

## Announcements for Sunday, April 14

### Please Pray For...

**Parishioners...** Michael, Richard, Tina, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Howard, Barbara, Dick, Charles, Susan, Barbara S., Amy, Tracy, Shannon, Denise, Rosemary, Leslie, Josie, Jo-Anne, Anne, Norma, Chrissie

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Alec, Beth, Susan, Steve

**Requiescat in Pace ...** Lee Calaman, Henry Siler, Jr. 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:** Vylma Khanna, Cynthia Puskar

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Pray for the Church of Ireland and **The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke**, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** **Kemp Williams** and **Brad Bergman**, usher coordinators, and the volunteers who serve as ushers.

### Those with birthdays this week:

- 14 Alex Cline
- 16 Lisa Bellantoni, Khacki Berry
- 17 Molly Sim, Mary Wallace
- 18 Brian Foucart
- 20 Sasha Karamyshev

*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

#### **Palm Dedication**

The Palms on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild in memory of the departed people and clergy of Grace Church.

#### **Silence**

Holy Week provides many opportunities to observe silence within our Liturgy, including at the start and at the end. Please try to observe silence when you enter and when you leave the Church. A period of silence always follows the Lord's Prayer and the Breaking of the Bread. Passion Sunday liturgies end in darkness and silence.

#### **Adult Forum**

Join in the Palm Sunday Intergenerational celebration in Merrow Hall Auditorium as we usher in Holy Week with crafts, the making of palm crosses and a time for fellowship.

The cards for our homebound, college students and parishioners overseas will be ready for signing. Please take a few minutes to drop by the tables and write personal notes in the cards. These mean so much to the recipients!

The 5-6th Grade Sunday School class will be hosting a bake sale today following the 9:00 a.m. service in Merrow Hall Auditorium. Come purchase homemade goodies from our 5th-6th graders as they raise money for the Carpenter's Shelter!

## **Holy Week Schedule Cards Available**

Professionally designed and printed cards are available today in the track rack, pews, credenza outside the main office and in front of the elevator on the second floor. Please take a card and invite someone to church during Holy Week!

## **VBS Registration is OPEN!**

ReNew is a 5-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. Each day, kids will explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower with three age-appropriate activities that help kids learn how to care for God's creation.

Site location will be at Christ Church in Old Town, with pick up and drop off in front of the church so you do not have to find parking. Cost for the week is \$70 for the first child, and \$65 for the second child with a family maximum of \$135.

Registration is available through the Wednesday RoundUp. If you are not receiving Jenni's weekly email, please email her at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) to add your name to the mailing list.

## **The Seven Experiment**

Today we will combine Session 5 and 6: Waste and Spending, 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. Additional books are available for purchase.

## **Curious and/or Concerned?**

Legacy Giving can seem complicated, confusing and perhaps easy to avoid considering. The Development Officer at the Diocese of Virginia publishes a helpful resource weekly. The email from the Diocese includes financial insights, business news and legacy giving resources. It is worth viewing at: <http://dvagiving.org/>

## **Stained Glass Window Project**

The Vestry has decided to move forward with the restoration of all of our stained-glass windows. Previously, Anne Caputo set April 15<sup>th</sup> as the deadline for donations for this project. If you have any questions or are interested in being involved, please contact Anne Caputo at [anne.caputo@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.caputo@gracealex.org).

## **Ongoing HVAC Construction**

Construction has already begun. We are currently in the first phase of three phases. During the first phase, construction will be done on St. Johns, St. George, St. Luke and the third-floor hall. Rite 13 will be held in the Library and J2A will be in St. Mark. We will still have access to the Auditorium until after Easter. The Agape feast will be the last event held in the auditorium before we begin phase two of the construction work.

The second phase will begin on Easter Monday and last until Mid-June. During the second phase, construction will begin in the auditorium itself. La Gracia will be moved to the first floor (preschool room), the Adult Forums will be held in the Nave and Coffee Hours will be in the Commons outside the parish office or outside in the Amphitheater.

The final phase will begin in mid-June when construction will begin on the 1st and 2nd floor. During this phase, the Auditorium will be used for storage and the third-floor rooms will be temporarily repurposed as will the 1<sup>st</sup> floor spaces that are not being affected by the construction. The Food Pantry will not be affected. The plans so far include:

- the parish office staff will be moved into the office next to the Food Pantry;
- Dr. Newman will be moving into the choir room;
- the Nursery will move into St. Nicholas;
- the Sacristy will move into vesting rooms;
- Clergy staff and the copier will move into the third floor; and
- the auditorium will be used for storage.

While the majority of the building will be without air conditioning during the summer months, the good news is that the Nave, Children's Chapel, and the Choir and Robing rooms will continue to be cooled. These rooms will be used for the Nursery and Children's Chapel and Sunday services will continue in an air-conditioned space.

This has been a project long in the making and while we know there may be bumps in the road, we are grateful for all those who have worked diligently to see this project through. The bulletin, the Wednesday RoundUp and the Weekly E-news will have all the current information. Stay tuned!

### **Wanted: Parishioners Who Think Outside the Box!**

Ever had an idea about how we might be more creative and effective in how we communicate with both fellow parishioners and those who might be interested in joining Grace Church? The Communications Committee is looking for new ways to keep our own members informed of news and developments that effect our parish life as well as ideas to help us attract and keep new members.

As part of these efforts, the committee plans to reconstitute itself in the hopes of improving our communications outreach. As such, we are looking for new members willing to join this effort. If you are interested, send an email to Kristine Hesse ([kristine.hesse@gracealex.org](mailto:kristine.hesse@gracealex.org)) or Cleve Corlett ([cleve.corlett@gracealex.org](mailto:cleve.corlett@gracealex.org)) and let us know of your availability.

### **This Week April 15-20**

#### **Good Friday Service for Children**

Families with children are encouraged to attend the 5:00 pm service on Good Friday specifically designed for children. Worshipers will trace the steps of Jesus from Maundy Thursday to his crucifixion by visiting different stations inside the Nave. Each stop will explain the important last days of Jesus' life using scripture, prayer and interactive presentations. Each child will leave the service with a booklet containing pictures and scripture for the weekend.

#### **Sign up for Maundy Thursday**

Prayer Watch Sign up posters for the Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch are posted in the Narthex and the Merrow Hall entryway. Acolytes will be on watch at the Altar of Repose from the conclusion of services on Thursday until early Good Friday morning. Join them for an hour (or half hour) of personal meditation.

#### **Easter Candy Needed**

Candy donations (or other non-candy items like stickers, plastic rings, rolls of quarters) are being accepted for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Please bring your donations and leave in the blue bin outside Jenni's office. We kindly request no chocolate as it tends to melt inside the plastic Easter eggs.

#### **Agape Feast, Saturday, April 20**

Celebrate Easter and our Parish Community with the Annual Agape Feast in the auditorium following the Great Vigil of Easter. Please sign up on the Agape poster in the commons to bring finger food and help with serving/clean up. Finger foods can include savory and sweet choices—sandwiches, bite-size quiches, cheese and crackers, fruit, cookies, etc. Fellowship members will be available to receive food before the service.

### **Next Week April 21-27**

#### **Easter Sunday, April 21**

7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Festival Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Santa Eucaristia
10:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
11:15 a.m.	Festival Eucharist
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

#### **Adult Forum**

There is no Adult Forum or Christian Education on Easter Sunday. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:15 am in the playground area and snacks and drinks will be available. If you are able to help provide snacks to the 100+ children and families that will be hunting Easter eggs, please sign up through the Sign Up Genius, <https://bit.ly/2P45VU0>.

## **Office Closed**

The office will be closed on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **PYM Weekend for 6-8th graders**

The PYM Weekend for middle schoolers is May 10-12 at Shrine Mont. If your youth would like to attend, please see the registration information and forms in the Wednesday RoundUp. Not receiving Jenni's weekly email? Email her at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) to add your name to the list.

### **38<sup>th</sup> Annual StepALIVE! Walkathon, Sunday, May 5**

All proceeds provide funding for tuition assistance for children from low-income, working families to ensure their access to high-quality, full-day, year-round early education and care. Form a team, register, be a sponsor, or make a donation. Help us to create brighter futures for Alexandria's children! Questions? Contact us at [acoles@alive-inc.org](mailto:acoles@alive-inc.org) or 703-837-9321.

### **Episcopal Church Women Spring Meeting**

The Spring Diocesan Meeting will be held at Fork Church in Doswell, VA on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30. They will be discussing the Circles of Ashland and the Mission to Reduce and Resolve Poverty as well as news from the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Registration is \$25 and is due by May 3. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

## **In Our Community**

### **From the Food Pantry**

**This week's Food Pantry Wish List includes:** Vegetable Oil, Tortillas, Canned Diced Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Bagged Onions & Potatoes. **And... Volunteers!** YOU can help us help others, especially on Mondays & Tuesdays 1-3 pm. Volunteers work in teams of two (1X per month). Come be part of this important and rewarding ministry! Contact Judy Willard at [Judy.Willard@gracealex.org](mailto:Judy.Willard@gracealex.org).

**Something new @ the Pantry:** Make a child smile by donating gently used small toys and children's books that your family has outgrown. We'll put them on a 'Kid's Bonus Shelf' to give to our client families with 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 14-21

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m.	Intergenerational Celebration
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
4:00 p.m.	Bible Study (St. Mark)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

### **Monday, April 15**

9:00 a.m.	St. Rita Evacuation Practice (Parking Lot)
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, April 16**

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
5:45 p.m.	Confession
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (Auditorium)

### **Wednesday, April 17**

7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	GES Bountiful Basket (Auditorium)
7:00 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Off-Site)
7:30 p.m.	Choral Tenebrae
8:00 p.m.	AA/Al-Anon (Auditorium)

### **Maundy Thursday, April 18**

12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Day with Foot Washing, procession to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the altar and Prayer Watch.
8:30 p.m.	Prayer Watch

**Good Friday, April 19**

- 7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Day  
11:45 a.m. Confession  
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
1:00 p.m. Silence  
1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Day with dramatic reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.  
3:00 p.m. Concluding Prayers  
5:00 p.m. Children's Service  
7:00 p.m. Misa y Via Crucis (Nave)  
7:00 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

**Holy Saturday, April 20**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild  
1:00 p.m. Brass Rehearsal  
8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter with service of light, lessons and collects, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; followed by Agape celebration in the Auditorium.  
(Childcare provided for Vigil only)  
10:00 p.m. Agape Feast

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