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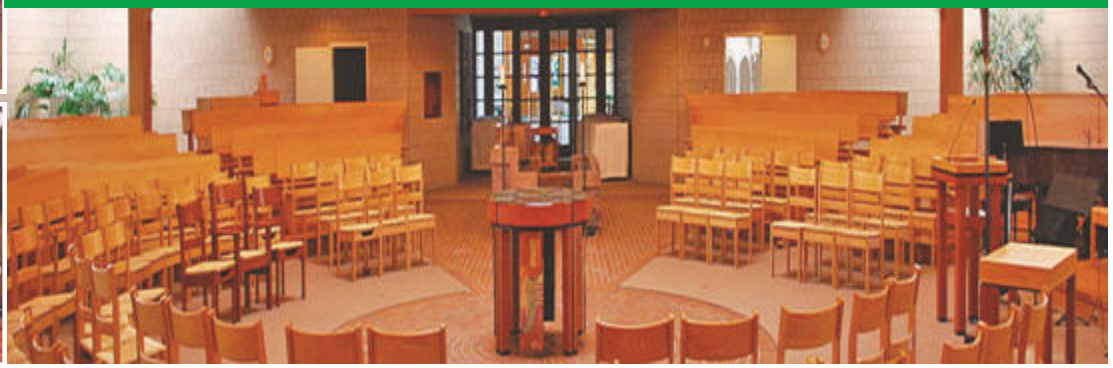

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The Spirit of Redeemer: To Answer God's Call

Our Mission: *Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* John 13:35

Our Vision: *Through worship, service, community, and Word we strive to bring all people close together and closer to God.*

Eucharistic Liturgies

Daily Mass: Mondays & Wednesdays at noon

Weekends

Saturday Vigil:	5:30 pm
Sunday Morning:	8:00 & 10:00 am
Holy Days:	9:30 am & 7:00 pm

Parish Membership
Registration forms are available in the Commons and on our website. Call the parish office for additional information or to have a registration form sent to you.

Bulletin Deadline: Ten days prior to publication.

Deacons:

Chris Colville	248-9527
Ron Reger	550-0659
Bill Blatnik	277-3608

Parish Council Chairperson:
Larry Cunningham 564-5115

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Sacramental Preparation • Please call the office to schedule.

Infant Baptism: Parents attend classes prior to the baptism. Baptism celebrations by immersion occur on designated weekends of the year. Please contact Deacon Chris.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist: Students in 2nd grade and older are invited to prepare for these sacraments. Please contact Kate Chittum .

Confirmation: Preparation begins each fall for students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade. Students are expected to attend a religious ed. program while preparing for Confirmation. Please contact Kate Chittum.

Catechumenate: Those interested in becoming Catholic should call the parish office or contact Deacon Ron.

Anointing of the Sick: Communal celebration during the year. Individuals should call the parish office when the need arises. Please contact Father Jim..

Reconciliation: 4:30–5:00 pm on Saturday. Communal celebrations are offered twice a year. For individual appointments, please contact Fr. Jim.

Hospitalized & Homebound: Please notify Diane Atkins.

Matrimony: Please contact Father Jim or Deacon Chris at least six months prior to the wedding. Pre-marital classes are required.

Scripture Readings for Next Week: August 22, 2021

Jon 24:1-2, 15-17, 18 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6: 60-69

Mass Intentions for August 21/22

5:30 pm: Pat Patrick, Johnny Fanning, Lori McKenney, Elpido Pacol and Bob Seay

8:00 am: Redeemer Parishioners

10:00 am: John Bowles

Our Sick: Keith Novak**,** 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 workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond, for economic development in depressed portions of the city, and for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

Faith Formation

Registration for Religious Education is Underway: Registration forms have been mailed to all households with school aged children. You can also find forms on the church website and outside of the church office. Registration closes August 16th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Chittum, Coordinator of Religious Education, at kchittum@churchredeemer.org or Renee Reisenweaver, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at rreisenweaver@churchredeemer.org

Attention Youth Grades 6 – 12: Our first kickball game was a success! If you missed out or are interested in participating again, mark your calendar for Sunday, August 22nd from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Game will be played at Our Lady of Lourdes at 8250 Woodman Road. Email Renee Reisenweaver at rreisenweaver@churchredeemer.org if you plan to participate.

Parents of Youth: please plan to attend the parent meeting after all masses the weekend of August 28 – 29 to learn more about the fall youth program. We will discuss our goals and vision for this upcoming year of youth RE. Meeting will be held in Rooms 1 and 2. Youth are also invited to attend.

Sending Your Son or Daughter off to College? Be sure to send them with a gift card for a special treat when they need a pick-me-up. There are a few left in the inventory. A full listing can be found in this week's bulletin. Call the church office or simply stop by to pick up your gift cards available NOW. Additional Script cards can be pre-ordered through the church office. Thank you for helping to minimize our inventory.

Human Concerns

Shalom Farms: Shalom Farms Northside, is looking for individuals or families to volunteer on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. They are hoping for folks to volunteer on a weekly basis, but also have some space for single visits. Anyone who is interested in volunteering at the Northside farm can contact Amber directly at northside@shalomfarms.org.

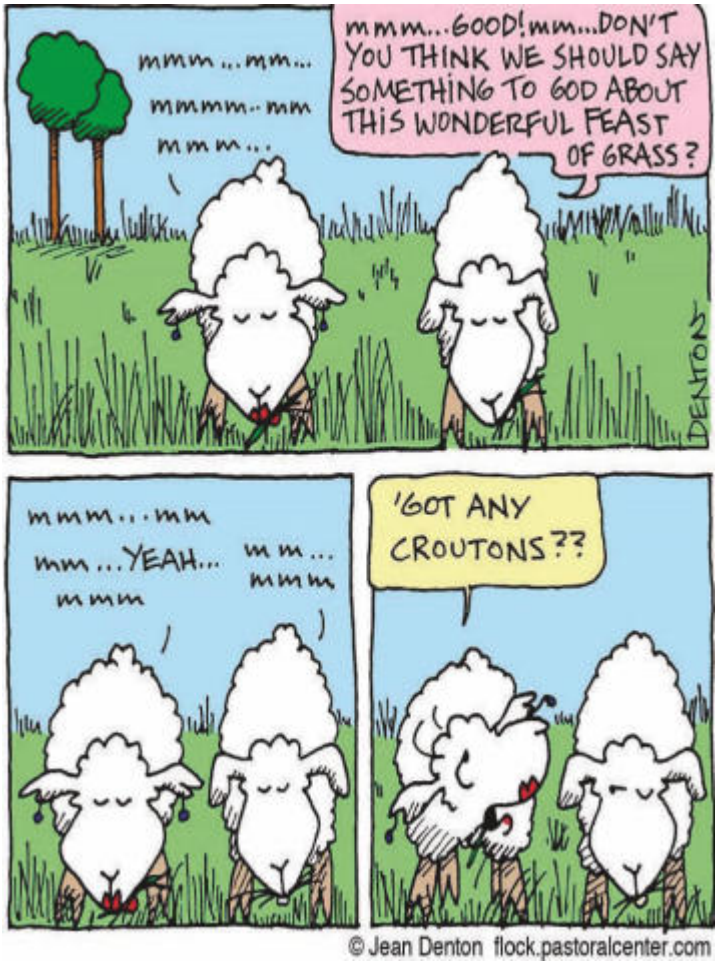
Habitat for Humanity: Join with other Redeemer parishioners for a day of service to new homeowners in our community! Redeemer has reserved a day just for us to swing some hammers or do whatever is needed to help build a home for the Palomino family. No experience needed! If you are 16 or over and would like to join us on **Saturday, October 16th**, please contact Diane in the church office. Datkins@ChurchRedeemer.org or 746-4911.

Outreach to the Sick and Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute the Eucharist to the sick and homebound of our community. Each week, Redeemer Parishioners carry the Blessed Sacrament to quiet neighborhoods and busy nursing homes, fulfilling a ministry that offers blessings to the bearers of Christ and to those they visit. For more information on this ministry, contact Diane in the Redeemer office.

Haiti Yard Sale: Where can you buy brand name clothing cheap and not make your wallet weep?
Answer: At the Haiti Yard Sale of course! (Friday Sept 17th & Saturday Sept 18th) Outfit your kids & yourself for fall. Sign up to volunteer: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADAA23A75-2021** or on Redeemer's website.

Liturgy

Sunday Flock: "The one who feeds on me will have life because of me."



Sheepish Question: Am I more focused on the gift or the giver?

Other / Parish News

All Saints Catholic School is seeking a part-time school nurse for the 2021-2022 academic year. Applicants must possess a current license to practice as a registered professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is a part-time, 10-month position (Monday-Friday, mid-August through mid-June, daily schedule is negotiable). See the full description at www.allsaintsric.org/about/news-newsletter/. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, diocesan application, and resume to mkelleher@allsaintsric.org.

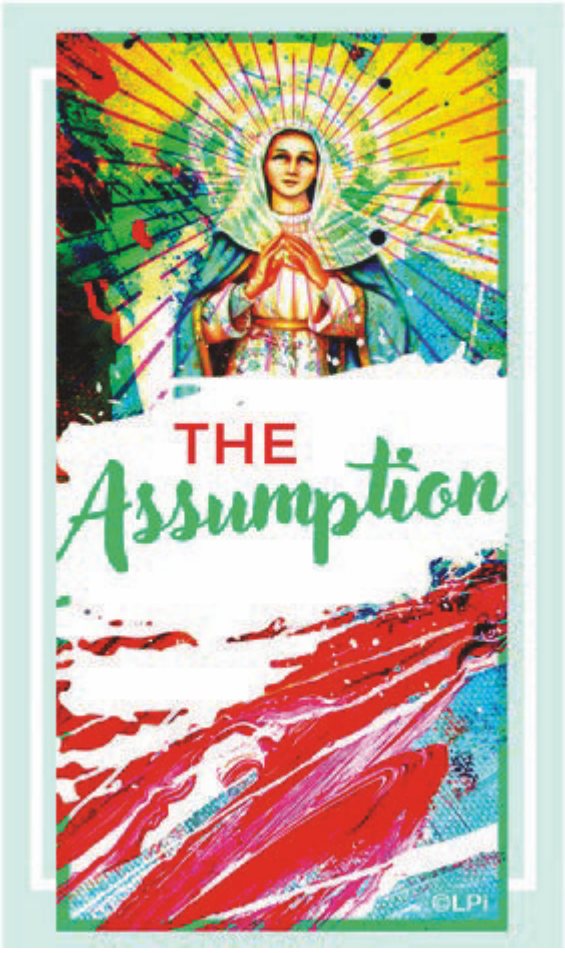
St. Joseph: Patron Saint of the Universal Church: Join Fr. Jim for a discussion about St. Joseph's life and lessons on August 18th from 7:00 -8:30 PM. Please sign up on the table outside of the church office if you plan to attend.

LISTEN UP! The Tuesday Morning Bible Buddies will start up again in September – Tuesday morning, September 21st, to be exact. Classes last from 9:30-11:30ish a.m. (We are always finished by Noon!). We meet in Rooms 1 and 2, and there's always room for one more. This year we will be studying ***The Women of the Bible Speak***, by Shannon Bream. This book "outlines the lessons we can take from the valor of Esther, the hope of Hannah, the audacity of Rahab, and the faith of Mary, offering us a deeper understanding of each, and wisdom and insights that can transform our own lives today." The author "helps us reflect not only on the meaning of each individual woman's life, but on how they relate to each other and to us."

Books may be ordered through Amazon for $15.99 or picked up from BJ's for $15.00.

We look forward to welcoming back those who have been "studying" with us for years. As you well know, we learn far more from you than you do from us. Newcomers of all ages are invited to join us as well. You will be treated to wonderful camaraderie, delicious snacks, and insight to some of the more famous women of the bible. It will be interesting to see how their lives entwine with ours in this century.

We look forward to seeing all of you on September 21.



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