

Announcements for Sunday, September 15

Please Pray For...

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

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Bruce, Jill, Michael, Rob, Don, Laura, Clare, Yanira, Kara, Margaret

Requiescat in Pace ... Marshall Bartlett 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, 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, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, 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: June Huber and Brad Bergmann

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Little Fork, Rixeyville; Christ Church, Brandy Station; St. Matthew's, Richmond; Emmanuel, Middleburg; Farnham and St. John's, Warsaw.

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania and **The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa**, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: Jay O'Malley, and the volunteers who maintain the Grace Church Library.

Those with birthdays this week:

15	Kayla Dagne, Jay O'Malley
16	Nancy Graves, Cole Ruff
17	Robert Malm
18	Rosemary Falcon
19	Robert White
20	Hermann Gerber

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 in thanksgiving for all of the new renovations at Grace.

Fall Schedule Resumes Today

We will be returning to the regular schedule starting today! 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, Today at 10:15 a.m.

Following the 9:00 Eucharist, join us in the circle by the Narthex doors as we gather to walk together from Grace to Tenants and Workers United (3801 Mt. Vernon Avenue). This event is an expression of love, solidarity, and hospitality. Meeting and/or reconnect with our neighbors in this joyful demonstration of strength in community. We will enjoy music, food, dance, children's activities and most importantly love. The walk is sponsored by ACT for Alexandria, Casa Chirilagua, Tenants & Workers United and Grace Episcopal Church.

Rosary Group

The Rosary Group will be meeting at the Lady Altar following the 11:15 service. Please feel free to join us. Newcomers are always welcome.

Parish News

Summer Giving Slide

Over the summer months, giving tends to go down. This year, that slide hit during the month of August. Please take a minute to go online or call the office to check on the status of your pledge. Don't wait until the holiday season to play catch up.

Notes for the Malms

Notecards and a basket are available in the Commons (or in the Parish Office) for parishioners to leave a personal message for the Malms before Father Malm and Leslie leave us. The cards will be presented to them on Sunday, September 29.

Purse for Father Malm

The vestry has authorized a purse for Father Malm's retirement. If you would like to contribute, please write a check payable to Grace Church with "Malm purse" in the memo line or go to the Give Now section on Breeze to give online. The purse will be presented to him at the Founders' Day brunch along with other parting gifts.

Register for Father Malm's Gala Reception NOW!

Father Malm's final Sunday with us will be Sunday, September 29 which is getting closer. There are two opportunities to celebrate with us and honor the ministry of Father Robert Malm as he retires from Grace Church.

- ❑ On Friday, September 27 there will be a gala reception held in Merrow Hall Auditorium from 6:30 to 8:30. The dress code is church appropriate and we will be having passed appetizers and heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet. This will be an adult only evening to celebrate milestone events from the last 30 years with the Malm family. A suggested donation of \$20 will help cover costs. No childcare provided.

Register as soon as possible via our website (bit.ly/Gala-Reg) if you wish to donate by credit. If you wish to make a reservation without a credit card, please contact the office at 703.549.1980 or parish.administrator@gracealex.org.

- ❑ 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.

Parishioner Information on the Website

Trying to figure out how to get to Breeze? Looking for the Special Events Calendar? Want to put someone on the prayer list or purchase flowers for the altar? You can always go to gracealex.org and find this information under “For Parishioners” in Parish Life.

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.

Next Week September 22-28

Adult Forum

Father Malm will present his final Adult Forum as Rector of Grace Church in Merrow Hall Auditorium. As he said at Shrine Mont, “I’ve got too much to say and need a forum hour to finish!”

Sunday School Begins

The Christian Education Year begins September 22. Please take a minute to register for Sunday school and Children’s Coffee Hour! Registration is available through the Weekly RoundUp. If you are not receiving Jenni’s weekly e-newsletter, please email her at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Sunday School and Youth Activities also begin on Sunday, September 22 following the 9:00 am Choral Eucharist. Godly Play (St. Nicholas Room) and elementary classes will meet in the classrooms on the second floor for an informal Open House. Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to meet their students!

- Rite 13 will have a parent meeting in St. Luke.
- J2A will have a parent meeting in St. Mark.
- EYC youth will meet in their classroom.

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!

Upcoming Events

- 9/22** Sunday School Open House for Godly Play – 5th grade
Rite 13 – Parent Meeting – St. Luke
J2A – Parent Meeting – St. Mark
EYC – Meet in Classroom
Adult Forum: Father Malm’s Final Adult Forum
- 9/27** Gala Reception in Celebration of Father Malm’s Ministry
- 9/29** Final Sunday with Father Malm
Combined 10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist for Founders
Day with Bishop Peter Lee to be followed by brunch in Merrow Hall Auditorium.

In Our Community

From the Food Pantry: Help Fill the Bonus Shelves!

While we continue to bring in food from the Capital Food Bank to provide our bags of staple items to our clients, our bonus shelves are looking a little bare. The bonus shelves are an important part of this ministry as it gives our clients the opportunity to pick a little something for themselves, a couple of things that are what they want rather than something to get by. Please consider bringing in items for the bonus shelves such as tortillas, bagged onions, potatoes, apples or oranges. Shelf stable fruit and milk are also popular items. Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, etc.) and cleaning supplies are also popular items.

We also accept items 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.

Calendar for September 15-21

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist
9:00 a.m. La Gracia (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m. Walk in Love
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
12:50 p.m. Rosary Group (Lady Altar)
3:00 p.m. GES Fall Family Social
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

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

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (St. Mark)
1:00 pm. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Advanced Treble Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Novice Treble Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Hildegard, 1179

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Combined Treble Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. AA District One (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m. Community Lodging (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

Edward Bouverie Pusey, 1882

Thursday

8:45 a.m. GES/GEC Meeting (Library)
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. 11:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

St. Matthew (tr)

Friday

9:00 a.m. GES Chapel
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open
6:30 p.m. Gala Reception (Auditorium)
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

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