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Dear Parishioners,

I didn't forget you this week. I am visiting both my sister and brother who are recovering and recuperating from illnesses.



Please keep them in your prayers as well as all of the sick and elderly of our parish. My article will return next week.

God bless you!
Fr. Joe
Fr. Joseph A. D'Aurora
Pastor

VIRTUAL Host Families Needed: St. Patrick's Campus Support Ministry is looking for families (couples, young families, senior parishioners, etc.) to welcome new Catholic students/cadets in September. Little efforts might include saying a rosary for your Rat(s), sending an encouraging card along with a small goody bag of pre-packaged snacks/candy. Be a source of light to a new student or two far from home. Even with the unusual circumstances surrounding the pandemic, we can help them feel like they are a vital part of our Parish. To volunteer, please contact Mary Stuart Harlow msharlow502@gmail.com, 540-460-7353, or Mona Hazera at rbhazera@gmail.com. Rewards are everlasting!



Good morning Patricia and everyone at St. Patrick's,

I hope everyone is fine and the blessings of almighty God is upon you. About the benches, the work is almost done. We are repairing 17 benches. In the school, we had to replace some sheet metal. To make all, we bought board and materials to work, sheet metal, and workers' salaries. The total cost is \$960 dollars US. Thanks a lot for St. Patrick's love to Fond Pierre

Yours in Christ Jesus, Fr. Polinice Daisma



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in honor of the People of St. Patrick.

Friday, August 21 – No Mass Saturday, August 22

5:00 PM †Jerry Keeley by Ursula Keeley

Sunday, August 23

10:30 AM †Ronald Paul Martino by Charles and Vickie Rappold

Monday, August 24

12:15 PM †Barbara and John Palmer by Edna Palmer

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 AM †Frank Lauria by Susan and Gary Serra

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 AM †Frank Razzetto by Rita Poranski

Thursday, August 27 - No Mass

Friday, August 28

12:15 PM †Harriet and Stanley Wojcik by Judy Chittum

Saturday, August 29

5:00 PM †Noreen Avery by Shannon and Mike Hepner

Sunday, August 30

10:30 AM †Paul Rom by Susan and Gary Serra



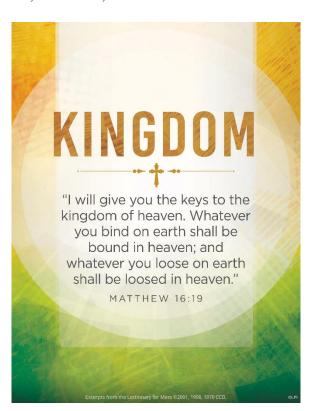




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Prayer Net: José Garcia; Genesta Pouliot; Mary Ann DeLuca; Mike Yoemans; Barry McDonald; Patricia Browning; Virginia Mitchell; Amanda Soutar; G. John D'Aurora: Patricia Burch; Knox Thomas; Michele Fletcher; Mary Lou Olszewski; Ryen Frost; Rachel, Sean & baby Duffy; Antoinette Warzinski; Tom Greenwood; Matt Hemp; Jerry Beckley; Terry Early; Antonietta Scire; Mrs. Donald; Dean Batterman; Lou Ramsey; Carol Leninger; Kathy Crawford; Jeanette Luke; Sally Ann Bulger; Deborah Soutar; Ted DeLaney; our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; the underemployed and unemployed; our military and their families; families affected by the coronavirus; those struggling financially because of this crisis; and first responders, medical personal and all government leaders. (For Prayer Net requests, Cher McCoy at 540-570-2111 contact chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com.)

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: We pray for all those, who live and work from the sea, among them, sailors, fishermen, and their families.



Weekly Schedule Igust 21 - No Mass August 22

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Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM Reconciliation - AFF Meeting Room

4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal

10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

10:30 AM

Monday, August 24 - W&L Classes Begin

11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

12:15 PM

6:30 PM First Eucharist Parents Meeting – Church Hall

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 AM Mass

8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 AM

8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

11:00 AM Adoration

Thursday, August 27 - Fr. Joe's Day Off

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Save the date:

Sun., October 4 – Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic

The RARA Item of the Month is Back to School



Supplies. The basket for school supplies and non-perishable food donations is in the narthex.

We are seeking volunteers with a technical background who can operate computer software linked to Facebook and YouTube and who can operate a simple camera system used in livestreaming Mass on Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It is really not all that complicated and training will be provided. It will involve about 90 minutes of your time perhaps once a month. You can do this concurrent with your participation in the Mass.





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Scripture Readings for this weekend: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20.

From the Director of Religious Education, Kathleen Nowacki-Correia:

"But, who do you say that I am?"

This Sunday's Gospel from the Evangelist Matthew presents the ultimate question to all who profess belief in Christ. Who is Jesus in salvation history and who is He to each of us, here and now? The answer is found in Scripture and tradition, Church doctrine, in the testimony of the saints, and, hopefully, in our hearts. If many of us have never been placed in a position to explain what is meant by our faith in Christ, then do our actions as His followers express who He is and what belief in Him means to us? Can we honestly profess that we have pondered this question, vital to our eternal salvation? Could we, too, readily proclaim, as Peter did in today's Gospel, that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God?" And, if we spontaneously can make that profession of faith, are we prepared to explain our belief in the divine mysteries of our Faith? The Second Reading this Sunday from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans proclaims, "Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" We, to whom much has been given and revealed, are called to exclaim with this same reverence our belief in the mysteries of our omnipotent God, who in His loving mercy sent His Word Made Flesh, His Son, as our Savior. Just as Peter's great pronouncement of faith earned him the keys to the Kingdom, may our steadfast faith in Christ, Our Lord, merit our welcome there! May our bold profession of faith in Christ, through word and deed, draw others to Him, as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, so that they, too, may eternally rejoice in the Kingdom of God! ~K.N-C.

Liturgy Notes by Justin Soutar:

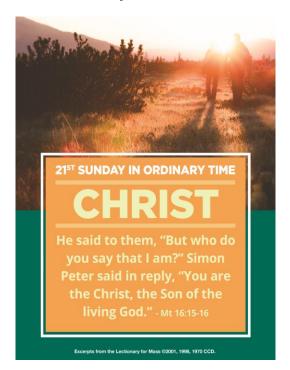
On this Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Scripture readings remind us that all legitimate authority comes from God. In the text from Isaiah, the Lord announces the end of Shebna's corrupt reign and the firm

establishment of the servant leader Eliakim over Judah. Saint Paul declares that God's judgments are inscrutable and his ways unsearchable to human beings. And in the Gospel, Peter confesses Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God, and Jesus responds by establishing Peter as the head of his church.

"That which has occurred in a unique way to Saint Peter, also takes place in every Christian that develops a sincere faith in Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. Today's Gospel challenges each and every one of us. How is your faith? Each one must answer in their heart. How is your faith? What does the Lord find in our hearts? A steadfast heart like a rock or a sand-like heart, that is, doubtful, wary, incredulous? It would do us well today to think about this" (Pope Francis, Angelus, 8/24/14). May our faith in Christ and the divine authority of the Church be strengthened through prayer, spiritual reading, the sacraments, and good works.

*** A Musical Note: We are greatly in need of cantors under age 65 to sing at our weekend Masses. If you would like to serve as a cantor, please email Justin Soutar at music@stpatrickslexington.com.

*** Liturgical Note: We need a volunteer to clean and maintain the church baptismal font. Please contact Justin Soutar if interested.







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Parish Finances:

Collection for 8/16/2020	\$	3,699
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$	7,461
Operating Income YTD	\$	42,108
Budgeted Operating Income YTD	\$	52,227
Under YTD Budgeted Income	\$ (-10,119)

Giving Options: Thank you for your continued financial stewardship during this difficult time. For your convenience, please consider giving online at offertory.richmonddiocese.org or through our direct debit program at Direct Debit. Alternatively, you can mail checks (no cash please) to P.O. Box 725, Lexington, VA 24450.



The annual parish picnic will be held Sunday, October 4 at the upper pavilion at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. Mass will start at 10:45 a.m. Masks will be required and social

distancing guidelines will be followed. Mass will be followed by a catered, individually boxed chicken dinner from Kenney's. The cost for lunch is \$6.50/person. There will be no pot-luck dishes and no buffet. We will not conduct a raffle this year. Attendance is limited to 50. Registration will be required at Eventbrite.com or call the St. Patrick's office at 463-3533.

FORMED: Take advantage of our free parish subscription to FORMED for the best Catholic movies, e-books, study series, webinars, and top speakers! Go to formed.org, scroll down, click Register, enter parish code T2WDQ3, your email, click Submit, and fill in your information for free access.

Please continue to check the parish website at <u>stpatrickslexington.com</u> for updates.



54 Day Rosary Miracle Novena: Pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, then Glorious mysteries, and repeat. Optionally on Thursdays, you may also pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for a personal intention. From August 15-September 10, be the Lord for the intention of peace and blessings around the November election. From September 1-October 7, thank the Lord in faith, believing the favor was already granted. Go to: queenofpeacemedia.com

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services for Lebanon: Please see the attached memo from Bishop Knestout regarding this special collection to help with the disaster response in Lebanon. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to St. Patrick and put "CRS – Lebanon" in the memo line. Thank you for your support and prayers for the afflicted.

Hymns for this weekend's Masses:

Entrance Chant: O God Beyond All Praising #589 Offertory Chant: Church of God, Elect and

Glorious #508

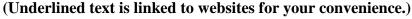
Communion Chant: The Supper of the Lord #774

Recessional: In Christ There Is No East or

West #831









Diocese of Richmond

Office of the Bishop

August 14, 2020

Dear Pastors and Administrators.

On August 4th, a colossal explosion in the Port of Beirut caused widespread destruction and a tragic loss of life. Additionally, as many as 300,000 people have been made temporarily homeless. Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Bishop David J. Malloy, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace stated, "Lebanon was already reeling from economic and government corruption along with the novel coronavirus pandemic. The plight of the Lebanese people is now even more dire."

In the wake of such disasters, the Church has a long-standing tradition of offering prayers and solidarity in their aftermath. The USCCB has asked for prayers for the afflicted and for us to give generously to Catholic Relief Services' Lebanon disaster response.

Members of the Lebanese Maronite community have had a presence in Virginia, in particular, Richmond and Roanoke, since the turn of the last century. Knowing of the needs of Maronite Catholics in Lebanon and the affection we have for the many people of Lebanese descent in our own Diocese, I encourage any support our diocesan community can offer to the people of Beirut and ask each parish to make a special appeal for a collection during the weekend of August 22-23 or August 29-30.

Understanding our own challenges due to the environment in which we find ourselves, in lieu of a collection, please consider a making a gift from parish funds designated for charitable works or assistance to those in need. In addition to this special appeal for support, I am asking that prayers for our brothers and sisters impacted by this devastating blast are included at all Masses.

All collections and gifts should be sent to the Diocesan Finance Office with a memo directing the donation to the Catholic Relief Services for Lebanon.

With gratitude and best regards, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout

Bishop of Richmond





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O God beyond All Praising



- 1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to day
- *2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
- 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav ior, ac cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay; Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send, But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown, And wheth - er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end. Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav-en's gar-den grown. We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word; For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free, To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord. And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry! And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

^{*}May be omitted.





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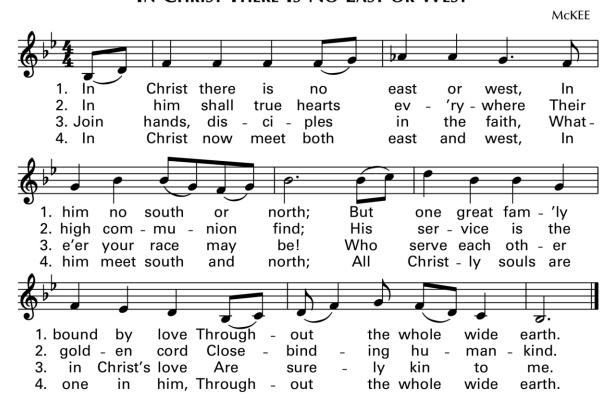
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IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST



Text: CM; Galatians 3:28; John Oxenham, 1852-1941. Music: Spiritual; adapted by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949.