

Announcements for the Week of April 7

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, Deborah

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Alec, Beth

Requiescat in Pace ... Thomas B. Williams, Tom Pritcher, Larry Perillo 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

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. Mary's (Reedville), Fleeton

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: 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: Molly Sim, coordinator of the Youth Acolytes, and Stephanie Reed, coordinator of the Adult Acolytes, and all of the volunteers who serve as acolytes.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 7 Phil Hickok, Eric Waskowicz
- 8 Will Mackie
- 9 Savannah Hall, Fred Saalfeld
- 10 Jenny Cline, Mary Stewart
- 12 Angel Lopez Bonilla

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

Silence

Lent and Holy Week provide 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.

Adult Forum (Auditorium)

As part of the Confirmation process, the J2A youth have been meeting each Monday night to explore their faith. Topics have included Baptism and Confirmation: Beginnings, the Bible: Stories from Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Knowing Our History, Faith: What Do We Believe?, and Worship: Responding to God's Blessings.

At the beginning of the series, the class was asked to make a video that explains the process of confirmation to a wider audience. Today, the youth will be presenting their video project, explaining the process of Confirmation in their own words.

Parents, especially those of elementary school students, Rite 13 youth and newcomers are encouraged to attend this special forum that showcases our youth and the J2A program!

Inquirers Class (Father Malm's Office)

We will be discussing the Easter Narratives.

The Seven Experiment

Today we will explore Session 5: Waste of the 7-week Lenten Bible Study entitled The 7 Experiment: Staging Your Own Mutiny Against Excess and look briefly look ahead to Session 6: Spending. 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. Registration has ended; however, if you would like to attend, we would love to have you. Additional books are available for purchase.

Bake Sale Today!

The 5th and 6th grade class will host a bake sale during the Intergenerational forum. All proceeds will go to 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

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.

Living and Giving On Purpose

Life is so busy it's hard to keep up, especially in the DC area. Sooner or later we all figure out how to cope: reflect on our values and great loves in life, and make a plan to ensure we live with purpose amid so many distractions. Planned giving picks up on the same idea. We all will leave an estate, and we all owe it to those we hold dear to consider what becomes of it. Is Grace Church a community that captures many of your values in life? Think about what it means to you to give on purpose and learn more about including the church in your plans on the website, under Stewardship > Gifts of Treasure > Planned Giving.

Ongoing HVAC Construction

The construction will move in three phases:

April 1-21: the third-floor rooms (St. Johns, St. George and St. Luke) will be cleared and ready for construction. Rite 13 will be relocated to the Library and J2A will move to the St. Mark Room. There will still be access to Merrow Hall Auditorium during this phase of construction. La Gracia and the 9:00 am service will continue in this space and the scheduled forums leading up to Easter will be in the auditorium.

Easter Monday – Mid-June: Construction will move into Merrow Hall Auditorium. La Gracia will be moving their services to the first floor (preschool room), Adult Forums will be held in the Nave and the 9:00 am Coffee Hour will be located in the Commons area outside the main office or outside in the amphitheater.

Mid-June the final phase of construction will begin on the 1st and 2nd floor. Most areas of ministry will be affected during the summer, but rest assured, we are all working closely together to continue normal operations. As we move through phase one and two, we will keep you updated as to the changes beginning in June.

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!

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 15th 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.

This Week April 8-13

Monday Night Lenten Series

The Holy Eucharist begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Simple Supper in Merrow Hall Auditorium. Our final speaker is the Reverend Canon Leslie Steffensen. She will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Next Week April 14-20

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.

Prayer Watch

Please considering taking part in the Prayer Watch through the night of Maundy Thursday. The Sign Up poster is in the Narthex.

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.

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 to add your name to the list.

38th 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 or 703-837-9321.

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.

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!

Spring 2 ACTION

Spring 2 ACTION is an annual online giving campaign to support non-profit organizations and programs in Alexandria that aid our community. This year's event is coming to a close with the big day of 24-hour giving on April 10. Two of the programs designated for giving this year are supported by Grace Outreach with funds and volunteers—West End Lazarus and Christ Church Refugee Ministry. These programs provide essential emergency financial aid to Alexandrians and refugee families. They have seen the need dramatically increase as a result of the recent government shutdown. Please consider supporting these programs with a charitable donation.

www.Spring2ACTION.org

Calendar for April 7-13

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nave) with kneeler dedication
9:00 a.m. La Gracia (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m. Adult Forum (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m. Inquirer's Class (Father Malm's Office)
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
1:00 p.m. Machowski Lay Committee Meeting (Library)
4:00 p.m. Bible Study (St. Mark)
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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
7:00 p.m. Simple Supper hosted by the Outreach Cmte.
7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class (Library)
7:45 p.m. Lenten Series – The Rev. Canon Leslie Steffensen

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
5:45 p.m. Confession
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Executive Cmte. Meeting (Library)

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Choristers
7:00 p.m. AA District 1 (St. Mark)
8:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon (Auditorium)

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
11:45 a.m. Confession
12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open
7:00 p.m. Via Crucis (Nave)
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild