

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Thomas, Patti, Ruth, Joseph, Michael, Richard, Joyce, Julie, Michelle, Bette, Dennis, Reg

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Amy, Sherril, Christie, Howard, Neal, Alice, Tammi, Dutch, Adam, Kimberly, Julie, Hans, Earling, Michael, Alec, Jeanne-Marie, Erin, Beth, Lois, Monica, Carol, Stephen, Marion

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: 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, Karen and Eric Coulson.

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

Those travelling: Vylma

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui **The Most Revd Paul Kwong** Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Our Savior, Charlottesville.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The work of the Virginia Theological Seminary and our current Seminarians: William Campbell and Ashley Mather.

Those with birthdays this week:

18 Betsy Bamford, Anna Evans, Sage Lin, Lucy Tschetter

19 Willa Johnson, Robby Schrum, Roger Valdez

21 Mehdi Farzad, Sean Myers, Christopher Stuard

22 Kathleen Arthur, Paige Medley, Liz Rugaber,
Ethan Woodhead

23 Mia Giacomo, Benjamin Kupczyk, Easter Thompson

24 Corinne Tschetter, Jennifer Weger

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

Christian Education Hour

Adult Forum: God Help Us

When tragedy, illness or loss feel overwhelming and relief seem beyond our reach, many believers appeal to their faith for strength.

Inquirers' Class

The class will be exploring Holy Week and Easter.

Parent Forum: Holy Eucharist Series

Our Eucharist series concludes today with the Instructed Eucharist during the 9:00 service. If you have any follow up questions or would like to meet with our clergy to discuss the Eucharist with your children, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Parish News

March for Our Lives

The weekend of March 23, we will be hosting a youth group from Asheville, NC who will be participating in the Saturday march in DC. We would love to put together a welcome basket for the group, full of snacks and drinks, for their time in DC. Ideas would be cases of water, granola bars, bags of fruit, etc. Snack donations can be left in the St. Luke Room.

Confession

Father Malm and Mother Belanger will be available for private confession on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m., Friday mornings from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and by appointment.

Easter Cards

Parishioners will sign Easter cards on Palm Sunday for college students, parishioners in the military and serving abroad, those preparing for Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, and parishioners on the prayer list. If you have any updates, please send them to pastoral.care@gracealex.org or nancy.robinson@gracealex.org.

Agape

Come join the Fellowship celebration of the year as we cast off the Lenten fast and make a joyous Easter Feast and welcome our Bishop! The reception is in Merrow Hall Auditorium immediately following the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, March 31. See the sign-up poster in the Foyer near the glass doors to the parking lot to sign on for set up, clean up and bringing finger savories or sweets! Beverages appreciated as well. If you have questions, please email Anne Caputo at Anne.Caputo@gracealex.org

Sign up for Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch

Sign up rosters for the Maundy Thursday Prayer watch are posted in the Narthex and the Merrow Hall entryway. Acolytes will be on watch at the Altar of Repose from the conclusion of services on Thursday until early Good Friday morning. Join them for an hour (or half hour) of personal meditation.

This Week

Monday Night Lenten Series

Tomorrow night, March 19, we welcome the final speaker in our Lenten series, Jim Mathes. Bishop Mathes is the Associate Dean of Students at VTS, and former Bishop of San Diego. Most importantly, however, is that Bishop Mathes was a seminarian at Grace Church! Bishop Mathes will be speaking on the final topic from our Lenten study, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, “We Declare to You”. The evening will begin with a service in the Nave at 6:30 pm followed by a Simple Supper, in Merrow Hall Auditorium, provided by the Choir. The speaker will begin at approximately 7:45 pm.

Quiet Service in the Narthex, Tuesday, March 20

Please join us for a quiet service in the Narthex at 7:15 p.m. following the 6:30 Eucharist. This service offers an opportunity for quiet reflection and devotions. The short service will be

followed by discussion and sharing. If you seek a contemplative worship service, this is one to try.

Next Week

Christian Education Hour

Palm Sunday Intergenerational Forum

Merrow Hall Auditorium will be filled with the sights and sounds of Holy Week! Join Lucy-Lee Reed as she leads cross making with dried palms and then make a “Holy Week in a Box” devotion to use during the week.

J2A youth, plan on meeting in your classroom to stuff Easter eggs in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day.

Upcoming Events

Photo Directory Coming Soon!

Be sure to sign up for your photo session. All participants receive a free 8x10 photo as well as their photo directory. We need to have **18 sign-ups per day** in order for the photographer to come out so please sign up early so we know where we have gaps. You can sign up online Monday afternoon – Friday afternoon. On the weekends, there is a hard copy sign-up sheet in the Commons by the Parish Office. Sessions are available April 13, 14, 15 and 16. If needed, we will have additional days later in April.

Save The Date for the 2018 Altar Guild Tea!

Please note the change this year for the month and day of the Altar Guild Tea. Due to the construction in the Auditorium during the month of May for the new HVAC system, the date of the Altar Guild Tea has been moved to **April 21, 2018**. The theme this year will be Hearts and Flowers. The Language of Flowers will be the program topic. There will be a discussion of the language and symbolism of flowers and several floral arrangements will be demonstrated.

Registration begins April 3 by calling the church office at 703-549-1980. The cost is \$40 per person. Be sure to save the date!

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter 2018

Palm Sunday, March 25

All Palm Sunday liturgies include the blessing and distribution of palms.

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist and dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. Mark
- 9:00 AM..... Choral Eucharist with procession and dramatic reading of the Passion
- 9:00 AM..... Liturgia de las Palmas (la Misa empezará afuera)
- 10:15 AM..... Intergenerational Event (make palm crosses and other Holy Week and Easter crafts)
- 11:15 AM Choral Eucharist with procession and dramatic reading of the Passion
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist and dramatic reading of the Passion



Monday, March 26

- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 27

- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist



Wednesday, March 28

- 7:30 AM..... Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 PM Choral Tenebrae



Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 PM Misa con cena
- 7:30 PM Liturgy of the Day, foot washing, procession to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the altar, Prayer Watch (continues all night)

Good Friday, March 30

- 7:30 AM..... Liturgy of the Day with dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. John and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
- 12:00 NOON ... The Stations of the Cross (Child care will be available in the nursery from 11:50 AM to 3:15 PM.)
- 1:00 PM Silence
- 1:30 PM Liturgy of the Day with dramatic reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
- 3:00 PM Concluding Prayers
- 5:00 PM Children's Service
- 7:00 PM Misa y Vía Cruces

Holy Saturday, March 31

- 9:00 AM..... Morning Prayer
- 8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter with service of light, lessons and collects, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, Celebrant and Preacher. The service will be followed by a parish Agapé celebration in the Auditorium. Child care will not be available this evening.

Easter Day, April 1

Festive Coffee Hour after the 9:00 and 11:15 liturgies.

7:30 AM..... Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM..... Festival Eucharist with brass, choir, organ and timpani

9:00 AM..... Misa y bautismos

10:15 AM..... Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 AM..... Festival Eucharist with brass, choir, organ and timpani

5:00 PM..... Holy Eucharist



Calendar for March 18-March 24

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Lent
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist, La Santa Eucharista
10:15 a.m.	Inquirers' Class (Library)
10:15 a.m.	Adult Forum (Auditorium)
10:30 a.m.	La Gracia Consejo (St. John)
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
12:55 p.m.	Rosary Group (Library)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	St. Joseph
6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Simple Supper hosted by the Adult Choir (Auditorium)
7:45 p.m.	We Declare to You with James Mathes
Tuesday	Cuthbert, 687
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
5:45 p.m.	Private Confession
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	Thomas Cranmer, 1556
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m.	Chorister Practice
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m.	Community Lodging (St. John)
7:00 p.m.	AA (St. Luke)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke)
Thursday	James De Koven, 1879
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Friday	
11:30 a.m.	Private Confessions
12:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross with Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 7:30)
7:00 p.m.	La Gracia Lenten Meditation Service (Nave and St. Mark)
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild