

## Announcements for Sunday, February 17

### Please Pray For...

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

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Dixie, Glenna, Geraldine, Donald, Jeff, Cassandra, Sarah, Steve, Thomas, Alec, Susan, Betty Ann, Joe, Mary

**Requiescat in Pace** ... 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

**Those travelling:** Brad Bergmann and June Huber

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Emmanuel (Piedmont Parish), Delaplane; St. John the Baptist, Ivy; St. Peter's, Purcellville.

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of the Province of Central Africa and **The Most Revd Albert Chama**, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** The Administrative and Pastoral Lay Staff of Grace Church: Beth Calaman, Jenni Faires, Amy Medrick, and the volunteers that staff the Parish Office.

### Those with birthdays this week:

- 17 Kate Reeder
- 18 Alexandra Milnor
- 19 Ashley Spencer, Mary Toler
- 20 Audrey Slattery
- 21 Anne McFadden, Seamus White
- 22 Jean Goodson, Andrew Lorentz
- 23 Claudine Donovan, Lauren Gustafson, James Holloway, Evan Robinson, Nancy Robinson

*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 and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Evelyn Ryan Griffin by Lori and Kevin Griffin and by Evan and Nancy Robinson in thanksgiving for their birthday and for their Grace Church family.

#### **Fellowship Sunday**

No Adult Forum this week due to the holiday. Fellowship Coffee Hour will be held in Merrow Hall Auditorium following the 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and in the first floor Commons following the 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist.

#### **Rosary Group Meeting**

The Rosary group will meet in the library after the 11:15 a.m. service. First-time rosary prayers are most welcome and free rosary beads will be provided. No experience is necessary!

## **Chili Bowl Thank You!**

Many thanks to all those who had a part in making the Chili Bowl a huge success. We raised \$3,726! Also, a special thank you to Erin Kelly for all her work coordinating prizes, preparing the judges trays and doing all the extras behind the scenes to ensure a smooth-running event!

## **J2A Auction Tickets on sale Today!**

Now accepting Credit/Debit Cards for auction tickets! Be on the lookout for J2A parents and youth during Coffee Hours during the month of February! 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 are \$5/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 and auction tickets are \$10 per person which include dinner and drinks.

## **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.

## **This Week February 17-23**

### **Closure for Federal Holiday**

The school, food pantry and parish office will be closed on February 18<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day.

## **Next Week February 24-March 2**

### **Adult Forum (St. John)**

Matthew Dumont-Machowski will share his experiences from his recent trip to Oman during the January term at the Seminary. This is sure to be a fascinating look at the role of different religions throughout the Middle East.

### **Inquirers Class (Library)**

On the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Inquirers class will be exploring prayer. Please join us in the library.

### **STEM Extravaganza, Tuesday, February 26**

On Tuesday, February 26, the GES will be holding the postponed STEM Extravaganza event that was cancelled due to the weather. The event will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Contemplative Service, Tuesday, February 26**

The service is about 25 minutes long and includes psalms and prayers. For those who'd like to stay after the 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, we will share a reflection and have brief discussion.

### **Requiem for The Rev. John Winfred Thorburn Weise Saturday, March 2**

Known to many of us as simply Father Jack, his requiem will be on March 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Youth Night**

Save the date! The next Youth Night is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **The Seven Experiment**

Beginning Sunday, March 3, Jenni will be leading a 7-week Lenten Bible Study entitled the 7 Experiment: Staging Your Own Mutiny Against Excess. This study takes seven areas of our lives that are subject to excess: clothes, spending, waste, food, possessions, media and stress, and asks us how the excess in our lives are hampering our relationship with God. The group will meet in the St. Mark Room from 4:00 p.m. -5:15 p.m. on Sundays 3/3, 3/10/, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, and 4/14. Please register in the google form provided in the Weekly RoundUp or the All Parish E-News: <https://goo.gl/forms/AbxFO0ASt14JFm6d2>.

## **Looking Ahead**

In preparation for our Lenten Monday Night Series, where our speakers will be expanding on the Presiding Bishop's initiative, The Way of Love, you may order the series of books that accompany each of the core principles of the initiative: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Go and Bless. These small compilations of different writers from within the Episcopal Church will be displayed in the library for the next several weeks. If you would like to order a set to enhance your Lenten experience, sign the form and your books will be available for the first Monday night of Lent, March 11. The cost of the set will be determined upon ordering (approximately \$70 for the full set) and you can pay accordingly. If you are unable to get by the library, you may email Jenni Faires at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org).

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 5**

Join us for a Pancake Supper from 6 - 7 p.m. in Merrow Hall Auditorium. Rite 13 and J2A will be cooking and serving a pancake supper as we usher in the Lenten Season, which begins the next day with Ash Wednesday.

## **In Our Community**

### **Carpenter's Shelter Dinner Volunteers Needed, February 19**

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner at Carpenter's Shelter on Tuesday, February 19th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Cindy Diehl at [cindy.diehl@gracealex.org](mailto:cindy.diehl@gracealex.org)

### **Food Pantry Update**

Fill the Green Tote Bag! This week's Pantry Wish List includes: Canned or Dried Fruit, Bagged Onions and Potatoes, Tortillas and Shampoo. 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 those in need in the Alexandria community. Thank You!!

### **One More Hypothermia Shelter Volunteer Needed!**

Grace Church provides volunteers to staff the hypothermia shelter at St. Clement in Alexandria (1701 Quaker Lane). The shelter provides overnight accommodations for homeless men from Carpenter's Shelter. **A volunteer is still needed for Monday, Mar. 4 overnight shift!** If you are able to volunteer, please sign up at the following website: <https://bit.ly/2Sy7Q7a> or contact Scott Knudsen at [sknudsen@earthlink.net](mailto:sknudsen@earthlink.net).

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

Each year Beth El hosts a day when they, along with their co-sponsor Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and volunteers from across Region IV, assemble packets of life-saving rehydration powder to be sent to areas that need it to prevent deaths from dehydration. In 2010, they assembled a record breaking 20,389 packets which found their way to cholera-stricken Haiti.

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). You can sign up to volunteer on Signup Genius at <https://bit.ly/2TzmFUm>. Donations should be sent directly to:

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

Please reference ORT on the memo line of the check.

For more information and/or assistance with volunteer signup, please contact Jennifer Pease at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org)

## Calendar for February 17-23

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
12:45 p.m.	Rosary Group (Library)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
	Office, Food Pantry and School Closed for Presidents Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Martin Luther, 1546 (tr)</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.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (Auditorium)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Polycarp, 156 (tr)</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Choristers
7:00 p.m.	AA District 1 (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m.	Region IV Meeting (St. Mark)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Off Site)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon (Auditorium)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John Henry Newman, 1890</b>
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
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>	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild