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The Most Holy Trinity

Scripture Readings for Next Week: June 6, 2021

Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Mass Intentions for June 5/6

5:30 pm: Penny Gavin

8:00 am: Tim Lucas and Gloria Miles

10:00 am: Redeemer Parishioners

Our Sick: Sandy Hare, Gwen Boggess, Andrea Wilson, Irene Hurst, Rose Seay, Mitzi Clark, Inez Mazeika, Mike Strum, Bob Richman, Mary Vanness, Michele Martin, Bob Jennings, Jody Rowland and **the loved ones of:** Betty Kelley, Terry and Chris Colville, Shirley Husz, Dennis Fiore

Metro Richmond at Prayer: We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For just institutional policies and programs that foster restorative practices leading to wholeness and healing.

APRIL 2021 COLLECTIONS			
		04/01/21--04/30/21	
Registered Families:	***1186***	***Monthly Actual***	***Monthly Budget***
Envelope Offering :		*$ 32,911.00*	*$ 43,750.00*
Loose Money Offering:		*$ 1,602.25*	*$ 3,333.33*
E-Giving:		*$ 34,831.74*	*$ 24,166.67*
Miscellaneous Income:		*$ 2,168.90*	*$ 7,649.80*
Total Monthly Offering:		***$ 71,513.89***	***$ 78,899.80***

Faith Formation

Middle School Youth: The Diocese of Richmond is hosting and event for all youth who will be in grades 6-8 during the 2021-2022 academic year. The "Epic" event is on August 7 from 11am-7pm at The Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School. If you are interested in the event or if you would like more information, please contact Kate Chittum.

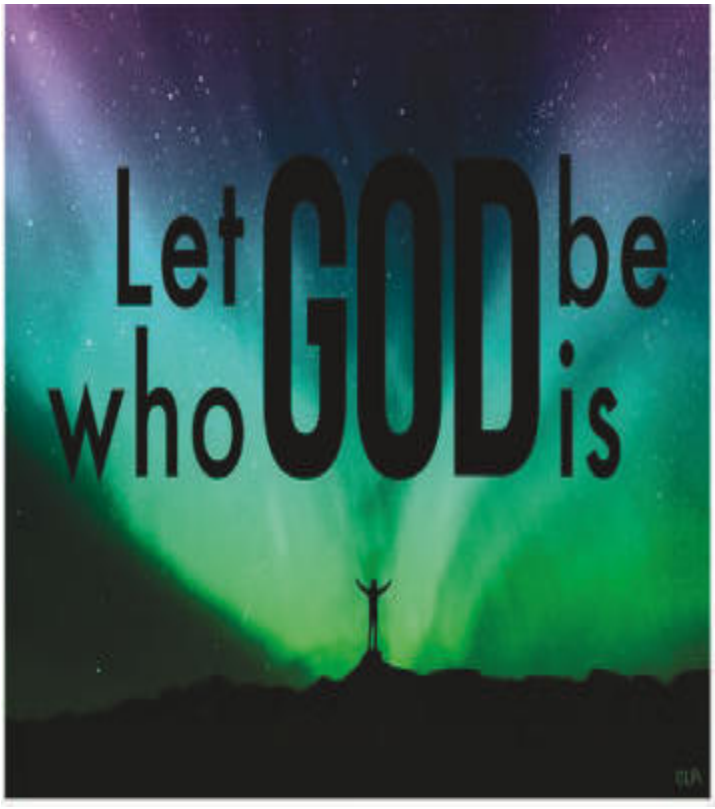
Vacation Bible School: Redeemer will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of August 2-6 from 9am-12 daily. More information on how to register will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Human Concerns

Prayer Shawls Available: Do you know someone who would like a prayer shawl? Shawls can be given to those who need comfort after the loss of a loved one, ill and recovering, having surgery or a medical procedure, going through a difficult time, or many other possibilities. Contact Diane in the church office for more information.

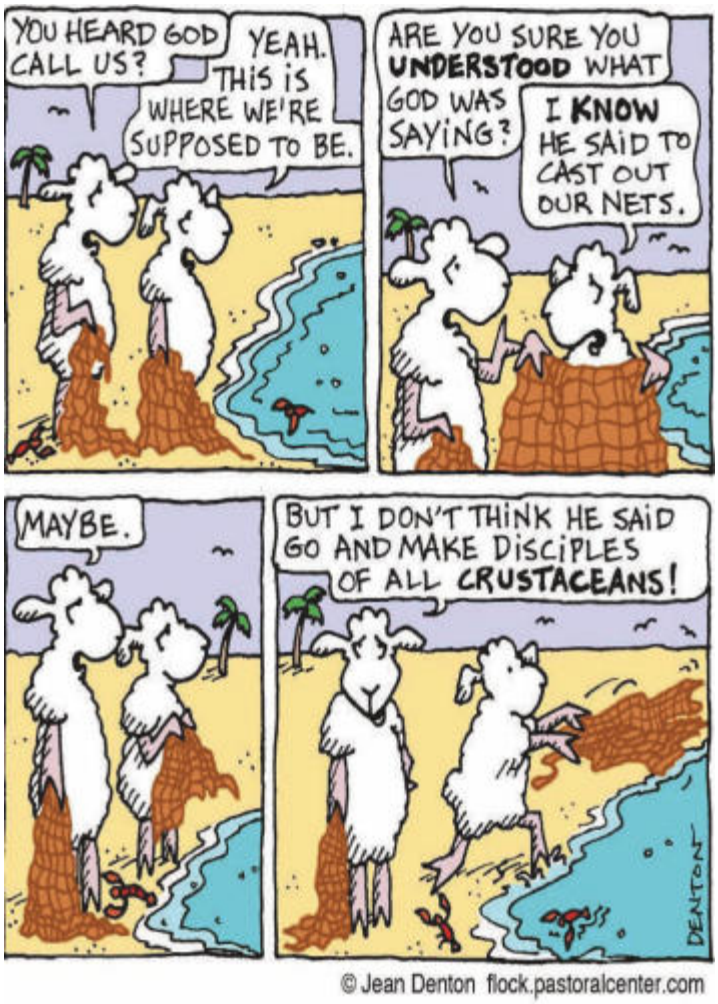
Room at the Table for One More: May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. This month, we are challenged to consider how we might help---perhaps by becoming a foster parent, a mentor, or a tutor for one of the thousands of foster care children in Virginia who need security, stability, and love? Commonwealth Catholic Charities invites us to learn more about their Foster Care Program by visiting: www.cccofva.org/foster-care. To learn how you can change the world for a child in need, please contact Foster Care Specialist, Bebe Tran via email (bebetran@cccofva.org) or by phone (804-545-5949).

Haiti School Sponsorship – Opening the Doors for All Students: Our Haiti Sponsorship Drive is coming soon! As Haitians and Americans we share the goal of providing our children the best education. Vaccines and public health strategies are opening school doors for our local children. Your compassion and generosity will keep the AFAL school doors open for our Haitian friends. Together with our Haitians friends we praise God for the gift of our children and answer God's call to care for those in need.



Liturgy

Sunday Flock: "Go and make disciples of all nations."



Sheepish Question: Crustaceans aside, to whom does Jesus send me, specifically?

Other / Parish News

Office Hours: The office will be **closed** on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. There will be **no daily Mass**.

Virtual Songfest is Back!
Tune in to www.facebook.com/RedeemerMusicMinistry at noon each day of the week beginning Memorial Day for a musical treat featuring our Adult Choir. That Saturday, the Masked Ringers will offer a long-time favorite as a Postlude. We pray that next year we can all sing our favorites together as a community when Songfest hopefully returns in person.

Altar Servers: We are thrilled to welcome our altar servers back to weekend Masses! If your child or youth who has already received Holy Communion and would like to serve the liturgy in this capacity, please contact Tina Maxson at tinamaxson@comcast.net.

Peter's Pence Collection: Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/es/html.

Pastoral Council Elections: Redeemer's Pastoral Council elections will be held the first two weeks of June. Candidates pictures and personal statements will be posted on Redeemer's web site and in the church commons by June 1st. Ballots and instructions for voting will be available in the church commons after all masses the weekends of June 5th and June 12th and on a table outside of the office from June 1st through the 15th. Pastoral Council is an elected advisory body to the Pastor.

Fiat Days: Announcing open registration for Fiat Days **on July 22-24, 2021!** "Fiat" is a Latin word that refers to Mary's response to the angel Gabriel, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). The goal of Fiat Days is to bring high school aged women together who desire to grow in faithful discipleship and personal holiness to be better able to discover their own vocation from the Lord, with a special focus on the call to religious life. We will be joined by religious sisters from several communities for this three-day retreat. Fiat is open to all rising 10th grade through graduating 12th grade girls.

This year, the first 2 days of Fiat will be held virtually over Zoom and the third day of Fiat will be held in-person at Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, VA. Registration has changed from the past:

The parent or the youth minister can register them directly online. The participant will submit a short essay via Google Forms.

The participant's youth minister or pastor will submit a brief recommendation via Google Forms. All information about Fiat, including links to registration, essay, and recommendation submissions can be found at evangelizerichmond.org/events/fiat-days-3/ Registration is open until June 22, 2021. If you have questions, please reach out to evangelization@richmonddiocese.org. We look forward to journeying with these young women this summer!

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