Announcements for Sunday, April 28

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Michael, Richard, Tina, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Barbara M., Charles, Susan, Barbara S., Shannon, Denise, Leslie, Josie, Jo-Anne, Anne, Chrissie, Frank

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Alec, Beth, Susan, Steve, Jessica, Nina, Lucia, Will, Cathy and Bill, Bruce, Ken and Sandy

Requiescat in Pace ... 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, Norma, Polly

Those travelling: Brad Bergmann and June Huber

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: All Saints, Richmond; Grace and Holy Trinity, Richmond; Grace, Alexandria; St. Paul's, Alexandria

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) and The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Office Volunteers who help to keep the Parish Office running smoothly.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 28 Donna Plunkett, Richard Smith
- 29 Suzi Pease
- 1 Emma Meeks, Richard Wilmer
- 4 Mary Blouin, Frank Whitworth IV

Those with anniversaries this week

- 1 Lisle and Denise Bean
- 2 Kerry and Kimberly Broome

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 Lisa Doelp in loving memory of her sisters Sheila Goforth and Dorian Stevens and her brother-in-law Paul Stevens, and in thanksgiving for all who so generously donated Easter flowers and by Barbara, Ed and Kathy in memory of Ed and Kathleen Arthur.

Adult Forum – 10:30 in the Nave

Today's, the forum will be "Ask the Rector!" Father Malm will be answering questions about our new HVAC project and our incoming Associate Rector. Have your questions ready for Father Malm during this informal time for question and answer.

HVAC Update: Coffee Hour and Room Changes

The Phase Two of the HVAC project began this week with Merrow Hall Auditorium going under construction.

- La Gracia services are moving to Grace School's Preschool room starting this Sunday.
- Coffee Hour for the 9:00 am service will be held in the St. Mark Room (2nd floor) and the Adult Forum will be in the Nave. The forum will begin at 10:30 to allow plenty of time for a cup of coffee and snack before returning to the Nave for the speaker.
- The Children's Coffee Hour will continue in the commons area outside the second-floor elevator. Don't worry if it is a little chaotic for the next few weeks progress isn't always easy!

5th and 6th Grade Bake Sale

A huge thank you to those who participated in the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school class' bake sale. Thanks to those with a sweet tooth, we raised \$200.00 for the Carpenter's Shelter. Thanks to those fine bakers for it was their fine sweets that did the job.

Grace Legacy Society

We parishioners of Grace Episcopal Church have been blessed with meaningful Holy Week services leading to the glorious Easter celebrations. Legacy giving is a way to say thank you for the richness of our worship, our Outreach and our Christian Education. What a privilege it is to be a partner in the future of our parish by participating in legacy giving. Please contact a member of the Grace Legacy Society Committee (Mary Hix, Bill Malone, Jean Reed, Mary Stewart) for more information.

Kathleen Arthur Fund for Human Need

The family of Kathleen Arthur asked the Vestry to establish a dedicated fund to assist the clergy as they help individuals with specific needs. This fund is a memorial in thanksgiving for Kathleen's life. She was a life-long member of Grace Church who died in January. The fund will be in addition to the Clergy Discretionary Funds, administered by the Rector and Associate Rector with the oversight of the Parish Financial Administrator and Treasurer. Any parishioner or friend of the parish can make a donation at any time to the Kathleen Arthur Fund.

This Week

Contemplative Service, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Next Week

Goodbye to Ashley

Our senior seminarian, Ashley Mather, will preach at all services on May 5 and, also, lead the Adult Forum. This will be Ashley's last Sunday before graduation and ordination.

Save the Date - StepALIVE Walkathon Sunday, May 5

Help celebrate ALIVE!'s 50th anniversary by walking for Alexandria's children at the 38th annual StepALIVE! Walkathon to benefit the ALIVE! Child Development Center! Grace is a sponsor of this event, which begins at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 5th. The walk starts at the First Christian Church at 2723 King Street in Alexandria proceeding through Old Town followed by a catered picnic, live music and a raffle.

Upcoming Events

Brown Bag Alert for May 15-17

This is a short week for Grace Church; Monday and Tuesday will be the responsibility of St. Paul's, Old Town. Volunteer servers are needed for Wednesday, the 15th and Thursday, the 16th. Sandwiches are needed for all three days. A sign-up notice is on the Outreach bulletin board, or e-mail linda.waskowiczgracealex.org if you can help.

Save the Date! Annual Golf Tournament May 22

We will be holding our annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday May 22nd. Watch for registration information for this fun day of fellowship.

Youth Sunday is June 2

Mark your calendars for this special day to hear from our seniors as they present their Senior Sermons. Please notify Jenni (jenni.faires@gracealex.org) if your child is graduating from high school or college so they may be recognized in the bulletin. The Rite 13 Ceremony, a tradition that recognizes the passing over of a 13-year-old from childhood to adulthood, is also a special part of Youth Sunday. If your child has turned 13 since October 2018 or if you are new to the parish and would like your child to participate in the Rite, please contact Jenni at the above email address.

VBS Registration is OPEN!

ReNew is a five day curriculum, June 24-28 from 9 am-12 pm, that empowers kids in grades PreK-Grade 5 to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. Registration is available through the Wednesday RoundUp. If you are not receiving Jenni's weekly email, please email her at jenni.faires@gracealex.org to add your name to the mailing list.

In Our Community

From the Food Pantry

This week's Food Pantry Wish List includes: Vegetable Oil, Tortillas, Canned Diced Tomatoes and Corn, Bagged Onions & Potatoes.

Kid's Bonus Shelf

You can make a child smile by donating gently used small toys and children's books that your family has outgrown! We'll put them on the '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!

Calendar for April 28-May 4

Sunday	The Second Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nave)

9:00 a.m. La Gracia (Preschool Classroom)

10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (St. Mark) 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum (Nave) 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. COHI (St. Mark)

Monday

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry (Open until 3:00) 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (St. Mark)

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Contemplative Service (Nave) 7:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting (St. Mark)

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Choristers

7:00 p.m. AA District 1 (St. Mark)

Thursday

9:00 a.m.

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