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### CONGRADULATIONS TO OUR OWN

Rebecca Tebbs Nunn was crowned Ms. Virginia Senior World in Biloxi, MS, on July 28th. The Senior World pageant is a new pageant that will have its world premiere in November of 2020 in Biloxi, MS, with contestants over fifty years of age from around the world. Rebecca was invited by the Senior World Board of Governors to represent Virginia because of her two previous state

titles, and her volunteer and civic work. *"I am thrilled and privileged to represent my home state in this inaugural pageant on the world stage," she said.*



### BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK

One of the features of the Bicentennial celebration is the creation of a richly illustrated book of approximately 400 pages depicting the history of the diocese and featuring each parish.

If you would like to view or purchase a copy of the book "Shine Like the Stars" please contact the office.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APPEAL



The "Knights" will be collecting donations for the Annual "Kovar" appeal after Mass today. Grand Knight Bill Brandl will briefly speak about the appeal before we exit, but in short it's a worthy appeal that helps the mentally challenged and others.

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*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 9, 2020*

*Year A*

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The readings for this week speak of God's saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God who always keeps us company even in, and especially in, storms of life.

The Gospel of today narrates the episode of the disciples of Jesus being tossed by the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, *"It is I."* It is at that very point, the point when all feels lost and desperate, that Jesus appears. They are so disturbed by their terror that they do not even recognize him -- they are blinded by their fear. It is at that very point, the point when darkness has dispelled the light and hope, that Jesus speaks: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter encouraged to hear that it is Jesus said to him: "Lord, if it is you command me to come to you on the water". And Jesus says, "come". Peter is so moved by this comforting call that he springs out of the safety and stability of the boat onto the unstable and water of the sea in order to draw near to Jesus. But Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help.

We all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms which might be threatening us. We are all, experiencing the storm of this global pandemic that has caused a deep disruption in our lives, especially those marginalized populations who are most heavily impacted by the virus. Fear has set in. Fear that the virus has forced us out of the world as we knew it into an unknown future. As we try to do our best to stay safe and keep safe those we love, we need also the presence of Jesus in our lives at this moment. The presence which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future, storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms which can even impact our family relationships.

Jesus comes to us but we also have to go to him. We walk towards him on the waters of our own life, our own particular situation and experience. We may well, like Peter, be afraid, doubting and sinking, but Jesus reaches out to help us, to rescue us. What better image of salvation could there be than Jesus reaching out to Peter to save him from drowning. What better analogy could there be of our own lives and relationship with Jesus. We live messy lives; we doubt, and we lack faith but nevertheless we are still moving towards the Lord. And when we are afraid, lose faith and start to sink, he is there for us, reaching out with his saving hand ready to raise us up.

But this to happen, we need to have a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through trusting faith in the power and love of our Lord.

We need to imitate the short prayer of sinking Peter: *"Lord, save me"*.

Acknowledging our dependence on Him. And because the Lord loves us and will never let us perish, will say: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid...Come."



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

## TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm:

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

*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

*Janet Sheldon, Ed Mahoney, Eleanor Alter, & 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 & Sal 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.

### FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Tom & Bernie Smith, Al & Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Ray Kostaskey, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Frank & Gerri Lohrs daughter, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, Lucy Walker, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Sandra Bush & Children, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Sal Messina Jr., Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Linda Borostovik, Sarah Kobezak, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, Shirley Schultz, LC Warren, Paul Krop, Dolores Powers, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

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Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Auggie Bain, Maria Franzoni, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashley Scott & family, Steve Smith, Susie Loustaunau, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, Joan & John Rychtarik.

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office.*



### BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

Ed Harriman-1st, Carol Walsh-1st, Germaine Hayes-3rd, Dave Marchant-5th, Patricia Paul-5th, James Davenport-6th, Grace Anderson-6th, Mary Hess-7th, Pat Marchant-8th, Al Langer-10th, Mary Sue Dougherty-11, Donna Thompson-12th, Steve Kirsch-12th, Aldo DeCollibus-15th, Lee Reamy-20th, Mary Lou Miller-21st, Roseanne Moncure-21st, Francis Demaurez-23rd, Ron Beville-26th, Dick Dougherty-24th, Mary Ann Gulick-28th, Rebecca Riley-29th, Bill Puttmann-29th.



### ANNIVERSARYS FOR AUGUST

Spike & Becky Nunn-2nd, Charlie & Margaret Hock-3rd, John & Vera England-4th, Dennis & Susan Lynch-5th, Charlie & Anne Costello-7th, Tom & Cindy Jessee-8th, Don & Maria Tyrrell-8th, Skip & Lois Kramb-10th, Richie & Nancy Siford 14th, Sal & Lorie Messina-17th, Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca-18th, John & Carol McCormack-19th, Lee & Pat Reamy-22nd, Bill & Michelle Puttmann-25th.

### COVID-19 A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The coronavirus, (Covid-19) first identified in December last year, has ravaged all countries of the world, causing socio-economic devastation in many countries. Within seven months, the death toll is over 700,000 people and approaching 20,000,000 infections.

In Africa, all countries hare experiencing a rise in cases. Most affected are Egypt and South Africa which is now the epic center on the continent. In Uganda the first case of Covid-19 was confirmed in early March. Measures of a total lockdown were instituted: Schools, colleges and all learning institution closed, places of worship, all business except essential ones, travel in and out Uganda suspended, public transport limited only to emergencies. On top of these measures, personal hygiene like washing of hands, social distancing and wearing of masks was mandated by the government.

These measures have helped in slowing the spread of the virus. So far Uganda has registered 1,500 cases and only 5 deaths. But on the other hand, these measure, have faced a lot of challenges. Many people live in villages where even a simple thing like washing of hands can be a challenge. Most people have no running water and they have to travel long distances for a source of water. Not having water for cooking or drinking is already a problem how do you expect them to have it for washing hands many times a day! Sanitizers and soap to some the cost is beyond their income, if they have any at all. If a family has some money, it is to buy essential items such as salt and maybe sugar, but not for masks. Social distancing is also hard to implement given that those who live in towns often reside in very congested areas and houses.

The Government is slowly easing some of the restrictions but schools, places of worship and travel in and out of Uganda are still in place. With schools closed since March and no sign that they will be opened, many people especially parents are worried. Apart from missing out on education, there is a rising trend of abuse I n children. Kidnaping of children for example is growing on an alarming rate. Underage/teenager pregnancies and forced marriages are now more common than before. Families are breaking and abandoned children are on the rise.

Most of these problems are caused by poverty. Due to the long lockdown, many people have lost their jobs, and their businesses were closed never to be reopened again. Many people depend on a small scale cultivation of crops which is for their food and some to sell for cash. With the lock down, no one was buying, and the markets were closed.

In order to keep students engaged, the government has mandated distance learning through television and radios for lower classes and Internet for college/universities. This is another big problem for most parents. They cannot afford the price of a radio or TV set. To help the children of our school, St. Noa, we are looking for funds in the amount of \$ 5,000 to buy solar powered radios and facilitation for teachers who will accompany the students in their homes by visiting them regularly.

Covid-19 is a serious virus and we are grateful for the measures introduced to combat it's spread. But for a country like Uganda, these measures will leave a long lasting impact which many people will never recover from.



Fr. Gerry

*Thank you for your generosity!*



↑ New office and staff room block

### UGANDA UPDATE

The new office and staff room block for the teachers, and two more classrooms have been completed in May of this year.

The construction began in February and had to slow down due to COVID-19.

Most materials for the buildings come from outside of Uganda. Prices went up and materials (iron sheets and iron bars) became harder to find. But we managed to complete construction.

Another need arose which was not in the budget, the need for housing of our male teachers. We used some of the funds and constructed a four room house for them.

**Sincerely grateful,**

St. Noa School & Father Gerry



Male teacher housing



MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: AUGUST 2, 2020

Collection:	\$ 2,564
Second Collection: Parish Pence	\$ 60
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 11,099
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 12,484



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week:

Pastor & Rectory Expenses \$586 for July.

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at [offertory.richmonddiocese.org](http://offertory.richmonddiocese.org). Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and select our church.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 9, 2020

Lectors: Fernando Atienza and Joe Sychterz  
Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman



*Today's flowers are in thanksgiving for Lynne Richardson's mask making ability among other talents.*

*Tommy and Donna Lange*

PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION

As of now the Correction Center is not accepting outside items (COVID-19). We thank you for your donations of the plastic bags and will let you know when we can resume collecting the bags.

TOM SHEPHERD'S MASS OF THE RESURRECTION INFORMATION

Will be Friday, August 28th at 2 PM at the Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville, VA 22901.

The Church address is 1465 Incarnation Drive Charlottesville-, VA.22901 it's on 29 North near the intersection of Rio Rd and RT 29, and also just south of the old Fashion Square Mall.

The funeral will be under current COVID restrictions, wearing of a mask is required and social distancing required with marked off areas and much hand sanitizer available. There will also be streaming of the service, Afterwards we are inviting all to a social at our home with essentially the same restrictions and tented areas outside to allow for distancing and mask wearing while inside our home.

With God's Peace, Lynn Shepherd & family



CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Church attendance was 39 this past Sunday with four guest. This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in Group A-K 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 for anyone who desires to attend.

*If you would like to donate towards the Altar flowers, please send us a \$25 donation and we will recognize your donation in the Bulletin. If you would like to honor someone for a Sunday please include that as well.*

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.

We are now in the fifth month of the Pandemic and two full months of celebrating Public Masses. Our original thoughts this would be over with in a few months, the choir's melodious sounds would be heard shortly, the church would be full of parishioners and summer guests, and we would be preparing to ward off a second wave in the fall. Obviously none of these things have occurred-we wear masks, sit apart from each other, limit socializing, and church attendance, and many of our church families cannot risk attending Mass because of compromising health conditions.

Many persons have stepped up to play important roles in this new normal. Mike Dreelin has perfected the live streaming, his wife Lynne became a Lector to assist us, Andrea has donated countless hours to monitor the Mass steaming and man the office on Sundays, and Lector and Community Leader volunteers have increased in numbers steadily.

Tom Shoemaker and his usher corps deserve special recognition. Tom planned the seating arrangement, and oversees the entire entrance, seating, data collection, communion, and exiting process. He has been helped weekly by Tom Hawksworth and Al Langer, and Bi-weekly by Don Delagrang and Bill Brandl. This past Sunday we introduced a new touchless hand sanitizer station and have available a non-contact infrared thermometer, if needed. Clara, Jerry Suyes spouse, donated these items for our use and we thank her sincerely.

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

