

## Announcements for Sunday, August 18

### 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

**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

**Those travelling:** Beth, Libby, Dennis, Corinna, Brad Bergmann and June Huber

**The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Kingston/ Abingdon, Mathews

**The Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and **The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba**, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa

**Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Rich Kelly, Kristine Hesse, Jean Reed** and all the volunteers and workers who are helping with the HVAC and WiFi renovations.

### Those with birthdays this week:

- 21 Aidan Smith, Frank Waskowicz, Aidan White
- 22 Kate Nider
- 23 Keith Giacomo
- 24 Heather Murphy

*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 in thanksgiving for the picture wall ministry of Frank Waskowicz whose birthday is this week.

#### **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.

#### **Breeze App**

Our new church management software comes with an app! You can download it to your phone and be able to access your information on the go. It will also serve as an online directory when you need to reach someone else in the parish. Need help setting up your login? Contact the office at [parish.office@gracealex.org](mailto:parish.office@gracealex.org) or 703.549.1980.

### Parish News

#### **Email Phishing**

Scammers will claim to be a relative, a friend, or even your clergy to convince you to send them money or things of value. We have had this happen in the past and we just had another instance reported to the office. Anytime 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.

### **School Supply Thank You!**

A big thank you to all who purchased supplies for the ACPS School Supply drive. We filled to the brim two bins with much overflow! This week several youth and parents participated in the packing of all the donations so generously given by the Alexandria community.

### **Postulant of the Order of Saint Francis**

Matthew Ryder who began attending Grace Church on the last Sunday in Advent was recently made a Postulant in the Order of Saint Francis. OSF is an active, Apostolic Christian religious order within the Anglican Communion, in communion with the See of Canterbury. The OSF Brothers live independently in different parts of the world, with ministries based on the needs of their local communities. Members are baptized men who have been confirmed within the Anglican Communion who voluntarily commit to live by a set of professed vows for a term of years or for life. To learn more about the OSF you can visit <https://www.orderofsaintfrancis.org>. Matthew is currently one of 4 volunteer chaplains from Grace Church serving at INOVA Hospital in Alexandria. Matthew welcomes your prayers over the next year as he continues the formation process toward taking vows as a Novitiate next June.

### **Mark These Leave-taking 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 a 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).

### **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](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.

### **Shrine Mont approaching fast!**

The annual Grace Church getaway begins on September 6. **The final deadline for registration is August 25, but Shrine Mont is now asking us to give them a final count on Friday August 23**, to see if we would be releasing any of the housing we've reserved. So, if you're coming to Shrine Mont, please REGISTER SOON. You can sign up via the Grace Church website or via a paper registration form available during coffee hour or from the church office. If you'd like one of the (very stylish) 2019 t-shirts or polo shirts, the deadline is even sooner - **please order by Tuesday, August 20**. Thank you to the many who have already signed up, and to the generosity Grace Church has displayed in scholarship donations, which expand the circle of those who will be able to be at Shrine Mont this year. If you'd like more information about the relaxing, uplifting, restorative weekend that Shrine Mont can be, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with one of the 2019 Coordinators, Anne and John Boris, or 2020 Coordinators, Jennifer and Bill Eckel. Though in fact, Grace Church is full of people who could tell you about Shrine Mont and would be happy to share their thoughts with you. See you in Orkney Springs, we hope!

### **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.

### **Next Week August 25-31**

#### **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.

#### **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).

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **End of Summer Schedule**

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. There will be a 9:00 a.m. Spanish language Eucharist in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. The exception to that schedule will be September 29 when we have a joint 10:00 a.m. service with the Bishop as we celebrate Founders Day and Father Malm's years of ministry at Grace.

#### **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.

#### **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**

#### **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. Health Tanzania works with individuals and organizations in Tanzania to improve the health and education of disadvantaged Tanzanians, 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 Mission & Outreach 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 in the future. Henry Zeigler's next trip to Tanzania will be in October 2019. Donations of medical supplies such as stethoscopes, pulse oxygen readers, and blood pressure machines as well as laptop computers and thumb drives are always appreciated!

To receive the bi-monthly 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](http://www.healthtanzania.org). Thank You!

**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!

### **Calendar for August 18-24**

#### **Sunday                      The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

7:30 a.m.                      Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m.                      La Gracia  
10:30 a.m.                     Choral Eucharist  
5:00 p.m.                      Holy Eucharist

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Tuesday                     Bernard, 1153**

10:00 a.m.                    Staff Meeting (St. Matthew)  
1:00 pm.                      Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)  
6:30 p.m.                      Holy Eucharist

#### **Wednesday**

7:30 a.m.                      Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m.                      AA (New Narthex)  
7:30 p.m.                      Bible Study (Off Site)

#### **Thursday                    St. Bartholomew the Apostle**

12:15 p.m.                    Holy Eucharist

#### **Friday**

6:30 p.m.                    Food Pantry Open  
8:30 p.m.                    AA (New Narthex)

#### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m.                    Altar Guild