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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2024

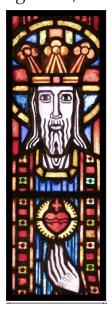
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout Bishop of Richmond

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Emergency: (804) 254-0699 Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 12:00 N Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm Saturday: 4:00–4:45 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00 pm

Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

Holy Day of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses: Wednesday, August 14 | 6:00 pm Thursday, August 15 | 12:00 N, 6:00 pm

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Each week we recite in the Creed: "I believe...in the resurrection of the dead." Our Christian hope is that just as Christ was raised from the dead, so too will those who believe in him. This general resurrection of the dead will happen at the end of time, when the Lord renders judgment upon the world.

What we await at the end of time, the Virgin Mary has already experienced. The Assumption commemorates the Church's belief that at the end of her life, the Mother of God was taken into heaven completely—body as well as soul. In this way, Mary's Assumption follows closely upon the resurrection of her Son. The Assumption marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to raise us from the dead, after the example of Christ.

QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.

When parking in the VCU Deck (801 W. Main St.):



- 1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
- 2. Use this code from this bulletin or:
- 3. Take a photo of the code with your phone
- When leaving the deck, insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.

Valid until June 2025

COMMUNITY

	Calendar
Saturday, August 10 4:00 pm	St. Lawrence Confessions
5:00 pm	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Ann McGuffin)
Sunday, August 11 9:00 am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Milagros Castro) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am 12:15 pm 5:00 pm	Mass (+Antonio Evola) Social Justice Speaker Series Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, August 12 12:00 N 6:00 pm	St. Jane Frances de Chantal No Mass Knight of Columbus meeting
Tuesday, August 13 12:00 N	Sts. Pontian, Hippolytus Mass (David and Jeanne Mancini)
Wednesday, August 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and office closed
7:30 am	Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 pm	Mass (+Merle Kent) No adoration or confessions
7:00 pm	Book Study
Thursday, August 15 12:00 N 6:00 pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass (+Marian Mahon) Mass (pro populo)
Friday, August 16 12:00 N 12:45 pm	St. Stephen of Hungary Mass (+Most Rev. Francis DiLorenzo) Church closed

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (August): For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Vocations (19th **Sunday in Ordinary Time):** "I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:40). Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Sick: Richard Heberle, Margaret Huber, Madeline Peace.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Ahmed Abbas, Lisa Adams, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Hong Chi, Lawrence Creech, Andrew Farrell, Terry Freeman, James Gropp, Ashley Jefferson, Anna Pletch, Terry Van Brakle, Wray Walker; Full Communion: Jason Adams, Jason Austin, Jill Krais, Reed Lutow, Karen Rubins, Faith Skibins, Maria Soringalvarro, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Nina LaPres, Izamar Martinez, Kathleen O'Neill.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Offertory Collection

	August 3–4	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$92,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$11,225</u>	<u>\$64,496</u>
	-\$7,275	-\$28,004

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The Cathedral raised \$85,688 in pledges (\$67,077.73 collected) from 125 donors for the current Annual Diocesan Appeal. This pledged total exceeds the parish's goal of \$57,750. The Cathedral receives back 20 percent of the amount collected up to the target and 50 percent of the amount collected over the target. In this case, that comes to \$16,213.87 for the parish as of June 30, 2024. There is still time to contribute to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which funds seminary education, care for retired priests, campus ministry, the fuel and hunger fund, and St. Francis–Manchester (a residence in Richmond for the elderly in need). Thank you for your generosity.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion September 6–8

If you've experienced the traumatic effects of abortion, we invite you to a confidential weekend retreat where women and men encounter the healing, compassion, and forgiveness of God.

Website: rv4hope.org
Email: RV4Hope@gmail.com

By phone: Maggie Carlson: 804-432-2589 Marty Montgomery-Jennings: 804-334-7956

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

September 14 | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm | Cathedral

The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations for the annual yard sale. If your item(s) is no larger than a small bin, you are welcome to drop these off and leave them on the table in the parish hall. Larger items can be dropped off on Fridays, 9:00 am - 12:00 N. Please contact Jack Judge prior to dropping off furniture (631/455-7348). Thank you.

Young Adults

August 14

Assumption Vigil Mass | 6:00 pm | Cathedral Book Study | 7:00–8:30 pm | Cathedral or Zoom

August 20

Monthly holy hour | 6:00 pm | Cathedral

October 18–20

Young Adult retreat | Kill Devil Hills, NC Registration: https://bit.ly/4bBOEu2

For more information, visit evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults.

WORSHIP

Flowers

Parishioners may purchase flowers to adorn the altar and tabernacle in honor or in memory of a loved one. The presence of flowers in the sanctuary serves to make the celebration of Mass beautiful and reverent. For more information, please contact Robin Thomas, business manager (rthomas@richmondcathedral.org).

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

"The pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to high things" (Vatican Council II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no 120).

With its wind and many components, the organ resembles the liturgical assembly that worships God. The air animating an organ is like the Holy Spirit breathing upon the Christian people. The array of various pipes sounding together harmoniously resembles the gathering of the Church, as men and women from different walks of life sing together in praise of God.

Organ Dedication

October 29-30 | 7:00 pm

Parishioners are invited to two events that will launch the Cathedral's new gallery pipe organ. Both events will feature Olivier Latry, titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

DEDICATORY VESPERS

October 29 | 7:00 pm | Cathedral

There are no tickets or registration for this event. It is free and open to the public.

INAUGURAL CONCERT

October 30 | 7:00 pm | Cathedral

This event is sold out.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

Ave Verum Corpus

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the Cross for us, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be for us a foretaste of heaven in the final trial of death, O sweet Jesus, O loving Jesus, O Jesus Son of Mary.

SERVICE

All Saints Catholic School

August Service Project

Our school supply collection for All Saints is off to a good start with 55 items, including 109 pencils. The most needed items are:

- · Dry erase markers
- Lined paper
- Linea paperPens
- Markers
- Staplers

- Playdough
- Sentence strips
- Crayons
- Tape
- Staples
- Pencils (preferably pre-sharpened)
- Large mechanical pencil sharpeners

Bins will be set up in the back of church and in the parish hall through Sunday, August 25 for your donations. Thank you.

Social Justice Speaker Series: A Call to Faithful Citizenship

August 11 | 12:15-1:15 pm | Parish Hall

Jeff Caruso, Executive Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, an organization established in 2004 to advance the public-policy interests of Virginia's bishops and the Richmond Diocese by advocating for public policy reflecting natural law, advancing human dignity, and serving the common good, will soon speak at the Cathedral.

Join us to learn about VCC's mission, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and the call to engage in faithful citizenship. A light lunch will be provided. Registration: https://bit.ly/3WfF22i

Ongoing Service Project

August 21 | 12:30-3:30 pm | Feedmore

The Social Justice Committee coordinates a monthly service opportunity for Cathedral parishioners on the third Wednesday each month at Feedmore. No special skills are required; the work involves standing at tables to assemble meal items, with some light lifting and stooping required. Come and meet fellow parishioners while providing a valuable service. Please sign up by the Monday prior to service date at https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice. For questions, please contact Richard Robbins (crrobb28@gmail.com).

Lectors

Parishioners are welcome to serve as lectors at Sunday Mass. Lectors must be baptized Catholics, have received their First Holy Communion, attend Mass each Sunday and holy days of obligation, and, if married, be married in the Catholic Church.

The ministry of lector is also open to young people who are at least in the 6th grade, and who are enrolled in a Catholic school or religious education program.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states that lectors should be "people who are truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101). Those interested in serving as lectors are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

EPIC Wrap-up

Middle school students gathered in Richmond last Saturday for the annual EPIC rally. The day of faith, fellowship, and fun included a keynote speaker, adoration, field games, small groups, a service project, and Mass. High school teens who participated in the diocesan Discipleship Week led small groups and shared their testimony with the middle school youth.

Along with Cathedral middle school participants and a high school student, several young adults from the parish helped with the event. It was a great, faith-filled day.

Baptism Information Session

August 11 | 10:15-10:45 am | Parish hall

Parents seeking baptism for their child(ren) ages 0–6 are invited to a short information session in the parish hall. The presentation will review the steps involved in having a child baptized.

Baptism is the first sacrament and the foundation of being a Christian. According to the literal meaning of the term, baptism is an "immersion" into the death and resurrection of Christ that shapes all of life: it forgives sins, it makes one son or daughter of God, and it joins one to the Church.

For more information, please contact Joy Weir (<u>jweir@richmondcathedral.org</u>).

First Penance and First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion normally takes place when a child is seven years old and in second grade. It is preceded by the sacrament of Penance.

To receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, a child must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Several preparation sessions are also required.

Preparation for First Penance takes place in January and preparation for First Holy Communion takes place in April. If you have questions on preparing your child for his or her sacraments, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation for young people is normally received at age fifteen and in 10th grade. This sacrament is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to live out the Catholic faith. To be confirmed, a young person must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Preparation sessions (September–May) are also required. Registration: https://bit.ly/RE2425

Catechetical Corner

Registration for catechesis (religious education) this fall is open. Classes are available for children ages 4 years old through rising high school seniors. Classes begin September 15, and all classes meet from 10:05 to 10:55 am (between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses). Registration: https://bit.ly/RE2425.

ADULT

Making Disciples: What does it mean to "Become a Catholic"?

Dear Parishioners,

As baptized Catholics, we are called to walk alongside those seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. We can all help in different ways—welcoming guests at Mass, serving as a sponsor, providing a meal for the Tuesday sessions, becoming a prayer partner. If you have witnessed a child's baptism, he or she is anointed with sacred chrism. As the priest or deacon prays these words: "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his holy body, sharing everlasting life." All of us are meant to embrace these gifts. Please pray for those adults who are part of the Order of the Chrisitian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) ministry, as they come together each week to pray and learn about the Catholic faith. These adults are the responsibility of every member of the parish. We celebrate the opportunity to be part of their journey.

Please contact Maria Thorsen for more information or to provide a meal (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org). The OCIA sessions will begin on Sepetmber 17.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? OCIA Inquiry Session

August 20 | 6:00 pm | Parish office

The process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church is called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), and follows the mission commanded by Christ: "Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The OCIA inquiry session is an opportunity to learn more about the process of joining the Catholic Church. Please contact Maria Thorsen for more information (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Lay Vocation

Vatican Council II (1962–1965) taught that lay people have their own grand and noble calling—to consecrate human civilization to God through daily life and work: "The laity... seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world... in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life... They are called there by God that... they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven" (Lumen gentium, no. 31 §2).

Save-the-date: DCWSS

November 13 | 6:00 pm | Cathedral

The Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing presents Rev. Robert Boxie. Father Boxie is the Catholic chaplain at Howard University in Washington, DC and the Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Student Center. The evening will also include a holy hour and dinner.