

Please Pray For...

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

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 ... Michael Joliffe, Earlene Allen 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, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, Chris and Maggie Corlett, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell.

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

Those travelling: Lynn, Vylma, Karen and Eric

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church of England, **The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby** Archbishop of Canterbury

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Peters, Richmond.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Dr. Richard Newman**, Director of Music and **Francisco Robles**, La Gracia Musician, as well as those who volunteer in the Adult Choir, the Choristers and the Handbell Choir.

Those with birthdays this week:

11 Alessandra Nider, John Hunt, Sebastian Slack, Joyce Stancil

12 Zion Khanna, Natalie Kupczyk

13 Anna Sahkul

14 Mai-lan Smith

15 Christian Flores

16 Megan Flanary, India Khanna, Heidi Stoddard

17 Vivienne Egaas, Mariah Ortiz

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: Acts of Faith

Our beliefs can be powerful guiding forces enabling us to endure and overcome some of the most difficult situations. In this episode, everyone faces a challenge, and they find their strength from a variety of sources.

Inquirers' Class and Parent Forum

Father Malm will meet with the Inquirers, parents and children in the Nave during the Christian Ed hour to talk about the Eucharist in the church setting. This is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Eucharist prior to next week's Instructed Eucharist at the 9:00 am service.

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 on the 3rd floor.

Easter Flowers Deadline

Were you meaning to donate flowers for Easter? There are forms in this bulletin or on the credenza. Forms and payment are due to the office **today**. Checks must be made out to Grace Episcopal Church and have "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Easter flowers are \$50.00.

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.

Choral Evensong tonight at 5:00 p.m.

The beloved traditional service of Choral Evensong will be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir tonight. The service will feature Orlando Gibbon's *Short Service*, plainsong Preces and Responses and Orlande de Lassus' *Adoramus te, Christe*. Following the closing voluntary, the Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated. All are encouraged to attend this marvelous service featuring music from the Renaissance.

This Week

Monday Night Lenten Series

Tomorrow night, March 12, we welcome Martin Smith retired priest from the Diocese of Washington and well known author and speaker.. The Rev. Smith will be speaking on the fifth week's topic from our Lenten study, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, "Abide in Me". 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 LEMs. The speaker will begin at approximately 7:45 pm.

March 19 We Declare to You (Jim Mathes)

Prevention of Misconduct and Abuse Training

Saturday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grace will host a Prevention of Misconduct and Abuse training for all those serving in Christian Education or an at-home ministry. If you have an interest in teaching Sunday school in the fall or training as a LEM who serves home communion, this would be a great opportunity to take the required training. If you are interested in training or would like additional information, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

The Grace Legacy Society: To the Glory of God

Many plaques adorn the walls of our parish and serve to remind us of faithful parishioners who cared deeply for Grace Church. The new narthex is dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Mary Handley. The Commons near the parish office holds a plaque to the Glory of God in loving memory of Blanche S. Rasely, for her generous bequest and service to Grace Church. The legacy of these two women witness to the goal of the Legacy Society: the encouragement of service and generosity.

Next Week

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 Communion Series

The 9:00 service will be an instructed Eucharist, bringing full circle the teachings of the previous two weeks.

Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday Intergenerational Forum

Sunday, March 25, we invite you to an all parish intergenerational forum in Merrow Hall Auditorium. Crafts and activities will be available for all ages, including the annual making of crosses from palm branches.

Photo Sessions for Directory Start April 13

Sign-ups for photo sessions are available in the Commons. The online sign-up is turned off on Sundays so that there will be no double bookings. Online booking returns on Monday afternoon. Sessions are available April 13, 14, 15 and 16. If needed, we will have additional days later in April. Take part in the photo directory AND get a wonderful shot of your family to keep!

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!

Calendar for March 11-March 17

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist, La Eucharista
10:15 a.m. Inquirers' Class and Parents Forum (Nave)
10:15 a.m. Adult Forum (St. John)
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Monday

6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Simple Supper hosted by the LEMs (Auditorium)
7:45 p.m. Abide in Me with Martin Smith

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Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Program through Friday
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
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Library)
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Auditorium)

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Chorister Practice
7:00 p.m. AA (St. Luke)
8:00 p.m. AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke)

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
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
9:00 a.m. Misconduct and Abuse Training (St. Mark)
11:30 a.m. Loweth Requiem and Reception
(Nave and Auditorium)