

Announcements for October 6, 2019

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, Rob, Don, Laura, Clare, Yanira, Kara, Margaret, Joe, Bishop Carl, Priscilla

Requiescat in Pace ... Larry Ayres, Audrey Hayes Smith, Rose Korn 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, Christopher and Marjorie Corlett.

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: Cynthia Puskar. David and Chrissie Crosby

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: Cristo Rey, Arlington; San Jose, Arlington; St. James', Warrenton

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: The Church in Wales and **The Most Revd John Davies**, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: **Kemp Williams**, Vestry Coordinator, and **Lynn Rohrs**, Non-Vestry Coordinator, and all of the volunteers on the Fellowship committee.

Those with birthdays this week:

6 June Huber, Anne Berry

7 Wendy Murphy, Walter Moore

8 Charlie Iovino, Barry Joyner, Susan Merritt Nelsen

9 Alexandra Smith, David Holiday

11 James Ruff

12 Puddy Blunden

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

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 awareness of your vision as we seek a new interim rector and a new rector. 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 ever mindful of the need to listen to your still, small voice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all living creatures. We especially give thanks for our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life.

Adult Forum - St. John Room

Chris Kupczyk, Anne Caputo and Father Jason will be updating the parish on the Interim Rector search and will be available to answer any questions about the coming weeks and months ahead.

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place in the St. Francis Garden today at 4 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors (and all your furry friends) for this special service of blessing.

Sunday Youth Night, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tonight is the first Sunday Youth Night of the year. This will be the only evening where parents aren't just invited but encouraged to attend with their youth. Special activities are planned for each group.

Parish News

Thank You for a Wonderful Farewell for Fr. Malm

The Friday Gala and Sunday Farewell for Father Malm and the Malm Family was a wonderful celebration of thirty years of ministry to Grace and all the joys of our time together. We presented the Malm family with a generous purse, named the new Narthex the Malm Narthex, declared our intent to restore the Creation stained glass windows in Father Malm's honor and participated in two receptions to recognize the worship, fellowship, evangelism and outreach we created together. Thank you to the army of volunteers who organized these events, invitations, catering, favors, music, special guests and everything that went into making this a memorable and loving celebration.

Update your information for a new Directory this November!

While Breeze gives us a wonderful online directory for parishioners to contact one another, we still want to put out a hard copy directory for those who prefer to have something in hand. Please take the time to either log onto Breeze or call the office to update your information. When you log onto Breeze you can update your contact information, adjust your privacy settings, and upload a photo! Call the office if you need assistance 703.549.1980.

Grace Church Communications

During this time of transition, effective communication with the parish is especially important. Please take a few minutes to complete the Communications Committee's survey about the best ways to get information to you. We want to hear from you! <http://bit.ly/Grace-Communications>

Gardening Assistance

Looking for a home for those "fall thinning" perennials? Need someone to help with the digging? Not a problem - contact our resident master gardener for some help. Nat will come to the house, dig up the plants, and plant them in our Tower Entrance Garden. nwames2016@gmail.com or cell: 703/338-9030

Next Week October 13-20

No Adult Forum

There will be a Fellowship Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 13. Sunday school will continue as scheduled.

Looking Ahead at October

▪ **October 20: Youth Sunday**

Our youth will be leading worship on Sunday, October 20. The Boys and Girls Choir will provide our music and youth of all ages will be participating in various parts of the service.

▪ **October 20: Choral Evensong**

Please mark your calendars for Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m. sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the 11:15 Adult Choir. The music is Charles Villiers Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B-flat* and Gardiner's *Evening Hymn*. Please invite a friend to this beautiful 45-minute evening service. The Holy Eucharist Rite I immediately follows the closing organ voluntary.

▪ **October 20: Hurricane Dorian Relief Concert**

There will be a benefit concert to raise money for Hurricane Dorian relief efforts in the Bahamas at 4 p.m. in Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary. No tickets needed. A free-will offering will be received. The artists performing have offered their talents gratis. They are working with Episcopal Relief and Development.

▪ **October 25: 10th Anniversary of the Grace Organ**

Concert organist Robert McCormick will present an organ concert in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Di Generro-Hart Organ on Friday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. A new work for organ, commissioned by Michael Heintz, will be premiered. A festive reception will follow the concert. A freewill offering may be made to help fund the music program at Grace.

▪ **October 26: Trunk or Treat - Saturday from 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

It is almost Halloween time! Come and greet children from across the Del Ray and Chirilagua communities on this fun afternoon known as Trunk or Treat! Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunks; however, the best part is the joy and laughter of the children who will fill our parking lot as they trick or treat from each car in the parking lot. For additional information, email Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

In Our Community

First Alert for October 21-25 Brown Bag Program

Look for the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board to help the Lunch Program with 10 or 20 sandwiches (200 needed) or to serve one day of our week. There are instructions on the board or email linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org if you've not participated before.

Winter Clothing Drive

It's time to partner with our neighbor St. Rita's Catholic Church on their annual fall and winter Clothing Collection and Distribution for neighborhood families chosen by St. Rita's. Gently used and clean clothing for infants through adult sizes for fall and winter season can be donated. During the month of October you may place donations in the designated box in the Commons lobby on weekends.

The clothing distribution date will be Saturday, November 2nd. Stay tuned for calls for volunteers to help sort and set up clothing on Friday evening, Nov. 1, and to help with the distribution on Saturday, Nov. 2nd.

It's a great time to go through your closets. Please contact us with any questions:

Kemp.williams@gracealex.org or Lynn.rohrs@gracealex.org

Help a child learn to read! Register to Tutor!

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC) needs volunteer reading tutors to work with kindergarten and first grade students in the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) for 30- or 40-minute sessions, once or twice a week, October through May. The ATC provides training, books, all materials, and support throughout the school year. Tutors are especially needed at West End schools, including William Ramsay, John Adams, James K. Polk and Patrick Henry. Please contact ATC Executive Director Lisa Jacobs at atc@opmh.org or 703-549-6670 ext. 119 to learn more, or SIGN UP NOW at <https://alexandriatutors.org/tutors/sign-up-to-become-a-tutor/>

Pump Up the Food Pantry Bonus Shelves!

The Bonus Shelves are bare. Our wish list... Food items: Cereal; Jam or Jelly; Fruit snacks; bagged Onions, Potatoes, Apples, Oranges; Soups; Tuna; Dried Beans and Tortillas. Toiletries: Bath Soap; Toothpaste & Toothbrushes; Shampoo and Toilet Paper. Cleaning supplies: Laundry Detergent; All-Purpose Cleaner; Dish Soap and Paper Towels. Our pantry clients with children appreciate your donations of gently used Small Toys and Children's Books for the Kids' Bonus Shelf. Thank you for your continued donations and financial support for this important ministry!

The Food Pantry Needs Bags Too!

Recycle your clean/no tears grocery bags with handles (like from Trader Joe's, Harris Teeter, MoM). Drop them off at the Food Pantry door. Thank You!

Stuff the Suitcase for Tanzania

Dr. Henry Ziegler is going to Tanzania again in the end of October. Please help us "Stuff the Suitcase" for his trip. We need to have everything dropped off by Sunday, October 20th! What do they need? A variety of things most of which are available at CVS, Rite Aid or Costco!

For hospital and health center:

- Blood pressure machines (not the wrist one)
- Pulse oximeter
- Thermometers (must read in Centigrade)
- Stethoscopes

For St. Augustine Primary School:

- Flash drives
- "I Can Read" paperbacks
- Used laptops

Calendar for October 6-12

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nave)
9:00 a.m. Santa Eucaristía (Auditorium)
10:15 a.m. Christian Formation Hour
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals / Bendición de los Animales
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

1:00 pm. Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. VTS Alumni Event (Auditorium)
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
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (Library)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

St. Francis of Assisi (tr)

October 7

William Dwight Porter Bliss, 1926 and Richard Theodore Ely, 1943

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, 1940

Philip (tr)

October 11

October 12