisa.doelp@gracealex.org.

Lector Sign-Up

Please sign up to lector during Lent. There is a sign-up sheet in the folder in the credenza for the post-Shrine Mont Pentecost season. Please sign up for several reading opportunities.

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 198 pledges for a total of \$702,749.00. 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 Week

January Requiem Eucharist

We will be holding our monthly Requiem Eucharist on Tuesday, January 9. If you have someone you would like to have included, please contact the parish office.

Special Forum: Keeping Churches Safe, January 14

Join us at 10:15 a.m. as we welcome Officer Charlie Lloyd, a Crime Prevention Specialist of the Alexandria Police, as we discuss ways in which we can provide a secure environment in today's world while remaining a welcoming congregation. He will offer ways to react to violent incidents in our houses of worship and what we can do to prevent them. Our safety is our collective responsibility. Please attend!

45th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Program

The City will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a community program on Monday, January 15 at Shiloh Baptist Church (1401 Duke St.) The program, Dr. King: His Voice, His Teachings, His Love for Humanity, will be presented by the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Planning Committee, and will include welcome remarks by Mayor Allison Silberberg, a keynote address by veteran news anchor Maureen Bunyan, and music by the Commonwealth Baptist Church Choir.

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 can be nominated. Please contact the Vestry if interested in being nominated.

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 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. 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, New York, 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. For more information, visit <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2018/home>.

Calendar of the Week
January 7 – January 13

Sunday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

The Epiphany (tr)

Holy Eucharist
Bilingual Eucharist
Festival Eucharist
Holy Eucharist

Monday

1:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
Education for Ministry
Taking down the Greens in the Church

Tuesday

1:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Requiem

Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
New Chorister Practice
Advanced Chorister Practice
January Requiem Eucharist
Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday

7:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

William Laud, 1645

Holy Eucharist
Chorister Practice
AA – St. Luke Room
AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke Room)

Thursday

12:15 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Aelred, 1167

Holy Eucharist
Handbell Choir Practice
Adult Choir Practice

Friday

9:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.

GES Eucharist
Food Pantry open (until 7:30)
AA (St. Mark Room)

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild