

Announcements for Sunday, February 24

Please Pray For...

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

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

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: Nancy and Evan Robinson, John and Andie Rohrs

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Andrew's, Richmond

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America and **The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson**, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Sexton and the school's Facilities Management team who take care of our building: Pedro Hernandez, John Hendrickson, Alberto and Rosa Contreras, Orlando Lemus and Amorita Quintanilla.

Those with birthdays this week:

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| 24 | Connor Murphy | 28 | Willem Egaas |
| 25 | Graham Borgia | 1 | Eugene Alford, Peter Zuidema |
| 26 | Jay Burgess, Betty Jones, Joe Washington | 2 | Katherine Greene, Kemp Williams |

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 by Lynn Rohrs in celebration of her grandson Connor's first birthday.

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)

The Inquirers class will be exploring prayer. Please join us in the library.

New photos on the wall

Check out the new photos on the wall. Chili bowl, Parish meeting, Candlemas, Rector's Cross and many others.

J2A Auction Tickets On Sale Today!

The J2A Auction is less than ONE WEEK AWAY! A \$10 ticket purchases dinner and drinks, as well as the opportunity to bid on amazing items in the silent and live auction. In addition to a fun night, you are also

supporting our J2A youth as they prepare for their confirmation and pilgrimage. These youth have been molded every step of the way by this parish as they have grown in body, mind and spirit. Please join them at the auction as they embark on their final, church-sponsored journey.

Lenten Materials Available

Lenten devotional materials for adults and families are available today in Merrow Hall Auditorium, outside the elevator on the 2nd floor, in the rack as you enter the Nave and on the credenza outside the main office. Pick up your material today in advance of the beginning of Lent on March 6.

This Week February 24 - March 2

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.

Next Week March 3-8

Adult Forum

Our EYC youth will be presenting a slide show and recounting their mission trip to Clendenin, WV. Come to Merrow Hall Auditorium and listen to this amazing group of youth share their mission stories!

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 is 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. For more information or to add your name to either email list, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Youth Night

Save the date! The next Youth Night is March 3rd.

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@earlthink.net.

Collection of Palms

There are baskets in the Narthex and the church office for you to return your blessed palms between now and Shrove Tuesday. The palms will be burned for use at Ash Wednesday Services.

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.

Ash Wednesday Children Service, March 6, 6:00 p.m.

From coloring Alleluia butterflies to "catch" until Easter to understanding the connection between our baptism and the imposition of ashes, we invite all families with children to experience this unique service.

Ash Wednesday Service Times

We will be holding Ash Wednesday services at the following times:

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Grace Episcopal School Service
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist with Choir

Confession

Father Malm and Father Crosby will be available for private confession on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 p.m., Friday mornings at 11:45 a.m. and by appointment starting after Ash Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

Adult Forum, March 10

The Adult Forum presented by Mary Stewart on the Detectives of PBS has been rescheduled for March 10. We are looking forward to her presentation and appreciate her willingness to reschedule! Why are we so fascinated with fictional detectives? Join Mary Stewart for a lighthearted look at how popular PBS detective series reflect our changing ideas about good and evil, justice and morality, and societal mores. We'll pay particular attention to combo priest-detectives, from Father Brown to Grantchester.

Looking Ahead

In preparation for our Monday Night Lenten 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, and Rest. 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) and can pay accordingly. You may email Jenni Faires at jenni.faires@gracealex.org if you are unable to get by the library.

Our Monday Night Lenten Speakers Line Up is filled with names many of you will recognize! The Holy Eucharist begins at 6:30 pm followed by a Simple Supper in Merrow Hall Auditorium. The speakers usually begin at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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| March 11 | Anne Turner | April 1 | Rosmary Sullivan |
| March 18 | Mary Sulerud | April 8 | Leslie Steffensen |
| March 25 | Martin Smith | | |

In Our Community

Brown Bag Week Alert

Save the Date! The next Brown Bag week is March 11-15.

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!!

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

Calendar for February 24-March 2

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| Sunday | The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany |
| 7:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 9:00 a.m. | Choral Eucharist (Nave) |
| 9:00 a.m. | La Gracia and Holy Baptism (Auditorium) |
| 10:15 a.m. | Adult Forum (St. John), Inquirer's Class (Library) |
| 11:15 a.m. | Choral Eucharist |
| 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Monday | February 25 |
| 1:00 p.m. | Food Pantry (Open until 3:00) |
| Tuesday | St. Matthias (tr) |
| 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 |
| 6:00 p.m. | GES Stem Event |
| 6:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 7:00 p.m. | Outreach Meeting (St. Mark) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Contemplative Service (Narthex) |
| Wednesday | George Herbert, 1633 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 5:30 p.m. | Choristers |
| 7:00 p.m. | AA District 1 (St. Luke) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Bible Study (Off Site) |
| 8:00 p.m. | AA/Al Anon (Auditorium) |
| Thursday | David, 544 (tr) |
| 12:15 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 6:45 p.m. | Handbell Choir |
| 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| Friday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | GES Chapel |
| 6:30 p.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| 8:30 p.m. | AA (St. Mark) |
| Saturday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Altar Guild |
| 11:00 a.m. | Weise Requiem |
| 6:00 p.m. | J2A Auction |