

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Patti, Michael, Richard, Joyce, Bette, Dennis, Anne, Tina, Lisa, Vi

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Erin, Beth, Lois, Monica, Carol, Stephen, Marian, Betsy, Dody and Paul and their family, Sheila and her children, Alec, John

Requiescat in Pace ... James Carlisle Oxner, Jr. and all those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria 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, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Rose

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Anne's, Reston; St. George's, Fredericksburg; Good Shepherd, Burke

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

Those with birthdays this week:

22 Miguel Ortiz, Amelia Pattarini

24 Peter Iovino, Keller Smith

25 Evan Dobbs

26 Gabriella Falcon, Ellen Rugaber

28 Avery Meeks, Donna Plunkett, Richard Smith

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: Piety and Practices in the Episcopal Church Pt. 1

William Campbell will present the first of two forums on piety and practices in the Episcopal Church. This will be William's last hurrah with Grace Church before his graduation from VTS and the beginning of his ministry in Corpus Christi, TX.

Parish News

Over half our photo days are done! Sign-Up NOW!

The first days of photo sessions are done. If you have not signed up or if you missed your date, please sign up NOW. **Please remember that we have to have 18 photo sessions booked per day to have the photographer come out!** The photo shoot and one 8x10 photo are yours free with no requirement to purchase additional photos. Receive a \$5 coupon for bringing in three cans for the Food Pantry!

Online Donating

We are switching our online giving platform to Tithe.ly. If you currently give to the church through Vanco, or through the Give+ app, you will need to make this easy switch. You can set up automated giving through Tithe.ly on the church's web site, under the Stewardship tab. Or you can download the Tihe.ly app for free from your app store. Tithe.ly has lots of other features. Please consider setting automated payments, through Tithe.ly. The more donations flow through Tithe.ly, the lower the fees we are charged. Regular giving also smooths out our monthly income which dips in the summer months. Contact chrisrugaber@gmail.com with questions.

Altar Guild Tea Registration Open Now!

The Altar Guild Tea is on **May 12th** due to a change in the HVAC schedule. The theme this year is 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 demonstrations. **Reserve your space** by calling the church office at 703-549-1980. The cost is \$40 per person.

Youth News

- Jenni Faires and Rushad Thomas are with five of our Rite 13 youth at PYM (Parish Youth Ministry) this weekend! Please pray for their safe return this afternoon and for a weekend of building faith and friendships!
- The next PYM is for 8th graders, May 18-20. If your youth is interested in attending, please let Jenni know. Cost for the weekend is \$150.
- May 6 is the next Sunday evening Youth Night from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Next Week

Christian Education Hour

Adult Forum: Piety and Practices Part 2

Newcomers Reception

We invite all our Newcomers to join us for our spring reception on April 29 at 5:45 p.m. in the St. Mark Room. This is an opportunity to meet members of the clergy, staff, Vestry and other newcomers. Please RSVP to jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Upcoming Events

May 4: Eya - Ensemble for Medieval Music

We will host a concert by the medieval music group, Eya on Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave. The concert is free. Donations to the music fund are encouraged.

Adult Forum – Electric Bell System, May 6

Please join us for an Adult Forum on the gift of digital bells made by Michael Heintz to enhance our worship. Stacey Dickerson, area manager for the Verdin Bell Company will answer your questions and play examples of what the bells will sound like. This forum is also open to our neighbors in the surrounding area.

Host a Seminarian

Grace Church is glad to welcome a new seminarian: Patrick Keyser will be with us from the beginning of June to mid-August. A student at Yale, he lives in CT and so he is in need of a place to stay during his internship. Please contact Mother Belanger if you can provide accommodation for the whole period or even for a few weeks.

Calendar for April 22-28

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist, La Santa Eucharista
10:15 a.m. Adult Forum (St. John)
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Lay Committee Meeting (Library)
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday
2:00 p.m. Photos (Auditorium)
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m. GES School Board Meeting (St. Luke)

Tuesday
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
2:00 p.m. Photos (Auditorium)
4:00 p.m. New Chorister Practice
5:00 p.m. Advanced Chorister Practice
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers
7:30 p.m. Quiet Service (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Outreach (St. Mark)

Wednesday **St. Mark the Evangelist**
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
2:00 p.m. Photos (Auditorium)
4:00 p.m. Chorister Practice
7:00 p.m. AA (St. Luke)
7:00 p.m. Mather Lay Committee (Library)
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
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry open (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m. AA (Auditorium)

Saturday
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild