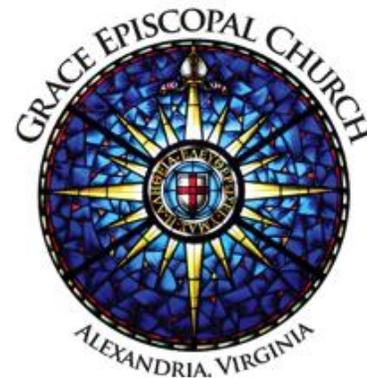


# Grace Notes



Monthly Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

December 2019  
January 2020

## From the Interim Rector Greetings

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I am Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. I look forward to serving with you as your Interim Rector in proclaiming the Gospel and administering the Sacraments.

Thank you for your confidence in allowing me this opportunity to partner with you in this transition period of Grace Episcopal Church and School. The worship of formal liturgy is very joyful for me. It is very comforting to hear your love for the blessed sacrament. I am very excited to be here with you.

I have just completed an 18-month interim for Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Arlington. They also had a long-time pastor who retired having completed many wonderful ministries. There was a great feeling of joy for all the many accomplishments, as well a great feeling of lost. This is very understandable and a very normal feeling. In the very short time that I have been here, I hear the same concerns. Again, this is understandable and normal. What we must remember is we are in God's hands. HE will not drop us. We will continue to proclaim the Gospel and rightly administer the Sacraments. We will continue the work of the church which is the body of Christ.

Please note I have written "WE".

*Your fellow servant in Christ,  
Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠*

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Schedule

Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... 7:30 am  
Child Care ..... 8:45 am–12:45 pm  
Children’s Chapel..... 8:50 am-9:30 am  
La Santa Eucaristía..... 9:00 am  
Choral Eucharist Rite II ..... 9:00 am  
Christian Ed classes ..... 10:15 am  
Choral Eucharist Rite I ..... 11:15 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 5:00 pm

### Weekday Schedule

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing .... 6:30 pm  
Wednesdays, Rite I ..... 7:30 am  
Thursdays\* ..... 12:15 pm

\*Alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

## About Grace Notes

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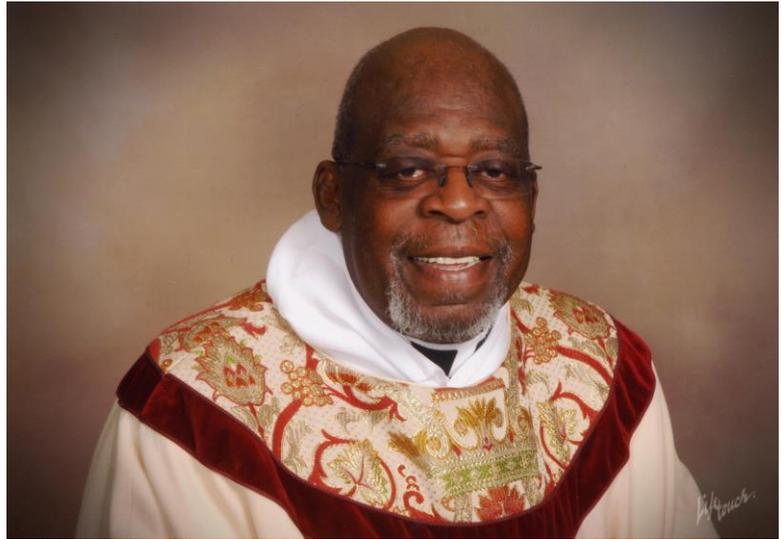
The next *Grace Notes* deadline is January 15 for the February issue. Articles should be submitted by e-mail to [grace.notes@gracealex.org](mailto:grace.notes@gracealex.org). All articles are subject to editing.

Grace Church’s newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Teresa Preston, and Amy Medrick.

### Grace Church is:

A center for worship and fellowship  
A school for discipleship and stewardship  
A community for healing and outreach

## Vestry Votes to Call Fr. Michael Guy as Interim Rector



The vestry is pleased to announce that it has voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Boyd Guy Sr. as interim rector while we search for a permanent rector during this time of transition.

Fr. Michael comes to us on the recommendation of the Diocese of Virginia’s Office of Transition Ministry, and our decision was made in consultation with Bishop Susan Goff. He is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Episcopal Church and ELCA have been in full communion since 2001.

Fr. Michael grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His first career was serving in the US Navy on search and rescue missions for special operations teams. After retiring from the Navy, he became a physician’s assistant specializing in trauma and vascular surgery. His third calling was to the ELCA ministry. He graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia in 1998. The Most Rev. Michael Curry, currently the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, preached at his ordination. Fr. Michael has served Lutheran parishes in New York, New Jersey, and Maryland. He has just completed an 18-month assignment as interim pastor of Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington.

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## *Vestry Vote from page 2*

He has enjoyed warm relationships with neighboring Episcopal clergy at every parish he has served, including most recently the Rev. Andrew Merrow of St. Mary's in Arlington. Fr. Michael has two children and six grandchildren all who are residents of Northern Virginia.

During his interview with the vestry, Fr. Michael stated that he has "an appreciation and gift for formal liturgy. Preaching and teaching hold a special place for me within my call" to ministry. He brings a wealth of experience and pastoral care to his ministry. His leadership skills, warmth, and sense of humor will be huge assets to us. Sometime after the first of the year the vestry will name a separate discernment (search) committee to identify and make a recommendation for a new rector. That process may take a year or longer.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fr. Michael!. A welcoming reception will occur on Sunday, December 8, following the 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols service.

*Christopher Kupczyk  
Senior Warden*

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## Grace Episcopal School

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

As we celebrate the advent season and the birth of Christ, the School is reminded of our many blessings. We are grateful to serve as a mission of the church; we are grateful for our partnership to serve the community; we are grateful for the many families who entrust their children to our care. What a joyous place Grace School is, where we can celebrate our children and support them in mind, body and spirit. We know that 2020 promises more learning, play and laughter.

Our Grace students have enjoyed a successful fall with field trips to DC museums, local farms and parks and in-house assemblies from Cinderella to Shakespeare. Their project-based learning decorates our hallways, and they are becoming seasoned public speakers with their presentations. The students will tell you one of their favorite events is serving as a buddy to a younger student. Watching a fourth grader sitting next to a kindergartener and both delighting in a funny book is priceless.

And as the New Year emerges, it is time to begin the Admissions Season once again. Our best student referrals come from within the Grace School and Grace Church community, so be sure to tell your family and friends to check for our upcoming community and admissions events as listed on our website. Thank you for your support!

*Patti Culbreth  
Head of School*

## Family Ministries

Oh What A Year!

The turn of the calendar year is a time for us to reflect on the year behind us and look forward to the year ahead—and oh, what a year it has been! Below is a top ten list of the highlights that have stood out in 2019 (in no particular order because they are all tops on the list).

- ✓ Confirmation of our J2A youth at the Easter Vigil
- ✓ Celebration of Ministry of Father Malm
- ✓ An office with temperature control
- ✓ Consistent attendance of over 50 students in Sunday school this fall
- ✓ Closing 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation with a circle prayer for our graduates (including my son, Turner)
- ✓ Traveling to Ireland and Iceland with our J2A youth and their sponsors
- ✓ Working Wi-Fi in Merrow Hall (and throughout the building)
- ✓ The call and beginning of Ministry of Father Jason Roberson
- ✓ The EYC Mission Trip to Eastern North Carolina
- ✓ The September Evensong sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir
- ✓ The launch of a new two-year youth cycle
- ✓ Dedication of our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors
- ✓ The number of babies baptized in 2019
- ✓ The call of a new Interim Rector to join our team

And what am I looking forward to in 2020?

- The work needed to name a permanent rector for Grace Church!
- Growing our Stroller Parking group
- Continuing the excellent program and traditions that make Grace a unique and thriving parish.

Special December Dates

★ Sunday, December 1 is our Inter-generational Advent celebration in Merrow Hall Auditorium during the forum hour. This year, activities will include:

- ❖ A meet and greet with Father Michael
- ❖ The making of Advent wreaths
- ❖ The makings for a handmade creche
- ❖ A make-your-own Advent Calendar for your family
- ❖ Festive food by La Gracia

★ Sunday, December 8 during both morning worship services, our children will receive a special visit from St. Nicholas. This is a wonderful way to introduce children to the origins of Santa Claus and receive a special treat. Be sure to visit the St. Nicholas display located in the Malm Narthex. A new addition to the St. Nicholas Room (where Children's Chapel and Godly Play are held) is a beautiful plaque of St. Nicholas donated by Jean and Lucy Lee Reed in honor of Father Malm. Be sure to point the artwork out to your children as they enter the room for class. St. Nicholas Sunday is sure to be an exciting one!

★ Sunday, December 8, our Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir will present Advent Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. This is a beautiful and deeply spiritual way to usher in the Advent season. Following Advent Lessons and Carols, a reception will be held in Merrow Hall to welcome Father Michael. Please join us if you are able!

★ Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. is the annual presentation of the Christmas Pageant featuring the children and youth of this parish. This year we welcome our La Gracia children to the excitement of the pageant! Come and enjoy this Christmas tradition at Grace. It will certainly fill the Nave with the sights and sounds of Christmas. A pizza dinner and cookie dessert will be served in Merrow Hall Auditorium following the pageant.

★ The last day of Sunday School for the year is December 22. Sunday School will resume January 12, 2020.

★ Please consider the 3 p.m. service on Christmas Eve for our families with children. This service is designed for children, led by children and is a much less crowded and simplified version of the 5 p.m. service. Our Boys and Girls Choir will be the special choral guests for the service. We even end the evening with the a capella singing of Silent Night and depart by the light of glow stick necklaces. We all leave in the Christmas spirit ready to eat dinner and wait for Santa!

#### Youth News

All youth are invited to join us at Hard Times in Springfield for the Youth Christmas Party on December 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Drop off and pick up is at Hard Times. Carpooling is encouraged! Cost for the evening is \$10.

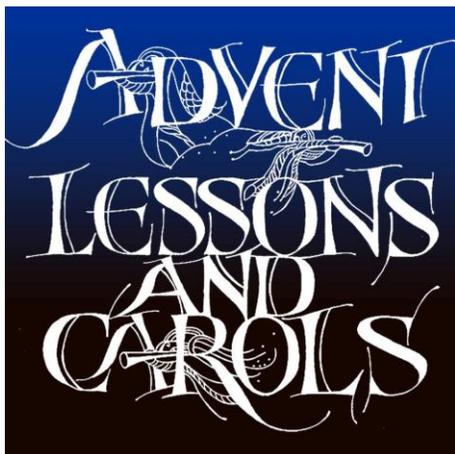
We will have Youth Night on Sunday, January 5 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Start the new year off at church!

*Jenni Faires*

### Upcoming Forum Schedule

December 1	Inter-Generational Advent Celebration
December 8	Diocesan Convention report from our representatives: Mike Jones, Jean Reed, Jason Roberson and our youth representative, Julie Cizek
December 15	Warden Update
December 22	Festive Carol Sing with Dr. Newman
January 5	Three Kings Festival Coffee Hour
January 12	Warden Update on Rector Search
January 19	Budget Presentation in Merrow Hall Auditorium
January 26	Annual Parish Meeting in Merrow Hall Auditorium (after 10 a.m. service)

## Music Notes



You are invited to join us for Advent Lessons and Carols sung by The Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir on December 8 at 5:00 p.m. Highlights include music from The Southern Harmony and two movements from Handel's beloved oratorio Messiah. Some of the best hymns of the season will also be sung. The Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated immediately following the closing voluntary. There will be a festive reception following the Eucharist for our interim rector.

The holidays are always rich with music and we are blessed to have hard-working choirs to offer music to the greater glory of God.

The Christmas Eve services will include extended choral and instrumental preludes. The prelude to the 5:00 p.m. service will begin at 4:30 p.m.—

with music for organ, brass, and choir. The prelude to the 7:30 p.m. service will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will feature organ music. The prelude to the 11:00 p.m. service begins at 10:30 p.m. and will feature music for organ and choir. As usual, the brass quintet at the 5:00 p.m. service will be the King Street Brass. The annual presentation of Christmas Lessons and Carols will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 29. If you missed singing one of your favorite Christmas carols earlier, chances are good you'll sing it at this service!

Aside from the various services with special music and instrumentalists on Christmas Eve, we will have music for strings, choir, and organ on the Feast of Candlemas, February 2 at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Have you contributed to the Music Fund recently? The various instrumentalists at Christmas and other feast days are funded solely by the Music Fund, which is not part of the church's operating budget. This year we need \$2,500 to cover the cost for one5 Christmas Eve service with brass and strings for Candlemas. Please write Music Fund in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate on Sundays. It is also possible to set up a recurring contribution online. For more information, visit us on the web at: [www.gracealex.org/stewardship/give-your-treasure/make-an-offering](http://www.gracealex.org/stewardship/give-your-treasure/make-an-offering).

*Richard Newman*  
*Director of Music*

## Christmas, or Christ's Mass



Christmas (in old English, Cristes maesse) is the festival we celebrate on December 25 that commemorates the Incarnation of the Word of God in the birth of Jesus Christ. In the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) it's also called The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In our country, as we well know, it's also a popular secular holiday.

The early Christian community distinguished between the identification of the date of Jesus' birth and the liturgical celebration of that event. The actual observance of the day of Jesus' birth was long in coming. In fact, during the first two centuries of Christianity there was strong opposition to recognizing birthdays of martyrs or, for that matter, of Jesus. Numerous church fathers offered sarcastic comments about the pagan custom of celebrating birthdays when, in fact, saints and martyrs should be honored on the days of their martyrdom—their true "birthdays," from the church's perspective.

According to ancient sources, Christmas was first celebrated in Rome in the year 336. It gradually spread to the churches of the east, which already had a festival on January 6 commemorating the manifestation of God in both the birth and baptism of Jesus. Our date, December 25, rests on no historical foundation. It was first identified as the date of Jesus' birth by Sextus Julius Africanus in 221 and later became the universally accepted date. It was probably chosen to oppose the feast *Natalis Solis Invicti*, the birthday of the "Unconquerable Sun God" (Saturn), which took place at the winter solstice to celebrate the birth of "the Sun of Righteousness." Long after December 25 had become widely

accepted as the date of Jesus' birth, Christian writers frequently made the connection between the rebirth of the sun and the birth of the Son.

A second view suggests that December 25 became the date of Jesus' birth by *a priori* reasoning that identified the spring equinox as the date of the creation of the world and the fourth day of creation, when the light was created, as the day of Jesus' conception (i.e., March 25). December 25, nine months later, then became the date of Jesus' birth. For a long time, the celebration of Jesus' birth was observed in conjunction with his baptism, celebrated January 6.

The customs associated with Christmas have developed from many sources. From early days, the popular observance of Christmas was marked by the joy and celebration characteristic of the Roman Saturnalia and the pagan festivals which it replaced. It came to include the decoration of houses with greenery and the giving of gifts to children and the poor. In Britain, other observances were added including the Yule log and Yule cakes, fir trees, gifts, and greetings. Fires and lights (symbols of warmth and lasting life) and evergreens (symbols of survival) were traditionally associated with both pagan and Christian festivals. Their use developed considerably in England with the importation of German customs by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, and through the influence of the writings of Charles Dickens.

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In the BCP, Christmas Day is one of the seven principal feasts. The Christmas season lasts twelve days, from Christmas Day until January 5, the day before the Epiphany. The season includes Christmas Day, the First Sunday after Christmas Day, the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and sometimes includes the Second Sunday after Christmas Day. In many parishes, including ours, the main liturgical celebrations of Christmas take place on Christmas Eve

June Huber

**Holiday Bazaar**  
To Benefit the  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Food Pantry

**Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am to 4 pm**

Grace Episcopal Church  
3601 Russell Rd., Alexandria  
[www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org)

Interested in being an Exhibitor?  
Email Cor Medrick at: [holidaybazaar.grace@gmail.com](mailto:holidaybazaar.grace@gmail.com)

**All Are Welcome!**  
• Gifts • Crafts

For the first time in years, Grace will be holding a Holiday Bazaar. Cor Medrick, a 17-year-old senior at Washington-Lee, is spearheading the event which will be held on December 7 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. The event is free to the public and the proceeds from the rental of vendor tables and raffle items will go to support the Grace Food Pantry.

The merchants include crafters and direct sales vendors. There will be a wide variety of unique items for different ages available. Come and take a look and see if you can get some names crossed off on your list!

A partial list of vendors is available below. If you are interested in volunteering to help greet and direct people, please email [holidaybazaar.grace@gmail.com](mailto:holidaybazaar.grace@gmail.com).

- Conjaja & Associates Loungewear
- Color Street
- Discovery Toys
- Fuzzy Soccerball FunStuff Vintage Jewelry
- Grace Church Candles
- Holy Land CSC
- Jamie McCracken Crafts
- JMarlou & Company Jewelry & Photography
- Papparazzi
- Peruvian Chocolate
- Pinstripes
- Tastefully Simple
- Scentsy
- Thirty-One
- Wheat Weaving
- Whimsical Windsor Jewelry & Accessories

## Grace in Action – Changing Lives at Home and Abroad

During this time of giving thanks and celebration, we want to recognize the many volunteers that make Grace a community of giving and love.

Grace supports many outreach ministries and we can't be successful without the dedication and talents of our amazing volunteers!

In this season of giving, let's start with our Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday giving ministries.

- **Thanksgiving Baskets** – Ninety-four families in our community received Thanksgiving baskets this year! This is the result of a dedicated team of volunteers from La Gracia, Outreach, EYC, J2A, Rite 13 and our fantastic staff, along with the incredible generosity of our Grace community. Thank you all!
- **Christmas Giving** – La Gracia and Outreach are partnering again this year to provide holiday gifts to local families through the Grace Giving Tree. We hope to increase our support this year and thank everyone who participated previously and those who give this year.

Those who volunteer their time and talent supporting other ministries also must be recognized.

- **Food Pantry** – Twenty plus volunteers operate the Food Pantry three days a week. As of September, we service over 5,000 clients!
- **Meals on Wheels** – Grace volunteers deliver 60 to 70 meals each month to homebound Alexandria senior citizens. This service makes a significant impact in the lives of our elderly neighbors.
- **Brown Bag Lunch Program** – Every 6-8 weeks, Grace volunteers make sandwiches and serve 50-60 lunches to local homeless and jobless citizens in partnership with Meade Memorial Church. This is a significant effort that makes a great impact.
- **West End Lazarus** – Grace members partner with other church volunteers each week to provide emergency financial assistance to Alexandria residents unable to pay a bill and facing loss of lodging or services. Year to date over 300 evictions, 150+ utility shutoffs and 25+ medical bills were paid funded in part by pledge funds.
- **Refugee Ministry** – Grace hosted a Valentine's Day dinner for Afghan refugees who receive support from members of the Christ Church Refugee ministry. Many answered the call for donations of cleaning products in August and we look forward to hosting another community dinner in 2020.
- **Hypothermia Overflow Shelter** – The Church of St. Clement hosts an overflow shelter for homeless men referred by Carpenter's Shelter. Grace provides volunteers twice a month between January and March to cover 2 evening shifts (before and after midnight).

- **V.O.I.C.E. (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)** – Grace participates with other faith-based organizations to advocate for affordable housing, immigrant rights and other social justice issues that impact our local community. Grace volunteers participated in a wide range of events this year, including getting out the vote and listening sessions with local and state leaders.
- **Mission Trip** – EYC and other Grace volunteers travel every year to distressed areas to rebuild communities devastated by natural disasters. This year’s trip provided assistance in North Carolina, which is still recovering from the hurricanes in 2018.
- **Haiti Micah Project** – Grace volunteers contribute a dollar-a-day (\$365) to feed Haiti children and support them for school. The annual giving campaign runs from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. This year we were able to sponsor 55 children thanks to your generosity!
- **Tanzania Hospital** – Missionaries from Grace travel to Tanzania 3-4 times a year to deliver medical and financial aid through the Health Tanzania Foundation, which was founded by Grace members Henry and Priscilla Zeigler. Parishioners donated much needed medical supplies and funding and we plan to send a mission team from Grace in the next 2 years.

Come join others in our community to contribute your talents and time to help us make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community and abroad.

For further information about how you can get involved, contact Outreach Chair Jennifer Pease at [jennifer.pease@gracealex.org](mailto:jennifer.pease@gracealex.org) or the Committee at [outreach.committee@gracealex.org](mailto:outreach.committee@gracealex.org).

*Jennifer Pease*

### Vestry Wants You!

Five new vestry members will be elected for a three-year term at the Annual Meeting in January. In a time of transition, renewal and discernment about the future of Grace Church it is important we have strong thoughtful vestry leaders. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to run for a vestry position. If you are interested or need more information contact Senior Warden, Chris Kupczyk, or Junior Warden, Anne Caputo, or any member of the vestry. Questions are welcome.

## From the Library

Do you like books? Do you like free books even better? I do.

The parish library is blessed with an overabundance of books on a wide range of subjects. What I mean by an overabundance is lack of space for all the books in our collection. Our library shelves are full to bursting, and it is getting to the point that the addition of a new book requires that we remove one to offset the gain. This situation has recently been magnified by the addition of a large number of books left to the church on Father Malm's departure. Many of the books he donated fit in nicely to our collection. But we just have too many good books. What a fortunate, yet vexing, problem!

I have the same problem at home – too many books and too little space. At home, I find it very difficult to pare my personal library, and the books pile up, literally. That should not happen to our parish collection. We simply must create more room.

This means that you are in luck. Free books. And a lot of free books – well over 100, covering a wide subject matter range. Let me give you a few examples. Are you interested in Thomas Merton? We have books *about* Thomas Merton *The Seven Mountains of Thomas Merton*, by Michael Mott, and *Merton, By Those Who Knew Him Best*, edited by Paul Wilkes) and by Thomas Merton *Life and Holiness* (with an introduction by Henri Nouwen), *The True Solitude*, and *The Asian Journal of Thomas Merton*. Do you think science and belief in God are incompatible? You should read *The Language of God*, by Francis S. Collins, head of the Human Genome

Project, working at the cutting edge of DNA research. Dr. Collins is one of the leading scientists in the United States who believes science and spirituality can be harmonious. Interested in the afterlife (aren't we all)? Then you might try *A History of Heaven*, by Jeffrey Burton Russell, a professor of history and religious studies in the University of California system. Russell's book explores how writers, philosophers and artists have viewed heaven over the centuries.

These are just a few examples of the topical array we have for you. The collection includes histories, biographies, books about prayer and spirituality, and even a few novels.

Over the next few weeks, take a look in the library as you go by on Sunday mornings and spend a few minutes checking out our bargains (what can be better than free?). Please select a book or two, or even a bag of books, if you find that many to be of interest. Most Sundays (meeting schedules in the library permitting) the available books will be on the library conference table in the center of the room. There are too many books to display all at once; so, we will change the selection every week or two. We will donate to an interested charity any books not taken.

(Do not let this news of the library's abundance stop you from donating a book you think would be good for our collection. We are always trying to update our inventory with topical and intriguing titles).

Jay O'Malley

# Christmas Flower Donations!



Please **print** your name here:

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It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. The Altar Guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas decoration fund, please fill out the form below and enclose a donation of \$50. These forms may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church office. Please note 'Christmas Flowers' on the check memo line. **If you wish to have your offering listed in the Christmastide Booklet, the office must receive this form and payment by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.** Question? Contact Lisa Doelp, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at 703-239-1302 or [lisa.doelp@gracealex.org](mailto:lisa.doelp@gracealex.org).

Please circle one of the choices below and **print** the remainder of the message exactly the way you would like it to appear in the Christmastide booklet:

**"In loving memory of"**      or      **"In thanksgiving for"**

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Given by (**print** the name or names of the donors exactly as you want them to appear):

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## December Birthdays

12/4 Kevin Plunkett  
 12/4 Taylor Whitworth  
 12/4 Clara Shriner  
 12/4 Nicholas Shriner  
 12/8 Valerie Eudy  
 12/13 Catherine Giacomo  
 12/14 Stuart Stancil  
 12/14 Jenni Faires  
 12/14 Lucy Waskowicz  
 12/15 Mark Kellogg  
 12/15 Greg Whitlow  
 12/17 Mary Fox  
 12/17 Mary Hix  
 12/17 Christina Ritter  
 12/18 David Dellefield  
 12/18 Maria Ribas  
 12/19 Mac Rein  
 12/20 Pat Edelin  
 12/21 Wendy Wilmer  
 12/22 Priscilla Hanley  
 12/23 Constance Troyer  
 12/24 Yolanda Oertel  
 12/26 Eva Lorentz  
 12/27 Walter Winstead  
 12/28 Matthew Tschetter  
 12/29 Linda Durand  
 12/29 Stanley Borgia  
 12/29 Brett Medley  
 12/30 Melanie Farciert

## January Birthdays

1/1 Judy Miller  
 1/2 Jane Clare Joyner  
 1/2 Mira Chiow  
 1/5 Dorothy Bakke  
 1/7 Karen Hoppe  
 1/7 Colby Gustafson  
 1/7 Emily Smith  
 1/8 Breen Byrnes  
 1/8 Sergio Yanez  
 1/9 Howard Wyman  
 1/10 Sara Waskowicz  
 1/14 Anne Caputo  
 1/14 Betty Mills  
 1/15 Luis Odria  
 1/15 Peter Spencer  
 1/16 Rose Hall  
 1/16 William Bombo  
 1/17 Caroline Legere  
 1/18 Anne David  
 1/19 Char Rusnak  
 1/22 Dorothy Daniel  
 1/22 Bill Eckel  
 1/22 Chris Kupczyk  
 1/22 Alison Smith  
 1/23 Nat Ames  
 1/23 Suzanne O'Malley  
 1/23 Liam Smith  
 1/24 Billy Faires  
 1/24 Charles Winstead  
 1/24 Brennen Ruff  
 1/24 Emily Lopez  
 1/27 Tina Anderson  
 1/27 Kimberly Person  
 1/27 Kathryn Pattarini  
 1/28 James Anders  
 1/28 Lucy Medley  
 1/28 Nicholas Gentry  
 1/28 Nora Gentry  
 1/31 Anne Boris

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 Jean Reed ..... Evangelism

### Class of 2020

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 Mary Stewart.....Treasurer  
 Laura Weidenfeld ..... Worship

### Class of 2021

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..... Pastoral Care  
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## Advent and Christmas at Grace Church 2019

### December 7: Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Bazaar

*Craft and Gift sale to support the Grace Food Pantry.*

### December 8: Advent 2

7:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.

La Gracia Eucharist in Spanish

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

St. Nicholas Visit to both Choral Eucharists

5:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols

*With the Boys and Girls Choir and Adult Choir*

### December 15: Advent 3

7:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.

La Gracia Eucharist in Spanish

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Pageant followed by a reception

### December 22: Advent 4

7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.

La Gracia Eucharist in Spanish

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

### December 23

7:00 p.m.

La Gracia Christmas Holy Eucharist

### December 24: Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist for Children and Families

5:00 p.m.

Festival Eucharist of the Nativity of our Lord

*Prelude begins at 4:30 p.m.*

7:30 p.m.

Festival Eucharist of the Nativity of our Lord

*Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m.*

11:00 p.m.

Solemn High Mass of the Nativity of our Lord

*Prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.*

### December 25: Christmas Day

12:00 p.m.

Festival Eucharist

### December 29: The Sunday after Christmas

7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.

La Gracia Eucharist in Spanish

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

### January 1: Feast of the Holy Name

12:00 p.m.

Choral Eucharist