

Announcements for Sunday, May 5

Please Pray For...

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

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

Requiescat in Pace ... Josie Cleary Martin 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, Norma, Polly

In Thanksgiving for: the birth of Sarah Jane Campbell, daughter of William and Claire Campbell; the birth of Clara Elizabeth Hough, daughter of Denny and Erica Hough.

Those travelling: Mary Blouin

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Christ Church, Charlottesville, St. Thomas', McLean; St. Mary's Whitechapel, Lively; Trinity, Lancaster.

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and **The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit**, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Cleve Corlett, Vestry chair of the Communications Program, and those who write, edit and produce Grace Notes; maintain our website; and keep our social media presence up to date.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 5 Avery Faires
- 6 Christian Portillo
- 8 Jared Smith
- 9 Vylma Khanna
- 10 Amanda Ruff
- 11 Lee Meeks, Skitsi Rein

Those with anniversaries this week

- 10 Chris Kupczyk & Kathy Zucca

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 Denise and Lisle Bean in celebration of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

Adult Forum: Seminarian Ashley Mather (Nave)

Today, we celebrate the two-year ministry of Seminarian, Ashley Mather. Come to the St. Mark Room (2nd floor) following the 9:00 a.m. service for a celebratory beginning to Coffee Hour. Ashley will then move to the Nave for the Adult Forum where she will look back at her time at Grace and VTS and share details of her next call with us.

First Quarter Statements

Help us save on postage and pick up your first quarter contribution and pledge statements from the Commons outside of the parish office.

Youth Night Tonight

The last Sunday Youth Night for the year is tonight from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please contact your sponsor for details.

Parish News

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, \$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 to add your name to the mailing list.

Planned Giving – An Act of Love – An Expression of Faith

Planned giving means just what it sounds like—thinking ahead about your estate plans to ensure that you are able to make gifts to the people and organizations that are meaningful to you. Planned giving is different from immediate gifts, like cash that you give toward your annual pledge. When you decide to make a planned gift to Grace, you take a step that is a unique expression of faith: giving back to God a portion of what you've been blessed with in life, and assuring that the church you love can continue in vibrant worship, fellowship, and outreach for generations to come.

Anyone who makes a planned gift to the parish—for any amount—automatically becomes a member of the Legacy Society. The Legacy Society is a vehicle for the parish to recognize those who make planned gifts, allow those who give to encourage others, and educate the parish about planned giving options. If you would like more information on Planned Giving and the Grace Church Legacy Society, please contact a member of the Legacy Society Committee (Mary Hix, Bill Malone, Jean Reed, or Mary Stewart).

Next Week

Adult Forum: Haiti Micah Project (Nave)

The Adult Forum will be in the Nave beginning at 10:30. We invite you to enjoy a cup of coffee and snack and then return to the Nave for the forum. Today, the Outreach Committee will kick off the Haiti Micah Project (HMP). Come hear about this ministry and how your help is needed.

Upcoming Events

May Adult Forums

The Adult Forums for the month of May will be in the Nave beginning at 10:30. We invite you to enjoy a cup of coffee and snack and then return to the Nave for the forum.

- May 12 - The Outreach Committee will kick off the Haiti Micah Project (HMP). Come hear about this ministry and how your help is needed.
- May 19 - Sunday School Teacher Appreciation is a day to recognize the hard work of our teachers and students. Join us as we celebrate Christian Education at Grace.
- May 26 - Fellowship Coffee Hour
- June 2 - Youth Sunday and Senior Sermons

23rd Annual Golf Outing, May 22

The Annual Parish Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd, at the National Golf Club at Tantallon in Fort Washington, Maryland. Spend a morning (\$125), afternoon (\$125) or a whole day (\$150) of fellowship with your Grace family. Invite your friends to join us for this fun-filled day and support the 2019 Parish Budget. Registration fees cover the cost of the practice range, carts, green fees and our prizes. There are morning-round prizes for closest to pin (2) and afternoon-round prizes for Captain's Choice 1st Place team and closest to the pin (2). Registration is available on the front page of gracealex.org.

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.

In Our Community

Grace Notes

Do you have something that you'd like included in the next Grace Notes? Are there pictures you'd like to share? The deadline for Grace Notes is the 15th of the prior month. For the June issue, make sure to get your information in to grace.notes@gracealex.org by May 15th.

Flower Delivery Volunteers Needed

Do you have 1-2 hours free, one Monday a month? Join the Flower Delivery Ministry! The Flower Delivery Ministry brings comfort, beauty, encouragement, and love to parishioners each week. Each Monday (except during Lent, Advent and on holidays), volunteer drivers take bouquets made by the Altar Guild from altar flowers to three Grace parish members designated by the clergy. Those who have delivered flowers have found this an enjoyable and rewarding activity. Substitutes are also needed. Please contact Mike Reed at (703) 836-4550 or mike.reed@gracealex.org to volunteer or for more information.

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 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!

StepALIVE Walkathon Today at 2:00!

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. 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. Your support will provide tuition assistance for low-income, working Alexandria families. Please join other members of Grace and the local community for this very worthwhile cause.

Calendar for May 5-11

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Festival 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. Festival Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Youth Night

The Third Sunday of Easter

Monday

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

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. GES (St. Mark)
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. May Requiem
6:30 p.m. GES Parent Orientation (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee (Library)

Requiem

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Choristers
7:00 p.m. AA District 1 (St. Mark)

Dame Julian, 1417

Thursday

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Gregory of Nazianzus, 389

Friday

9:00 a.m. GES Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild