

Announcements for Sunday, March 10

Please Pray For...

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

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Susan, Betty Ann, Joe, Mary, Joan, Pris, Jessica, Tom, Cindy, Glenna, Tom, Sandy, Dody

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

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Emmanuel (Brook Hill), Richmond; St. Dunstan's, McLean

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo and **The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda**, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The work of the Virginia Theological Seminary and our current Seminarians: Ashley Mather and Matthew Dumont-Machowski.

Those with birthdays this week:

10 Lynn Rohrs

11 Alessandra Nider

12 Natalie Kupczyk

14 Mai Lan 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

The Great Litany

Our liturgy changes in the season of Lent to reflect a more somber tone and to help us in our need for penitence and prayer. On the first Sunday in Lent, we begin the morning services with the Great Litany. The litany, as a form of corporate prayer, has been used in the liturgies of the Church since the 4th century. In 1544, the first litany was published in English, written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. This replaces the Prayers of the People and the Confession. The altar has only two candles. Flowers will not be used until Easter, nor will the "alleluias". "Lamb of God" is used, as it is the ancient Prayer for Humble Access (pg. 337 in Rite 1).

Easter Flowers

Help decorate the church with beautiful Easter flowers. Forms and payment must be received by the office by April 12. Checks must be made out to Grace Episcopal Church and have "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Easter flowers are \$50.00.

Adult Forum, March 10 (St. John)

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.

Inquirers Class (Library)

Today's class will be an exploration of Church History.

The Seven Experiment

Today we will explore Session 2: Clothes of the 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. Registration has ended, however, if you would like to attend, we would love to have you. If we run out of books, a separate order can be placed this week.

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!

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.

This Week March 10-16

Monday Night Lenten Series

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

March 11 The Rev. Anne Turner

March 18 The Rev. Canon Mary Sulerud

March 25 The Rev. Martin L. Smith

April 1 The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan

April 8 The Rev. Canon Leslie Steffensen

Monthly Requiem, Tuesday, March 12

We will be holding our Monthly Requiem. If there is someone you would like acknowledged, please contact the Parish Office at 703.549.1980.

Next Week March 17-23

Adult Forum

A representative from the Carpenter's Shelter will be present at the Adult Forum to recognize Grace Episcopal for all the many ways that you support and provide for our residents and to create awareness for opportunities for service in their Winter Shelter. This program serves our transient homeless community; those actually living on the streets. Come and hear from this organization that Grace supports and is doing amazing work in the community.

Inquirers Class (Library)

Today's class will be an exploration of The Oxford Movement.

Rosary Group

The Rosary group will meet in the library a few minutes after the 11:15 a.m. service and coffee hour (and on every third Sunday of the month). As always, first-time rosary prayers are most welcome, and free rosary beads will be provided. No experience necessary to learn this beautiful meditative prayer!

Choral Evensong

The beloved traditional service of Choral Evensong will next be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir on Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. The service will feature T. Tertius Noble's *Evening Service in B minor*, and Samuel Sebastian Wesley's *Wash me thoroughly*. Following the closing voluntary, the Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated. The music we do at Evensong is not heard at any other service since it combines all of our choirs. All are encouraged to attend this marvelous service of our Anglican heritage and to bring a friend.

Newcomers Reception

Are you new to Grace? Been visiting regularly, ready to learn more and meet a few people? Our next Newcomers Reception is March 17 at 5:45 p.m. in the St. Mark Room. This is a time of casual conversation, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and information from the clergy, staff and members. Childcare is provided. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to jenni.faires@gracealex.org!

Upcoming Requiem and Memorial Events

- March 23: Kathleen Arthur Requiem at 2:00 p.m.
- March 30: Don Rae Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

In Our Community

From the Food Pantry

This week's Food Pantry Wish List includes: White Rice (16 oz. bag), Tortillas, Bagged Onions & Potatoes. We also need paper grocery bags w/handles (Trader Joe's, Harris Teeter, MoM's, etc.).

New at the Pantry: Make a child smile by donating gently used small toys and books that your family has outgrown. We'll put them on a 'Kid's Bonus Shelf' to give to our client families w/small children. As always, your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning supplies as well as financial support will help all those in need in the Alexandria community. Thank You!

**Final Call for Volunteers at Beth El Hebrew Congregation
TODAY from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation is located on Seminary Road (listed below). You can sign up to volunteer on Signup Genius at <https://bit.ly/2TzmFUm>.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation
3830 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304-1799

For more information and/or assistance with volunteer signup, please contact Jennifer Pease at Jennifer.pease@gracealex.org

Calendar for March 10-16

Sunday	The First Sunday in Lent
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m.	Adult Forum (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m.	Inquirer's Class (Library)
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
1:00 p.m.	Dumont-Machowski Lay Committee (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Bible Study (St. Mark)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	March 11
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Open until 3:00)
6:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (St. Mark Room)
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Simple Supper hosted by the Vestry
7:45 p.m.	Lenten Series - The Rev. Anne Turner
Tuesday	Requiem
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.	Monthly Requiem
7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting (Library)
Wednesday	
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	AA District 1 (St. Luke)
7:00 p.m.	Mather Lay Committee (Library)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon (Auditorium)
Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Friday	
11:45 a.m.	Confession
12:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist
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.	Choral Rehearsal