

## Announcements for Sunday, August 11

### Please Pray For...

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

**Family and friends...** Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Lucia, Ella, Susan, Ben, James, Morgan, Mary, Jackie, Cindy, Rodney, Kimberly, Alec, Sheila, Nina, Tom, Sharkey, Sue, the Thomas family, James, Joe, Maureen

**Requiescat in Pace ...** Edith Kuhn, Canda Smith, Patricia Bayne, those killed in El Paso and Dayton, 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:** 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

**Those travelling:** Sam and Victoria Waskowicz, Cynthia Puskar and family

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. Stephen's and the Good Shepherd, Rocky Bar

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The united Church of South India and **The Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen**, Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Madhya Kerala

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle:** **Joe Donovan** and the volunteer Lay Eucharistic Ministers who provide home visits.

### Those with birthdays this week:

- 12 Beverly Borgia, Claire Whitworth
- 15 Arden Faires, Cynthia Fors, Matthew Ryder
- 16 Sofia Knowles

*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 by Erica McFarquhar in thanksgiving for her parents, Lloyd and Barbara, who 60 years ago were brave enough to welcome their first child, into the world and by Elle and Andrew Madras in celebration of Rosemary Claire's baptism.

#### **Breeze Church Management Software**

You don't have to have an email address on file to get a login for Breeze! Contact the church office and we can set you up. Breeze will allow you to update your own profile photo as well as keep your contact information current! Please contact Amy Medrick at [parish.office@gracealex.org](mailto:parish.office@gracealex.org) if you need assistance.

### Parish News

#### **MARK THESE LEAVETAKING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

Save the dates for two celebrations honoring the ministry of Father Robert Malm as he retires from Grace Church at the end of September. On Friday, September 27 a gala reception will be held in Merrow Hall Auditorium from 6:30-8:30 for an adults-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 his

ministry and offer thanksgiving gifts and special guests to mark his time with us. Everyone is welcome and brunch will be provided. More details and RSVP information to follow as we get closer to these dates. For more information email Anne Caputo at [anne.caputo@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.caputo@gracealex.org).

### **Four Weeks to Shrine Mont! September 6-8**

Have you signed up yet? It is easy to do! There are paper sign-up sheets or you can click on the link from the [gracealex.org](http://gracealex.org) website! Join us for a relaxing weekend of dancing, porch activities, our Follies, and more. Come and relax with your Grace family.

If you have any questions, our 2019 Shrine Mont coordinators Anne and John Boris, and 2020 Shrine Mont coordinators Jennifer and Bill Eckel, would be happy to answer them. Next stop, Orkney Springs!

### **Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors Needed**

So many volunteers have come forward to fill our teacher slots for the 2019-20 program year. We are still in need of two teachers for Godly Play, our class for preschoolers. Email Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org) if you are interested in learning more.

### **Backpack/Supply Drive for Alexandria Public Schools**

The Supply Drive ends Wednesday, August 14! You may ship your items directly to Grace if you cannot make it by the church before then.

School supplies are on sale at all the major retailers and we need your help to fill two collection bins for lower income students in our community. Donations can be dropped off during business hours or on Sunday mornings. Designated bins will be located inside the glass doors and at the children's table as you enter the main Nave doors. Please select items from the list below:

<b>PreK-2nd Grade</b>	<b>3rd - 5th Grade</b>	<b>6th-12th Grade</b>
Backpack	Backpack	Backpack
Composition Books	1" Binder	2" Binder
Plastic Folders	Composition Book	Subject Dividers
Pencils + Crayons	Plastic Folders	5 Subject Spiral
Markers	Large Pink Erasers	Plastic Folders
Large Pink Erasers	Markers + Highlighters	Large Pink Eraser
Dry Erase Markers	Dry Erase Markers	Pencils + Pens
Supply Box	3 Ring Pencil Pouch	Markers + Highlighter
Ziploc Bags	Post-It Notes	Index Cards
Glue Sticks	Pencils + Crayons	Pencils + Pens

### **This Week August 12-17**

#### **Monthly Requiem**

Our monthly requiem will be on Tuesday. If you would like to make sure that someone is included in the reading of the names, please contact the office at [parish.office@gracealex.org](mailto:parish.office@gracealex.org).

#### **Time is running out!**

If your child or youth would like to participate, please email Jenni or sign up through the Sign-Up Genius by **Monday, August 12**.

It is time to pack those backpacks for our neighbors in need! Last year, our volunteers helped pack over 2500 backpacks for area school children from donations (see above announcement) given across the community. Children and youth have two opportunities to volunteer:

- Wednesday, August 14 from 2-5 pm
- Thursday, August 15 from 10-1 pm

A Sign Up Genius was sent through the Wednesday RoundUP this week. Please take a minute to register your child. You may also RSVP to Jenni at [jenni.faires@gracealex.org](mailto:jenni.faires@gracealex.org). Parents are welcome to volunteer with their child (required if child is 10 & under).

## Next Week August 18-24

### **Rosary Group**

The Rosary Group will be meeting at the Lady Altar following the 10:30 service. Newcomers are welcome to join. Rosaries are provided.

## Upcoming Events

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

On Sunday, August 25, we will have a special service of blessing for all our students and teachers called the Blessing of the Backpacks. Students (preschool - college) and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship on this special Sunday. Each student and teacher will receive a special blessing and a backpack tag to remind them that they go with Grace each and every day. Invite your neighbors and friends for this special service of celebration.

### **Have you signed up for the Foyer Group yet?**

Meet people in our parish family you might not otherwise have an opportunity to come to know! Group selection is based on diversity. Foyer Groups are usually 10 who take turns hosting a monthly gathering in each other's homes for a simple meal. Each group is chaired by conveners who will organize the first meeting in October or November. Each group will establish their own preferred format and schedule.

Please email Sharon Hickok at [shickok1@cox.net](mailto:shickok1@cox.net) if you need more information or visit [bit.ly/Grace-Foyer](http://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.

### **Boys and Girls Choir Auditions August 26-30**

Does your child love to sing? Are you interested in gifting your child with the lifelong benefits of a solid foundation of a musical education? You may have even heard the children sing at Evensong, the Christmas Pageant or during the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist twice a month.

Children must be proficient readers and commit to rehearsals twice a week. No prior music training is required. In addition, the Boys and Girls Choir sings at two morning services per month. For more information or to set up a time for your child to audition, please email Dr. Newman at [richard.newman@gracealex.org](mailto:richard.newman@gracealex.org).

### **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.

Seekers welcome. The annual tuition is \$375 and it covers books and administrative costs. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, contact [julia.mcclung@gracealex.org](mailto:julia.mcclung@gracealex.org).

## In Our Community

**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**

Christ Church Alexandria & West End Lazarus is organizing a **Toiletries & Cleaning Supply Drive** for Refugee Families from Afghanistan. Full-size (**no travel-size please**) **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. If you'd like to contribute funds for this effort, we'll do the shopping. Just note Food Pantry/Refugee Supplies on your check. Thank you!

## Haiti Micah Annual Campaign. Thank You for Your Support!

**Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Haiti Micah Project fundraising campaign!!!** Your generosity will support feeding and education programs to over 500 children in Mirebalais.

If you are not able to give now, **you can donate any time after the end of the campaign** and Grace will forward your contribution to the Haiti Micah Project.

**A donation of \$365.00 feeds and educates one child for one year, but any amount you can give will have a significant impact.**

If you would like to donate, **please make your check out to Grace Church** referencing the ‘**Haiti Micah Project**’ in the subject line of your check or on your donation envelope.

More information about the Haiti Micah Project can be found on the following website. <https://haiti-micah.org/about-us/our-story/>

If you have any questions about the donation process, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org).

### **Calendar for August 11-17**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia
9:30 a.m.	Stroller Parking (Amphitheater)
10:30 a.m.	Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Monday</b>	
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Requiem</b>
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (St. Matthew)
1:00 pm.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Requiem
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jonathan Myrick Daniels</b>
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
2:00 p.m.	Backpack Stuffing (Off Site)
7:00 p.m.	AA (New Narthex)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Off Site)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Mary the Virgin</b>
10:00 a.m.	Backpack Stuffing (Off Site)
12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
<b>Friday</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
8:30 p.m.	AA (New Narthex)
<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild