

Announcements for January 12, 2020

Please Pray For...

Parishioners: Michael, Richard, Tina, Bette, Susan, Frank, Katherine, Will, Easter, Christine, Linda, Denise, Yolanda, Amanda, Audrey, John, Virginia

Family and friends: Pepper, Cathy, Martha, Leslie, Sally, Morgan, Matthew, William, Bianca, Tyler

Requiescat in Pace: those killed in acts of terror, violence, 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: Joan, Clare, Tom, Rose, Audrey, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Vi, Muriel, Mary, Alice, Betty, Jane, Polly

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Anglican Church of Australia The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Emmanuel, Greenwood; Christ, Luray; Olivet, Franconia

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The Vestry and Executive Committee of Grace Church: Chris Kupczyk, Senior Warden; Anne Caputo, Junior Warden; Mary Stewart, Treasurer; Jennifer Long, Register; and Jean Reed, Member at Large

Those with birthdays this week:

14 Anne Caputo, Betty Mills
15 Luis Odria, Peter Spencer
16 Rose Hall, William Bombo
17 Caroline Legere
18 Cathy David

Please 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

Pledge Envelopes

Did you receive envelopes and you don't want them as you pay online? Did you not receive them for the new year? Contact the office (parish.office@gracealex.org or 703.549.1980) and let us know. We can:

- mark it in our system that you don't want to receive envelopes
- check your address to make sure they are going to the right place
- see about getting you a blank copy of the 1st quarter envelopes if there was a postal snafu or your pledge came in after we had to turn in our print list

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 Senior Warden, Chris Kupczyk, or Junior Warden, Anne Caputo, or any vestry member. Questions are welcome.

Today

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in Thanksgiving for the many volunteers who staff all the wonderful ministries at Grace.

Sunday Morning Activities Resume

The Adult Forum and Sunday School will resume this morning. Father Michael Guy will be speaking on the topic of forgiveness.

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

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 Auditorium 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.

This Week, January 13-18

January 18 at 11:30 a.m.: Patricia Schott Requiem

There will be a requiem held for Patricia Schott on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Her husband, Thomas Schott, has been a parishioner at Grace for many years and is part of our Education for Ministry program.

Next Week January 19-25

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 19: Rosary Group

Following the 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist, the Rosary Group will be meeting at the Lady Altar. Newcomers are welcome. Rosaries are provided.

Upcoming Events

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 Auditorium.

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 their semi-annual Altar Guild Meeting and Brunch on February 1st. The meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m.

February 1: EYC Lock-in and Hoagie Sale

The EYC will hold their annual lock in on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. Please let Heather Kelly know if you are planning on attending.

The senior high youth will be making hoagies in preparation for the Hoagie Sale on Sunday, February 2 during the 9 & 11:15 am Coffee Hours. Hoagies can be pre-ordered from the EYC youth at the Annual Meeting on January 26.

February 8 at 1:00 p.m.: Neal Goodson Requiem Service

The Requiem Eucharist for Neal Goodson will be held at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroad at 1:00 p.m. on February 8th. There will be a reception to follow.

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 Flower Delivery Ministry Seeks Drivers

Would you like to make someone's day? The flower delivery drivers take carefully created floral arrangements made from the altar flowers and deliver them to 2-3 parishioners each week. The clergy picks someone who is having some sort of life event – a birthday, an anniversary, or it could be an illness, accident or a loss. Receiving these show these parishioners that they are not alone. If you are interested in donating some time on Mondays to delivering flowers, please contact Mike Reed at Mike.Reed@gracealex.org.

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 13-18

Monday

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry (St. Mark)
7:00 p.m. GES Exec Committee (Library)

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 3:00)
4:30 p.m. Adv. Treble Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Novice Treble Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. GES Open House
5:30 p.m. Combined Treble Choir
7:00 p.m. AA District One (St. Luke)
7:00 p.m. Community Lodgings (St. Mark)
7:30 p.m. 9:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)
8:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon (Auditorium)

Thursday

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. 11:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00 a.m. GES Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m. AA (St. Mark)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
11:30 a.m. Schott Requiem