

## Announcements for Sunday, February 3

### Please Pray For...

**Parishioners...** Michael, Richard, Tina, Lisa, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Howard, Barbara, Dick, Charles, Susan, Barbara S., Amy, Alex, Tracy, Shannon, Ward, Greg

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Dixie, Glenna, Geraldine, Donald, Jeff, Cassandra, Sarah, Steve, Thomas

**Requiescat in Pace ...** Captain Rosemary Mariner 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:** Christopher Corlett, Blair Sokol, Zach Heinrich and 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, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Karen and Eric Coulson, Melissa and Edi Jurkovic, with daughters Elena, Ana, Mia and Olivia.

**Those in assisted living:** Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Rose, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Vi, Muriel, Mary, Alice, Neal, Betty, Jane

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. David's, Aylett; St. Mary's, Arlington

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

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** The Vestry and Executive Committee of Grace Church: **Chris Kupczyk**, Senior Warden; **Anne Caputo**, Junior Warden; **Mary Stewart**, Treasurer; **Jennifer Long**, Register; and **Jean Reed**, Member at Large.

### Those with birthdays this week:

- 3 Perrin Chiow, Kyle Laemmle
- 4 Lottie Henry
- 5 Lesley Gable
- 7 Joseph Giacomo, Dan Wakefield Jr

*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**

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Easter and Richard Thompson in memory of Captain Rosemary Mariner, United States Navy (Retired) and by the Grace Church Counters in memory of Don Rae, with gratitude for his dedication to this ministry. May he rest in peace.

#### **2018 Contribution Statements**

This is the final Sunday to pick up your Contribution statement in the Commons. Any statements left on Monday will be mailed out.

#### **Anniversaries**

Beginning in March, we will be adding an Anniversary section to the prayer list. If you would like to have your anniversary included, be sure to contact the parish office to make sure that we have the date in our computer system.

### **Inquirers Class Resumes**

The Inquirers class will resume on February 3 in the library. Join us for an Inquirers guide to Baptism.

### **Adult Forum: Current Situation in Russia and Central Europe**

In 1989 a wave of political transformations brought the end of Communist governments across the then Warsaw Pact. Within three years, the Soviet Union had collapsed and Germany was reunited. Thirty years later, where do those new democracies stand, what hopes and disappointments have accompanied those continent-changing developments? Jennifer Long and John Boris share observations on the current situation in Russia and Central Europe.

### **Hoagie Sale in Merrow Hall Auditorium**

The EYC youth stayed up all night making hoagies for everyone to purchase during coffee hour this week! If you made advanced orders, your sandwiches will be ready to go. If you would like to purchase lunch or dinner for this evening, extras are available until we sell out! Hoagies are \$4.50 each. Come support our youth as they raise needed funds for their summer mission trip!

### **J2A Auction Tickets Go On Sale Today!**

Beginning today during the morning Coffee Hours, J2A youth we will be selling raffle tickets, auction tickets and collecting donations of wine and gift cards for the March 2 J2A Auction. The raffle items will include something for everyone: a stay at a luxurious DC hotel, a virtual reality gaming headset and a wireless bluetooth speaker. Raffle tickets will be \$5/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 and auction tickets are \$10 per person which include dinner and drinks.

### **No Youth Night on February 3**

There is no Youth Night this evening due to the Super Bowl. The next Youth Night is on March 3.

### **This Week February 3-9**

#### **Bishop's Community Listening Session**

Bishop Goff will host five Community Listening Sessions around the Diocese in the season of Epiphany. Each session will include a time for you and your Bishops to share your dreams for our Diocese. The Listening Session closest to Grace is Saturday, February 9, 1-3 p.m. St. Barnabas, Annandale.

### **Next Week February 10-16**

#### **Inquirers Class**

On February 10, the Inquirers class will be exploring the Holy Eucharist. Join us in the library.

#### **Adult Forum: St. Valentine and St. Patrick**

Ever wondered who we might be celebrating in those favorite of US holidays, St. Valentine and St. Patrick? If you haven't already looked them up, some of the answers might surprise you! Come learn a little and play a little with the modern-day traditions that bear little resemblance to the original stories. Chrissie Crosby will offer you a chance to put your own spin on these days by combining some traditions and history.

#### **Chili Bowl**

Flyers are up and the excitement is building! The annual Grace Church Chili Bowl is February 10 at 6:30 pm -- just two weeks away! The chili is delicious and the drinks are cold... you don't want to miss this evening of fun and fellowship. Newcomers, this is a great way to get to know Grace and your tasting spoons are free! Email Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) for more information and a ticket for entrance.

## **Refugee Community Dinner, February 16th**

Merrow Hall Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Christ Church Refugee Ministry and Hosted by Grace Episcopal Church. All are invited to support and attend the Valentine Refugee Community Dinner for our Afghan refugee families in Alexandria. These community dinners are held for 80-100 participants to share food, fellowship and deepen understanding of one another. Dinners are potluck. Please use the link below to sign up to attend, bring a main dish or side dish (halal meat required), and volunteer to set up/clean up as your time allows. The Refugee Ministry will be introducing the idea of family game night and will have donated board games available. If you have board games to donate / "recycle" please bring them along!

Questions? Please contact Lynn Rohrs, 405-269-3885, [lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org](mailto:lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org) RSVP and sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2DkDehg>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Food Pantry Update**

Fill the Green Tote Bag! This week's Pantry Wish List includes: Tortillas, Corn Meal or Corn Masa, Liquid Dish Soap and Toothpaste. Thank you to all who have donated gently used Trader Joe's and other paper grocery bags w/handles! As always, your donations of non-perishable food, non-food items (toiletries and cleaning supplies) as well as financial support will help all those in need in the Alexandria community. Thank You!!

### **Hypothermia Shelter Volunteers Needed!**

Grace Church provides volunteers to staff the hypothermia shelter at the Church of St. Clement in Alexandria (1701 Quaker Lane). The shelter provides overnight accommodations for homeless men from Carpenter's Shelter. **Volunteers are still needed for the following dates: Monday, Feb. 11; and Monday, Mar. 4.** We are still looking for one volunteer for the overnight shift (11:50 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.) on the 11<sup>th</sup> and two volunteers for the overnight shift on the 4<sup>th</sup>! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Scott Knudsen at [sknudsen@earthlink.net](mailto:sknudsen@earthlink.net) or sign up at the following website: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca5a728abfb6-hypothermia3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca5a728abfb6-hypothermia3).

### **Volunteers Needed - Dehydration Packet Event for Haiti, Beth El Hebrew Congregation Alexandria, Sunday, March 10th**

Beth El Hebrew Congregation Alexandria has invited local faith communities to participate in their annual event to combat dehydration. Volunteers are needed to assist with making packets of salt, sugar, baking soda and potassium chloride. These packets are used to combat dehydration caused by Cholera and other diseases. According to the World Health Organization, every 70 packets of these electrolytes can save a life. This year, the packets will be sent to Haiti in collaboration with the Haiti Micah Project, which Grace sponsors.

We are looking for volunteers from the Grace Community to help stuff packets and/or make donations to support the project. The event is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation at their location on Seminary Road (listed below). For more information and/or assistance with volunteer signup, please contact Jennifer Pease at [Jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:Jennifer.pease@gracealex.org). You can sign up to volunteer online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48abaf2dabf49-dehydration>

If you would like to make a donation, please reference ORT on the memo line of the check.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation  
3830 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304-1799  
Attn: ORT Haiti Micah Project

## Calendar for February 3-9

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m.	Inquirers (Library); Adult Forum (St. John); EYC Super Bowl Hoagie Sale
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
1:30 p.m.	COHI (St. Mark)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Monday</b>	
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Open until 3:00)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Requiem</b>
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Open until 3:00)
4:30 p.m.	Advanced Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Beginner Choristers
6:30 p.m.	Requiem
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Choristers
7:00 p.m.	AA District 1 (St. Mark)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Off Site)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon (Auditorium)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Cornelius the Centurion</b>
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m.	GES Finance Committee Meeting (St. Mark)
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:30 a.m.	GES Kindergarten Playdate
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild