

Announcements for Sunday, March 3

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, Leslie

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

Requiescat in Pace ... Happy Keppler 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: Christ Church, Middlesex; Good Shepherd, Bluemont; St. Paul's, West Point

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and **The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz**, Bishop of Santiago & Primate

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Dr. Richard Newman**, Director of Music and **Francisco Robles**, La Gracia musician, as well as those who volunteer in the Adult Choir, the Choristers and the Handbell Choir.

Those with birthdays this week:

3 Vi Legere, Cindy MacIntyre, Alice Russell, Tyler Smith, Amy Whitworth

7 Chuck Dodd

9 Scott Knudsen

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 celebration of Vi Legere's birthday today by Jay, E.J. and Caroline Legere and in memory of Father Jack by June Huber and Brad Bergmann.

Adult Forum (Auditorium)

The EYC youth that were part of the 2018 Mission Trip to Clendenin, WV will talk about their experience. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear from these amazing youth!

Inquirers Class

There will not be an Inquirers class this week. We will resume on March 10th with an exploration of Church history.

J2A Auction

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets, auction tickets, made donations and came to the auction last night! We will announce final totals soon, but the youth and their families thank you for your support as they prepare for their confirmation and pilgrimage.

The Seven Experiment

Beginning today, 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. 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.

Youth Night

EYC and Rite 13 will meet for Youth Night this evening. Dinner begins at 5:30 and pick up is at 8:00. All youth are invited to attend! J2A will not have youth night this week as they have been at church all weekend.

Lenten Materials Available

Lenten devotional material 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 March 4 - 9

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.

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.

Next Week March 10-16

Adult Forum, March 10

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. 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 p.m. followed by a Simple Supper in Merrow Hall Auditorium. The speakers usually begin at approximately 7:45 p.m.

3/11 The Rev. Anne Turner
3/18 The Rev. Canon Mary Sulerud
3/25 The Rev. Martin Smith
4/1 The Rev. Rosmari Sullivan
4/8 The Rev. Canon Leslie Steffensen

Brown Bag Lunch Week - March 11 - 15

There is a new sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board asking for your help in providing 10 or 20 sandwiches or serving lunch one day in our week, from 10 am to 12:30. For more information or to sign up online please e-mail linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org.

Upcoming Events

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 pm 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. RSVP to jenni.faires@gracealex.org if you are interested in attending!

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!

VOICE Meeting Today at 3:45

"We won't bring about peace in the world merely by praying for it; we have to take steps to tackle the violence and corruption that disrupt peace. We can't expect change if we don't take action." The Dalai Lama. Please join fellow VOICE (Virginians Organized for InterFaith Community Engagement) members and take action at their annual meeting today at Vienna Baptist Church at 3:45-6:00. Recent developments in Richmond will be discussed, as well as affordable housing achievements in Arlington County. Plans for activities in 2019 also on the agenda. For further information, contact Jennifer Eckel at Jennifer.eckel@GraceAlex.org.

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 March 3-9

Sunday	The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
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)
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
3:45 p.m.	VOICE Meeting (Off-Site)
4:00 p.m.	Bible Study (St. Mark)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Youth Night
Monday	March 4
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Open until 3:00)
Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
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.	Pancake Supper
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with hymns
6:00 p.m.	Children's Service with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	AA District 1 (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m.	Choral Eucharist led by the Choir
8:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon (Auditorium)
Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m.	Grace Trust Meeting (Library)
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Friday	
11:45 a.m.	Confession
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild