



### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

As we deal with semi-normalcy in the election of three new parish council members for three year terms. This Sunday as before, we are soliciting the Nomination of Prospective members. Attached to the Bulletin is a form which you can use to nominate others or yourself. If you are technically proficient, you can save the form, fill it out and return it to us by e-mail.

You can also send us an e-mail with a simple statement indicating your choice of names. A third method would be to send us a note through the mail system. Next Sunday we will publish a list of these nominated and give you an opportunity, if nominated, to remove your name. Please participate in this request so we can have a formidable slate of nominees to choose from in October when we vote.

### MANY THANKS

Vera England recently completed an update to our rich church history covering the last four years. Our history document is a treasured informational piece written by Vera and her creative pen.

We also thank Bob Borden for repairing the door leading to the nave from the administrative wing. It no longer groans and squeaks.



### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Approximately one week is left to participate in the Census.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. If you have not participated as yet, you can do so by going on line to (or click icon) [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) or calling 1-844-330-2020.

### NEW INITIATIVE IN THE BULLETIN

We are introducing a new initiative in the bulletin this week which allows you to instantly go to a website or email via a hyperlink. A *Hyperlink* is a word, email or picture in a document that allows you to visit a designated webpage or website. We will use the Census icon as an example: Hover your arrow over the Census icon, click, and you are directly taken to the census website.

The other hyperlinks that you can explore are the *Diocese of Richmond*, *Church of the Visitation*, *Hands Across Middlesex*, and *Respect for Life*. Give it a try.



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*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
*Bicentennial Mass*  
*September 27, 2020*  
*Year A*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

The Diocese of Richmond has Vincent de Paul as her Patron saint. Vincent de Paul was a priest from Gascony, France who dedicated his life to serving the poor. He is renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. As we celebrate this weekend the third special Mass in celebration of The Bicentennial Anniversary of our Diocese, we are invited to honor this Man our Patron whose feast day is this Sunday. We are invited to look at his life and his example of a holy life lived in serving others, especially the poor. We are invited to learn from him and put into practice the teachings of our Christian faith.

Saint Vincent de Paul was born into a poor farming family in 1581. After finishing his theological studies with a bachelor's degree was ordained a priest. The following year, he undertook a short voyage in the Mediterranean and during this voyage, Fr. Vincent was captured and sold into slavery — having three masters over two years. His third master was a former priest who had also been kidnapped and enslaved by Muslims, but he converted to Islam to gain his freedom and was living with three wives when he bought Fr. Vincent to farm for him. Vincent's freedom and return to France was secured after he converted one of the Muslim wives who then challenged her husband to return to the true faith. After returning to France as a free man, Vincent went to Rome and spent two years studying, eventually earning a licentiate in canon law.

Returning from his studies in Rome, he was appointed as chaplain to the queen a role he did not appreciate. He left and decided to serve in a parish, where he organized several pious women into the "Ladies of Charity" to support mission work. At the same time, he served as chaplain to the galley-slaves in Paris. Later, he began organizing conferences for lay Catholics to encourage them toward greater charity for the poor (both in their personal actions and by supporting missions financially), as well as conducting retreats for priests, inspiring them to minister to the poor.

In time, he founded the Daughters of Charity through which pious young women could serve God and their fellow man in consecrated life, working in hospitals, hospices and orphanages and providing other service to the poor.

Fr. Vincent worked closely with St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Chantal in their works of charity, becoming Superior of the Visitation convents in the city. He later established his own order of priests and brothers to work with those in need of education and other essentials of life — the Congregation of the Mission, more commonly known as the Vincentians.

His priests traveled throughout France and the rest of Europe, encouraging Catholics to witness to their faith through acts of charity.

Vincent de Paul died in 1660 and was canonized by Pope Clement XII. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him patron of all charitable works within the Catholic world.

In every nation, city, village, and in each generation, we find the needy, the sick, those who are alone, outcasts, and all those who "slip through the cracks." St. Vincent de Paul dedicated all his life to these people, bringing both spiritual and material comfort to the poor and gave them a spiritual education and direction that strengthened them and enabled them to live with hope, and with an active faith.

Vincent treated the poor as friends and family. He looked upon service to them as a privilege; he was serving Christ in his neighbor. He brought the Presence of Christ to them with charity that was genuine, gentle, and joyful. The poor were not burdens, but men, women and children with hearts and souls, and minds. If only we could look upon the needy with the same love and compassion, how the world would begin to change.

This is the challenge to all of us in the Diocese of Richmond, to imitate our Patron saint, Vincent de Paul in his love for others, by sharing God's life with all those we meet. We can transform our society and communities by living as Saint Vincent de Paul, a life of compassion, humility, and generosity.



Very Reverend Gerald Kagawa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Bicentennial Mass*

First Reading:  
Zeophaniah 3:14-18

Responsorial Psalm:  
*Blessed the man who fears the Lord*

Second Reading:  
1 Corinthians 126-31

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38

*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

*David Brinkley, Victor Knez, Jim Dreelin & John Ferari*



PARISHIONERS

Suzanne Sitterding, Veronica O'Leary, Michele Meanelly, Donna Lange, Jack & Louise Petralia, Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, John McCormack, 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 Fines, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Khloe Nipper, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Ray Kostosky, 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, Sarah Kobezak, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, Shirley Schultz, LC Warren, Paul Krop, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Cathy Kirkland, Steve Sohles, Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Auggie Bain, Maria Franzoni, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashely 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 by email or phone.*

## MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Collection: \$ 2,959  
Second Collection:  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 26,432  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 26,753



Our Second Collection today is for Retired Religious.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$167 Music Books; \$334 August Electricity.



As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can visit our website [www.church-of-the-visitation.org](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org) Click the Red Donation button, select our church, a donation amount and fill in the information. Use the green secure button and done.

### BIRTHDAY'S FOR OCTOBER



1st-Anne Baltrusaitis, Kevin Hayes, Charles Walsh & Dot Edwards,  
3rd-Bryan & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jean Kostaskey, 8th-Bill Campbell,  
9th-Peg Meushaw, 12th-Diane Weidner, 13th-Marilynne Cerullo,  
15th-Fr. Gerry Kaggwa, 16th-Mary Malone Johnson,  
17th-Lois Farrell & Alexia Quinn, 18th-Fredrick Johnson &  
Jerome Andrzejczak, 19th-Tom Jessee, 20th-Len Swinehart,  
23rd-Blair Pausic & Becky Nunn, 24th Tony Robusto & Mary Beth Andrzejczak,  
26th-Vincent Recupido, 27th-Tom Dorman, Jan Smith, 29th-Nathalie Smith,  
30th-JoAnn Nolte.

### ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

5th-Kevin & Germaine Hayes, Michael & Joyce Ballato,  
7th-Lee & Barbara Hollingsworth & John & Pattie Sobieski,  
10th-John & Andrea Moore, 25th-James & Cathy Davenport,  
27th-Steve & Lisa Forte



### SCAM ALERT FROM DIOCESE

Two weekends ago, IT was alerted to yet another scam email making the rounds. This one pretends to be from the Bishop (via a bogus gmail account) asking for Steam gift cards. Please note that neither the Bishop nor any other Diocesan official will EVER ask you for gift cards via email. These scams continue to be perpetuated because they continue to work. We ask that you do not reply to such emails, click on links within those emails or download content in them. If you receive help requests that you think are legitimate, verify that the person is legitimate by calling them directly on another known valid number. Don't ask the emailer for information or a call. Find an offline method of correspondence that you and that person have used in the past to talk with each other.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our parishioner Emily Filippi, Director of the Diocese Office of Christian Formation has concurrently accepted the temporary role of Acting Director, Office of Ethnic Ministries. We continue to be proud of Emily and her service to the Diocesan Faithful and COV.

## BICENTENNIAL OCTAVE OF SERVICE

As we continue to celebrate The Bicentennial Anniversary of our Diocese, on the weekend of September 26th & 27th the whole diocese will be celebrating A Third Special Mass in honor of Saint Vincent de Paul the Patron Saint of Diocese. Bishop Barry Knestout will celebrate a special Mass at St. Andrew's Church in Roanoke on Saturday, September 26th at 10:30 AM. This Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website.

And in a special and more concrete way, all parishes and communities in the Diocese are invited to participate in the Octave of Service from September 27<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul, to October 4<sup>th</sup>. An Octave of Service is a week-long opportunity for each one of us to carry out various forms of outreach in our communities and parish.

For us, The Church of the Visitation, we suggest the following activities:

*A special collection of food items. You can drop your food donations at the Church on Tuesday September 29th, Wednesday September 30th and Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.*

*On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, all parishioners who are able are invited to join us working at the Church, cleaning the yard, children's playground and flower and tree beds. Bring any tools you can use; we will be pruning, mulching and picking weeds. The day will begin with Mass at 9AM, 9:30 to 12:30 work.*

*Also on Wednesday, October 14th (rescheduled date) we will need volunteers to work at the Cryer Center in the clothing closet from 12:00-2 PM.*

It is my hope that you will find time to participate in some of these activities as a sign of our gratitude to the Lord for his goodness to our Diocese in the last 200 years.

May our loving God bless you all and keep you safe.

Fr. Gerry



## RESPECT LIFE KICK-OFF

All of October is Respect Life Month, and we will be standing together on October 4th to make a chain for life. Please join me after Mass next Sunday for a Life Prayer Chain and /or pray that the Holy Spirit will open hearts to respect all life. Thank you-*Carol Smith*



## BICENTENNIAL OCTAVE OF SERVICE

To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Diocese, all parishes will participate in an octave of service for one week from Sept. 27th, The Feast Day of Saint Vincent De Paul, to October 4th. Although many of our parishioners are active in the community in various ways, we are planning to devote one day that week to community service for the church and community.

*Our service day will be Wednesday Sept. 30th. After Mass that day, we are asking parishioners to join us in a myriad of church projects outside like weeding, putting down mulch, and trash pick up in the immediate vicinity of the church. Joe and Mary Sychterz will be in charge of that aspect of our service through the morning. If you can help us on this special day, call Joe and Mary at 804-815-0353.*

*Originally scheduled for the afternoon but now necessary to change, you can join Germaine Hayes from 12-2PM on Wednesday, October 14th at the Cryer Center Clothing Closet to sort and price clothing.*

*Our final effort that week will be a special food collection for the needy. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9-2PM. You can bring your donation to the church and place it in the container located under the alcove.*

This Saturday at the Cryer's Yard Sale (8AM-Noon) they are having a special sale in the clothing closet. Instead of one bag of clothes for \$8, you can get two larger bags for \$10 total!! They would like to clear out their inventory to make room for fall/winter clothes. Please share with your friends! Thanks.



## FLU VACCINATION-COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hands Across Middlesex (Cryer Center) will be providing this service, free of any charge on the schedule below. Please note this service is available to ALL residents eight years old and above. The Flu shot will be professionally administered by a R.N. in a drive-through venue. No appointment is required, and all participants should wear a mask. **October 13<sup>th</sup>-10:00AM to 4:00PM**  
Cryer Center, 7485 General Puller Highway, Locust Hill.



## CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Church attendance was 56 this past Sunday with 9 guests. 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 Wednesday and Thursday @9AM for anyone who desires to attend.**

*Our local provider of fresh flowers, parishioner Evelyn Scott, is out of flowers until next Spring. We thoroughly enjoyed her beautiful bouquets which added to the Altar and look forward to the spring for this reason, among many others.*

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

## SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Lector: Joe Sychterz & Eileen O'Brien  
Community Leader: Debby Harriman

Bicentennial Hymn can be found on the Office of Worship website at <http://www.cdrworship.org/bicentennialhymn>.

We are grateful to everyone who helped & participated in Mary Heeke's Celebration of Life at her graveside service Saturday, September 12th. She will be dearly missed.

Many Thanks, Lynn Vajda & Germaine Hayes

## VOTE, VOTE, VOTE AND DONATE TO THE PURCHASE OF BIBLES FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

Our own Becky Nunn is Ms. Virginia Senior World and she is asking you to VOTE for her in the People's Choice contest for contestants from the United States. Each vote is \$1 and the money will be used to buy Bibles for Third World Countries. Please Vote for Becky at the website below. Click to vote under her picture. She's currently in first place-let's keep her there. Thanks and multiple votes are deeply appreciated! Just click here [www.pageantplanet.com](http://www.pageantplanet.com) and it will direct you to the pageant website page.

