

February 9: Chili Bowl Save the Date!

Our favorite fundraiser is just 5 weeks away! Time to start building your teams and coming up with the winning theme for your booth. Email Jenni at Jenni.Faires@gracealex.org if your ministry is planning on participating.

In Our Community

Volunteers Needed for Hypothermia Shelter

The Church of St. Clement of Alexandria provides this shelter to the homeless, and Grace Church supports their effort. Our dates of service are Monday, Jan. 20; Monday, Feb. 10; and Monday, Mar. 2. Two volunteers are needed for each of two shifts (7:20 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. & 11:50 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.). It is an easy way to make a difference and SAVE LIVES. Please sign up for our Winter Overflow Shelter ministry on gracealex.org. For more information, contact Scott Knudsen at sknudsen@earthlink.net or 571-232-0375.

Grace Church Food Pantry 2019 Wrap-up

Many thanks to all the Grace parishioners, volunteers, helpers, and school children who made 2019 a success for the Grace Church Food Pantry! The pantry ordered over 14 tons of food from the Capital Area Food Bank/USDA and was able to serve 1,540 households and 7,080 individuals (3,420 children and 3,560 adults)! From Bountiful Bunny, Tom Turkey, the Holiday Bazaar to donations left at the Pantry door, your generosity in giving helped the Pantry fulfill its mission to help our Alexandria neighbors in need. Thank you all and here's to a successful 2020!

Calendar for January 5-11

Monday		Wednesday (cont.)	
9:00 a.m.	GES Epiphany Chapel	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Library)
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)	8:00 p.m.	AA/Al-Anon (Auditorium)
6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry (St. Mark)	Thursday	
Tuesday		12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Adv. Treble Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	11:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Novice Treble Rehearsal	Friday	
6:30 p.m.	Monthly Requiem	6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open (until 7:30)
7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
Wednesday		Saturday	
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
5:30 p.m.	Combined Treble Choir	2:00 p.m.	Jorge Muñoz Requiem
7:00 p.m.	AA District One (St. Mark)		
7:30 p.m.	9:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal		

Announcements for January 5, 2020

Please Pray For...

Parishioners: Michael, Richard, Tina, Bette, Susan, Frank, Katherine, Will, Easter, Christine, Linda, Denise, Yolanda, Claudine, Breen, Amanda, Jane

Family and friends: Pepper, Cathy, Martha, George, Amanda, Kara, Hatch, Andy and Mia, Don, Rt Rev. Carl, Virginia, Michael, Denis, Michael, Arden, Leslie, Sally, Morgan, Matthew, William, Bianca, Tyler, Virginia

Requiescat in Pace: Neal Goodson, Jorge Muñoz, Patricia Schott and those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria and all others at risk: 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, Christopher and Marjorie Corlett, Eric and Karen Coulson.

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

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and The Most Revd Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki and Primate; The Most Revd Don Tamihere, Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate; and The Most Revd Fereimi Cama, Bishop of Polynesia and Primate

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: All Bishops, Priests and Deacons

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: For all baptized in their daily life and work.

Those with birthdays this week:

5	Dorothy Bakke
7	Karen Hoppe, Colby Gustafson, Emily Smith
8	Breen Byrnes, Sergio Yanez
9	Howard Wyman
10	Sara Waskowicz

Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or submit them on the website at: <http://bit.ly/Grace-Prayer>. Requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed.

A Prayer for Our Search Process

Almighty and gracious God, be with us and guide us; open our hearts and minds, and teach us. Fill us with wisdom and an awareness of your vision as we seek a new rector for Grace Church. Grant continued grace and commitment to those who will be called to serve as members of the search committee, that they may become faithful companions to each other, to the vestry, and to this parish. Grant us an adventurous spirit, willing to attempt new tasks and embrace new ways, and make us ever mindful of the need to listen to your still, small voice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish News

Emergency On-Call Clergy

Emergencies don't just happen during normal parish office business hours (Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). In the event of a pastoral emergency occurring when the parish office is closed, please dial **703.594.1265** and either Father Michael or Father Jason will contact you.

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 running for a vestry position. If you are interested or need information, contact Sr. Warden, Chris Kupczyk, or Jr. Warden, Anne Caputo, or any vestry member. Questions welcome.

Today

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Megan and Mark Braza in honor of their grandparents Evelyn Braza and Barney Becker.

Festive Coffee Hour

Join us for a festive Coffee Hour following the 9:00 a.m. service as we celebrate the Three Kings arrival at the site of the Holy Family.

Sunday Youth Night

Start the new year off with your friends! Youth Night is tonight from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served and groups will begin planning for the Chili Bowl!

This Week, January 6-11

January 6 at 6:30 p.m.: De-Greening of the Church

If you would like to help in the effort to put away our Christmas decor, please join the Altar Guild in the nave at 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

January 7: Monthly Requiem

On Tuesday, January 7th, we will be holding our monthly requiem service at 6:30 p.m. If you have someone you would like remembered as part of this service, please contact the office at 703.549.1980 or parish.office@gracealex.org.

January 11: Jorge Muñoz Requiem

The Requiem for Jorge Muñoz will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 11th.

Next Week

January 12: Sunday Morning Activities Resume

The Adult Forum and Sunday school will resume on January 12, 2020. Father Michael Guy will be our speaker.

January 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: STEM Extravaganza

Scientists, young and old, are invited to create, learn and innovate with us at our second annual STEM Extravaganza designed for children ages 3-13. This FREE family-friendly afternoon features hands-on activities selected by Grace Episcopal School's 4th and 5th graders. Create your own bug, investigate kinetic sand, or even build an LED Flashlight! Merrow Hall will be transformed into a Maker Space for children who love to tinker and invent. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please visit graceschoolalex.org for more information and to register.

Upcoming Services

January 19: Adult Forum – Budget for 2020

The 2020 budget will be presented during the Adult Forum on January 19 by our treasurer, Mary Stewart. Please plan on attending this special forum as we prepare for ministry in the new year.

January 26: Service Time Change with Annual Meeting

On January 26th, we will be holding hold one 10:00 service in lieu of our regular 9:00 and 11:15 services. The Annual Meeting will follow in Merrow Hall.

January 26: More Jesus, More Love Revival

As part of the Diocese of Washington's Annual Conference, there is a revival with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry at 2:00 p.m. at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Southeast, Washington, D.C. General Admission tickets are available for those wishing to attend. For more information or to get a ticket, visit edow.org/morejesus

February 1 at 11:00 a.m.: Altar Guild Meeting and Brunch

The Altar Guild will be holding the semi-annual Altar Guild Meeting and Brunch on February 1st. Please save the date. The meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m.