### **Calendar for September 1-7**

**Sunday** The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. La Gracia

10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism & Choral Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. COHI (St. Mark)

Monday September 2

Parish Office and Food Pantry Closed in

observance of Labor Day

**Tuesday** Requiem

GES Morning Classroom Open House

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)

1:00 pm. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)

6:30 p.m. Monthly Requiem

Wednesday

GES Classes Begin

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off Site)

**Thursday** 

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday

**Shrine Mont Weekend** 

12:00 p.m. Parish Office closes 6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open 8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

Saturday September 7 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

## **Announcements for Sunday, September 1**

Please Pray For...

**Parishioners...** Michael, Richard, Tina, Charles, Bette, Charles, Susan, Frank, Katherine, Will, Kemp, Easter, Douglas, Christine, Mimi, Stephanie, Rosemary Claire, Leslie, Lisa

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Lucia, Ella, Tom, Sharkey, Sue, the Thomas family, James, Joe, Bruce, Jill, Michael, Rob

**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: Chad Iovino, Zach Heinrich and Chuck DeHoag 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, Melissa and Edi Jurkovic, with daughters Elena, Ana, Mia and Olivia, Chris Slattery, John Hall.

**Those in assisted living:** Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Rose, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Vi, Muriel, Mary, Alice, Neal, Betty, Jane, Polly

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Parish secretaries and administrators, treasurers and bookkeepers, sextons, and webmasters.

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Shrine Mont chairs, **Anne and John Boris**, as well as all those who are assisting with the preparations for Parish Shrine Mont Weekend.

## Those with birthdays this week:

- 1 Cleveland Eason, Jeremy Koss, Teresa Preston, Lorna Worley
- 2 Nancy Macklin, Brendan Means-Koss
- 3 Neal Goodson
- 5 Charlie Pease
- 6 Blythe Su Davis
- 7 Colin Broome, Cathy Puskar, Philip Smith, David Tuma

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 Lucy-Lee and Jean Reed in thanksgiving for 59 years of marriage.

### **Parish News**

#### **Shrine Mont Cards**

Calling family members of those with military or diplomatic postings as well as those with family away at college or grad school: please send updated names, addresses and brief information about colleges, majors, foreign postings or any pertinent information. Email to Nancy Robinson at Nancy.Robinson@gracealex.org. We don't want to miss anyone when we sign cards at Shrine Mont.

## **Email Phishing Reminder!**

Scammers will claim to be a relative, a friend, or even your clergy to convince you to send them money or things of value. If you receive an email asking you for money or gift cards, always check the email address that it has been sent from. If you get an email from anyone on staff at Grace, it will be from a gracealex.org email address.

### Staying Connected at Grace is a Breeze!

Our new church management software comes with an app! Download it to your phone and be able to access your information on the go! Need someone's email or phone number? Just pull it up. We've just added an events calendar too so you can see what is going on and where. If you need help setting up your login, contact the office at parish.office@gracealex.org or 703.549.1980. We're glad to help.

This week's Food Pantry Wish List includes: Bottled water (8 or 12 oz), Tortillas, Bagged Onions, Potatoes, Apples or Oranges. For the "Kid's Bonus Shelf": Gently used Small Toys and Children's Books, Kids' Toothbrushes and Toothpaste. Your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning supplies as well as financial support continue to help those in need in the Alexandria community. Thank You!

### **Refugee Supplies**

9/6-9/8

Christ Church Alexandria & West End Lazarus are organizing a **Toiletries & Cleaning Supply Drive** for Refugee Families from Afghanistan. **Full-size Toiletries** include Shampoo/conditioner; Liquid bath soap; Toothbrushes/toothpaste; Deodorant; Lotions and Razors/shaving cream. **Cleaning Supplies** include Dish soap/sponges; Laundry detergent; All-purpose cleaners; Windex; Cleaning cloths and Toilet paper. Please drop off items labeled **Refugee Supplies** at the Food Pantry. Financial contributions can be made by noting Food Pantry/Refugee Supplies on your check. Thanks!

## **Looking Ahead to September**

Shrine Mont Weekend

with Bishop Peter Lee

<u>9/9</u>	First Class of Education for Ministry GES Back to School Night Brown Bag Lunch Week
<u>9/15</u>	Return to regular schedule: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Walk in Love at 10:15 a.m.
<u>9/22</u>	Sunday School Open House for Godly Play – 5th grade Rite 13 – Parent Meeting – St. Luke J2A – Parent Meeting – St. Mark EYC – Meet in Classroom
9/27	Gala Reception in Celebration of Father Malm's Ministry
9/29	Final Sunday with Father Malm

Combined 10:00 a.m. Founders Day Festival Eucharist

## **Sunday School begins September 22**

The Christian Education Year begins September 22. Registration will be available through the Weekly RoundUp. If you are not receiving Jenni's weekly enewsletter, please email her at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

### **Additional Sunday School Teachers Needed**

As the program year approaches, would you consider being the third adult in an elementary age classroom? We have a full slate of teachers to begin the year, but would love to add an additional teacher in each classroom (isn't this a blessing!). If you are interested in seeing what Sunday school is all about or trying out your teaching skills, contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

## **Youth Day of Service**

All youth (Rite 13, J2A and EYC) are invited to attend a fall clean-up day on the grounds of Grace on Sunday, September 22 from 1:00 - 3:00. Please wear work clothes and bring gloves and any yard tools. Parents are invited to join!

### **In Our Community**

#### Get to Know More About Health Tanzania!

Health Tanzania, a faith-based partnership, founded by Grace parishioners Henry D. Ziegler, M.D., M.P.H and Priscilla B. Ziegler, Sc.M., N.D., M.S.N., works with individuals and organizations in Tanzania to improve the health and education, focusing on poor neighborhoods in Dar es Salaam and isolated coastal villages. Health Tanzania provides out-patient and in-patient health care at their hospital, as well as community health and prevention programs and primary education.

With Grace funding support, Health Tanzania has sent mission teams to volunteer in Tanzania in the past and is exploring the opportunity to send another mission team. Henry Zeigler's next trip to Tanzania will be in October. Donations of medical supplies (stethoscopes, pulse oxygen readers, and blood pressure machines) as well as laptop computers and thumb drives are always appreciated! To receive the newsletter "Habari Gani" ("What's News" in Swahili), and to learn more about Health Tanzania and its mission, and to give financial aid, visit www.healthtanzania.org. Thank You!

## Make new friends but keep the old! Join a Foyer Group!

Meet people in our parish family you might not otherwise have an opportunity to come to know! Foyer Groups are typically 10 adults who take turns hosting a monthly gathering in each other's homes for a simple meal. The first dinners will be held in October or November. Each group will establish their own preferred format and schedule. Please email Sharon Hickok at shickok1@cox.net if you need more information or visit bit.ly/Grace-Foyer to register. Be sure to indicate if you prefer an adult-only group, need a group with children, or don't have a preference about children attending.

Registration now available for Father Malm's Gala Reception Save the dates for two celebrations honoring the ministry of Father Robert Malm as he retires from Grace Church at the end of September.

- Registration via our website (<u>bit.ly/Gala-Reg</u>) is now available to those who wish to donate by credit card for the Friday, September 27 gala reception which will be held in Merrow Hall Auditorium from 6:30 8:30. If you wish to make a reservation without a credit card, please contact the office at 703.549.1980 or parish.administrator@gracealex.org.
  - This will be an adult only evening of festive food and drink to remember and celebrate milestone events from the last 30 years with the Malm family. A suggested donation of \$20 will help cover costs. No childcare provided.
- On Sunday. September 29, after the combined 10 a.m. morning service, an all-parish gathering will celebrate Father Malm's ministry and offer thanksgiving gifts and special guests, including Bishop Peter Lee (Ret), to mark his time with us. Everyone is welcome and brunch will be provided.

For more information, email anne.caputo@gracealex.org.

## A Message from the Legacy Society Committee

Often, we know what we want to do, or what we should do, but the WHEN we will do it is the stumbling block. Legacy planning often falls into that "someday I will get around to it" category. Yet legacy planning is not only important; it is also one of the most valued gifts one can give ones family. The peace of mind that comes from assessing ones values and assuring their continuance cannot be overstated. The Grace Church Legacy Society has multiple purposes. We encourage parishioners to give thought to many end-of-life matters: having a will, medical directives and power of attorney, plus funeral and burial wishes. The Legacy Society also hopes that Grace parishioners will consider making their church home a part of their legacy planning. A variety of ways enable possible legacy gifts, ranging from inclusion of Grace Church in one's will, to life insurance designation, to establishing Grace as a beneficiary of a 401k, to life income gifts. Grace Legacy Society Committee members are eager to hear from you and hope that your WHEN to consider legacy planning will not be postponed.

### Photo Wall.

Ignored during construction, the photo wall is up and running with a new display featuring the J2A pilgrimage, the EYC Mission trip, New Altar Guild leadership, Youth Sunday, Pentecost and much more!!

# **This Week September 2-7**

## **Labor Day Closures**

The office and the Food Pantry are closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

## **Monthly Requiem**

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding our monthly Requiem service at 6:30 p.m. If you have a loved one who passed who you would like added, please contact the parish office at parish.office@gracealex.org or 703.549.1980.

# Shrine Mont Weekend, September 6-8

The office will close at noon on Friday as we all prepare to head to Shrine Mont this weekend. Some of the staff will already be up there and others will be carting items on Friday. There will be services held at Grace for those of us unable to attend Shrine Mont.

## **Next Week September 8-14**

### First Alert for Brown Bag Week - September 9-13

Two servers are needed each day of our week to pack lunches in our church kitchen and to deliver them to those less fortunate at Meade Memorial in Old Town.

Donations of 10 or 20 sandwiches are also needed (200 are given out for the week). There is a sign-up sheet on the outreach bulletin board or e-mail linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org if you can help or have questions. Because our week follows the Shrine Mont retreat, sandwich delivery will be more complicated, but special drop-off dates can be arranged.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Spots Still Open for Education for Ministry**

The first class is Monday, September 9, 2019. This evening Christian education program runs September – May each year.

- Discuss the Old and New Testament, critical analysis of scripture, the history of the Christian Church, and practical strategies for living your faith in complex times.
- Learn together and grow through dialogue and reflection on our lived experience.

Tuition is \$375 and covers books and administrative costs. Limited scholarships are available. Contact: julia.mcclung@gracealex.org.

## Fall Schedule Resumes, September 15

We will be returning to the regular schedule starting on Sunday, September 15. We will have Eucharists in English at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. La Gracia will return to the auditorium for their 9:00 a.m. Spanish language Eucharist.

# Walk in Love, September 15 at 10:15 a.m.

Join us after the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist as we walk together from Grace to Tenants and Workers United (3801 Mt. Vernon Avenue). This event is an expression of love, solidarity, and hospitality. It is a way of meeting and/or reconnecting with our neighbors. It is a joyful demonstration of strength in community. Sponsored by ACT for Alexandria, Casa Chirilagua, Tenants & Workers United and Grace Episcopal Church, we will enjoy music, food, dance, children's activities and most importantly love. Please bring a plate of cookies or a sweet treat to share.