

BREAKING BREAD
2020



BREAKING BREAD SONGBOOKS

After consideration of several persons' requests to gain access to paper copies of the readings, we are permitting parishioners to take home and retain in their possession copies of breaking bread. If you desire to take one home with you, and are at Mass this Sunday, just pick one up after Mass. It will be yours to keep, and if we return to past "normal" between now and December, when the new liturgical year begins, you will be responsible for bringing your copy with you each week to use. For those parishioners who do not attend Mass this week, or at all, during these pandemic times, you can get a copy from the office during office hours or ask the Dreelin's to deliver you one (they have consented to do this task).

E-GIVING

During the Pandemic, the Diocese set up a temporary e-giving process which several of our parishioners have used consistently in support of the parish. For some, it's a convenient method for donations, and many churches praise the process for increasing offertory collections.

Because of its convenience and success, we desire to introduce e-giving as a permanent fixture in the parish. We have researched the matter, looked at several companies that offer it, and determined that the company the Diocese and we use for administrative and financial record keeping, Parish Soft, offers the best financial option.

Before we move ahead with the process though, we need to gauge your interest. Attached to the bulletin is a survey form asking four questions. We ask that you review them, answer them, and send us a "reply" e-mail with your answers.

For those of you who receiving the Bulletin via mail, answer the questions and return the paper to us by mail or when attending Mass. Please remember to review and participate in our survey so we can make a learned decision.

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*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2020
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Today's readings explain how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship, which demands self-control: "*Deny yourself*", the willingness to suffer: "*take up your cross*", the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God. Being a disciple or a prophet of God means to forego our feelings and interests and follow the voice of the Lord.

We hear Jeremiah in the first reading almost complaining to God for calling him to be a Prophet. Being a Prophet was not a job he wanted. "You duped me Lord" and "I let myself be duped" he tells God. And what did he get for accepting this job of being God's prophet? An object of laughter mocked by everyone. Prophet Jeremiah wants to stop talking about God, "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more" But then, the more he wants to stop the more he feels that he has to continue being God's prophet! So, in the end he accepts his mission of announcing God's word to the people. He knows that being a prophet is not easy, but he accepts the suffering this has to bring on him for the sake of telling his people what God wants them to be. He wants the people to hear God's true message.

The Gospel is not different Jesus anticipates His fate as a prophet by telling his disciples that he will have to "suffer greatly from the elders and chief-priest and be killed". But to fully understand the message we must remember what happened in last Sunday's Gospel. You recall that at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus had questioned the disciples about his identity and Peter responded confidently, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" And in today's gospel, we see how poorly Peter understood the true mission of "the Christ". And this can be said about all the other Apostles.

You see, for us now, we recognize the familiar story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. But this was a story that the disciples had not even imagined. They expected a Messiah to be someone so strong that he cannot be killed, no one can touch him. But Jesus Makes it clear that His mission, will include suffering, not suffering for the sake of suffering, but salvific suffering, suffering for the truth. Because many people will not understand his message and many of them will be opposed it. Therefore, when He says: "Take up your cross . . ." He is encouraging us his disciples today, not to be afraid when we meet opposition to our faith, when people distort the message of the Gospel, When people seem not to be interested in God, When people attack us or call us all sorts of names because of our faith. This is our Cross; we must carry it and follow Jesus who is leading us. Sometimes we might feel like Prophet Jeremiah, but we are not to give up! We are called to be prophets to our generation, God wants us to be prophets among our Families, our communities, in our Church, in our Nation, so that, by our witness, many will take the message of the Gospel seriously – however uncomfortable it may make them feel.

As Jesus told his disciples To take up their Cross and follow him, he is telling us today to do same, as Prophet Jeremiah felt that he cannot be silent, that he has to tell the people what God wants them to do, so is the same with us, we cannot be silent about our faith, no matter what obstacles we may encounter. Because being Christian means putting our very self to the front for the sake of the Gospel even if that means humiliation or suffering.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

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First Reading:
Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm:
*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

Second Reading:
Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

*Father suggests you say the
Prayer for Spiritual Communion
during communion time.*



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly
Present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
And I desire to possess
You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this
Moment to receive You
Sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
Into my heart.
I embrace You as being
Already there, and unite
Myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
Separated from you.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Neil Brown, Taylor Deagle and Lee Paul



PARISHIONERS

Michele Meanelly, Donna Lange, Jack Petralia, Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, John McCormack, Jim Moncure, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Tom Messina, Pat Paul, Georgia Beville, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Michelle Chmiel, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Richie Siford, Carter & Peggy Williams, Karen Dame, Joe Nolte, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Chris Henkel, Vincent Recupido, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Laurie King, Becky Nunn, Bill & Linda Gray, Peg Meushaw, Carol Smith, Allen Hines, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: AUGUST 23, 2020

Collection: \$ 1,079
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 16,143
Total Budget Projection: \$ 17,670



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week:
\$260 Lawn Care; \$125 August Flowers.

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at offertry.richmonddiocese.org Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and select our church.

Today's Assignments -AUGUST 30TH

Lectors: Eileen O'Brien & John Weidner
Community Leader: Kevin Hayes

BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER



Genji Katsuki & Maddox Derdock-2nd, Minn Tassone-3rd, Larry Miller-4th, Jose Angeles Frias-5th, Mary Sychterz-9th, Eileen O'Brien 10th, Christopher Kirsch-11th, Terry Hess-13th, John Moore 14th, Cherianne Johnson, Cindy Jessee, & Dolores Powers 15th, Shelley Katsuki, Wayne Toney & Pattie Sobieski-20th, Emily Filippi-21st, Joyce Ballato-22nd, Kris Scherrer-23rd, Maria Tyrrell-26th, Richard Siford-29th, John & Kevin Walsh-30th.

ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER



John & Diane Weidner-8th, Steve & Loraine Kirsch-10th, Bryan & Jennifer Mller-12th, Genji & Shelley Katsuki-17th, Jim & Lynn Vjda-14th.

MEMORIAL MASS



We will celebrate a graveside service for our beloved *Mary Heeke* at 11AM on Saturday, September 12th in the cemetery.

FATHER'S ORDINATION



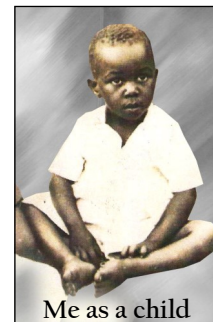
In case you didn't notice it is last week's bulletin, this past Tuesday marked the 30th Anniversary of Father Gerry's Ordination as a priest. We celebrated with him on Tuesday in a small gathering at lunch hosted by Joe and Mary. Thanks to them and thanks to the Diocese for bringing Fr. Gerry to us.

It is the Grace of God, and I am grateful!

Thirty years ago, on August 25, 1990, surrounded by my family, friends, and parishioners of my home parish, I was ordained a priest. The Lord has been good to me through these years. He has given strength me and courage especially in those moments when I was disappointed or afraid; he has given me wisdom when faced with hard issues to solve. He has accompanied me in the many places where I have been sent to serve His people. He has given me love through the many people I have come to meet in all these years. It has been a journey of faith and with a lot of challenges but always the Lord took care of me and so, with humility, I am grateful!

I thank you all who have been, and still are, part of my priestly life. It is due to your prayers, love, care, and encouragement that even after 30 years I feel as if I am just beginning. I came here as your Pastor four years ago, and you have been so loving that I can now call this place home. Please pray for me always that I may continue to be that priest the Lord called me to be thirty years ago, and that I continue to serve you and anywhere else I am sent, bringing people closer to God.

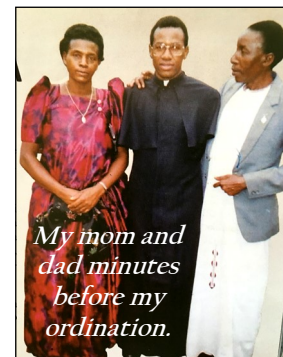
Blessings and peace to you all.



Me as a child



My family; mom, dad and all my brothers and sister gathered right after my ordination.



My mom and dad minutes before my ordination.



Our Farther Gerry today



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NEW WORSHIP AREA

The last time we spoke about the project, we had just successfully appeared before the Diocesan Building and Renovation Commission (BARC) who complimented us for the plan and indicated



they would recommend approval at the same time. They asked us to accomplish four tasks; shorten the distance between Altar and the Tabernacle, provide a movable handicap ramp, provide running water in the Baptismal Font, and install a lock on the men's restroom handle. We have either submitted plans to accomplish these tasks or completed them. In the interim, and because of COVID-10, the Diocese has not issued any approval letters for new construction with no indication when that will change. We have temporary approval of our financial plan, which will require a loan of an undetermined amount to complete the construction. In summary, we now await an approval letter from the Diocese to begin.

YARD SALE



In the past few weeks, we received checks totaling \$472 from the Cryer Center as our share of donations from parishioners which were sold at its bi-weekly yard sales.

Once again we remind you that if you have items you desire to discard and they are small, bring them to the church for storage in our trailer for further transfer, when full, to the center. If the items are large, call the center @ 758-2044 and ask them for a pickup and identify yourself as a parishioner from the Church of the Visitation.

LIVING OUR MISSION CHECK



This week we received a check for \$945 from the Diocese representing parishioners' donations fulfilling pledges made to this five year, campaign during the last quarter. For us, the campaign will end this coming year and to this point we have achieved 94.5% of the pledged total.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

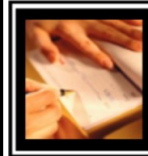
Church attendance was 49 this past Sunday with one guest. This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in Group L-Z with allowance for visitors, household guests, and special cases such as assigned ministers. The important thing to remember is to **notify the office** if you or your guest are planning to attend Mass and are not in the proper alphabetical grouping.

We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays @9AM for anyone who desires to attend.

We continue to repeat much of this information weekly as a constant reminder to parishioners of our protocols and expected behaviors. We are heartened by your willingness to adhere to these procedures which have allowed us to successfully celebrate Mass up to now for all in person and at home.

Thank you to everyone and may God continue to Bless Us All!

SPECIAL DONATION



Bishop Knestout asked that parishes consider a special collection for the Catholic Relief Services' Lebanon Disaster Response to the colossal explosion in the Port of Beirut which caused widespread destruction and loss of life. He noted that the Lebanese Maronite Community has a presence in Virginia, in particular Richmond and Roanoke. As an option, his Excellency asked that we make a gift from parish funds designated for charitable purposes. We chose to go that way and made a donation from our Parish Pence account, which is very healthy at this time.

COMMUNITY FREE DRIVE-THRU EVENTS



COVID-19 Testing

Wednesday, Sept 9th- 10AM-2PM
Northumberland High School in Heathsville

Friday, Sept 4th-2PM-6PM
Middlesex County Health Department

Wednesday, Sept 16th-10Am-12PM
Gleaning Baptist Church, Gloucester



Flu Vaccination

Wednesday, Sept 9th-2PM-6PM
Middlesex County Health Department