

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, Michael, Jack, Richard, Rose, Joyce

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Amy, Tina, Cathie, Eileen, Alec, Sherril, Grant, Henry, Olga, Christie, Howard, Neal, Alice, Tammi, Dutch

Requiescat in Pace ... The Rev. George R. Geyer 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, 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, Lew

Those travelling: Kelly Gable and all those travelling with her in celebration of her birthday.

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Anglican Church of Burundi, **The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho** Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Mary's, Arlington; St. George's, Stanley; St. Andrew's, Arlington; St. Paul's (Shenandoah), Ingham.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Cindy Diehl, Vestry chair of the **Pastoral Care Program**, and the volunteers who make pastoral calls, deliver flowers and write cards; and prepare and deliver food and provide transportation to those recuperating from surgery, illnesses and accidents and to families with new babies.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 4 Lauren Davis, Lottie Henry, Littleton Tazewell
- 5 Lesley Gable, Karsten Glazier
- 7 Mario Chamorro, Kelly Gable, Daniel Wakefield, Alexandra Feeley, Joseph Giacomo
- 8 Connor Fettig, Sofia Reyes, Peter Madigan, Elijah Robles-Grandy, Lucas Sansfaute, Quinten Smith
- 10 Betty Lawson, Bert David

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 to the glory of God by the Durkin Family in memory of their father, Jimmy Stancil, and in thanksgiving for everyone at Grace Church for all the kindness and support during his passing.

Hoagie Pick-Up

Our EYC youth have been up all night preparing your hoagies for pick up! Hoagie pick up will be upstairs in Merrow Hall Auditorium during coffee hour.

Adult Forum (St. John Room)

William Campbell will be introducing the Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John Lenten Study. This is a two-part series to prepare us for our Monday night series beginning Monday, February 19. See the full speaker schedule below.

Inquirers' Class (Library)

Today, we resume the Inquirers' class for those interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and Grace Church. The class also serves as preparation for those adults who want to renew their vows or be confirmed by the Bishop on Easter Eve, March 31st. The class meets in the Library at 10:15 a.m. Father Malm will discuss Church History and the history and mission of Grace church today. Next week's topics will be Baptism, Confirmation and the Renewal of Vows.

Collection of Palms

We are collecting last year's palm strips and crosses. You are invited to return your blessed palms between now and Shrove Tuesday, February 13, placing them in the baskets in the Narthex or the church office. The palms will be burned for use at Ash Wednesday Services.

Altar Guild Needs Your Help

Did you know the Altar Guild is not funded with your pledge? We rely on donations not only for flowers but also the wafers and wine at each service. The Altar Guild does its best to stretch dollars with candle sales, but it is only a very small portion of the annual cost. The AG still relies on donations, please consider donating \$5 a month or \$60 a year as your share to supporting all the work the Altar Guild does. Be sure to indicate on your check that it is for the Altar Guild.

Grace at the Hypothermia Shelter

This winter is frigid at times, and we are helping those who need shelter to have a warm place for the night. The hypothermia shelter is at St. Clement of Alexandria. Grace Church's two remaining dates of service are **Feb 5 and Feb 26**. We need volunteers to serve from 11:45 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The link for the Sign-Up Genius page is www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4CA5A728ABFB6-hypothermia2.

Grace Church Photos

The photo sale in Advent made more than \$1,800 dollars for the general fund. Many thanks to all. Last chance today to view photos of the Pageant and Baptisms before a new wall of photos next week. As always, if you have photos you'd like to share, please send them on to mynorimages@comcast.net.

Flower Delivery Ministry Needs Help!

Every Monday (except during Lent, Advent and on holidays) volunteers deliver flowers from the altar to three parishioners designated by the clergy. Please consider delivering flowers on one Monday a month, or less frequently if you can't commit to deliver each month. Subs are also needed. Please contact Mike Reed at (703) 836-4550 or mikereed@gracealex.org for information or to volunteer.

Next Week

Adult Forum

William Campbell will continue his series in Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. He will be introducing the first week of the study: God is Love.

It's time for the Chili Bowl! February 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Who will have the best chili?? The most creative booth?? The Golden Spoons await the winners! Please register your group/booth with Jenni asap by emailing jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Looking Ahead to Lent

Lenten devotionals are available this week. Devotionals are available at the coffee hour locations and outside the 2nd floor elevator.

Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The season of Lent kicks off with the Pancake Supper. Be sure to read the history of Shrove Tuesday on the newest pew cards! Our youth will be cooking and serving pancakes. Cost of dinner is \$6 per person.

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

We will be holding Ash Wednesday services at the following times:

7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Grace Episcopal School Service
12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	Children's Service
7:30 p.m.	Choral Eucharist with Choir

Monday Night Lenten Series begins Monday, February 19.

We will be using the series, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, a Lenten collaboration between SSJE (Society of St. John the Evangelist) and VTS. Prayer journals that coincide with the series will be available beginning this week in the Adult Forum.

Each Monday night during Lent will begin with a service in the Nave at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Simple Supper in Merrow Hall Auditorium. Our speakers will begin their presentation at approximately 7:45 p.m.

- February 19 The Word Made Flesh (Lisa Kimbell)
- February 26 Close to the Father's Heart (Noelle York-Simmons)
- March 5 I Have Called You Friend (Robert Heaney)
- March 12 Abide in Me (Martin Smith)
- March 19 We Declare to You (Jim Mathes)

Quiet Service in the Narthex, February 21

Please join us for a quiet service on Wednesday evening in the Narthex at 7 p.m. Inspired by our experiences on retreat at the monastery of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, this service offers an opportunity for quiet reflection and devotions. This short service will be followed by discussion and sharing. If you loved the SSJE experience or simply seek a contemplative worship service, this is one to try.

In our Community

Applications for the 2018-2019 School Year

Grace Episcopal School is accepting applications for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, as well as the early childhood program, for the 2018-2019 school year. Before and after care and enrichment clubs are available. For more information, visit our website at www.GraceSchoolAlex.org or call 703-549-5067.

Community Lodgings Gala, February 17

Celebrate Grace Episcopal's 30 years of helping Alexandria's most vulnerable citizens at the Belle Haven Country Club (6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria), 6 – 10 p.m. Grace Episcopal will be honored with the seven other Episcopal churches who founded Community Lodgings in December 1987. The evening includes dinner, dancing, bar, and live entertainment by The Intruders. Tickets are \$125/\$100 for under-30. Black tie optional. Register at <http://geni.us/gala> or call Community Lodgings at 703-549-4407.

Calendar of the Week
February 4 - 10

Sunday	Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist, La Eucharista
10:15 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Library)
Tuesday	Requiem
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.	Requiem
Wednesday	Cornelius the Centurion
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m.	Chorister Practice
7:00 p.m.	Mather Lay Committee (Library)
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
9:00 a.m.	GES Kindergarten Play Day for applicants