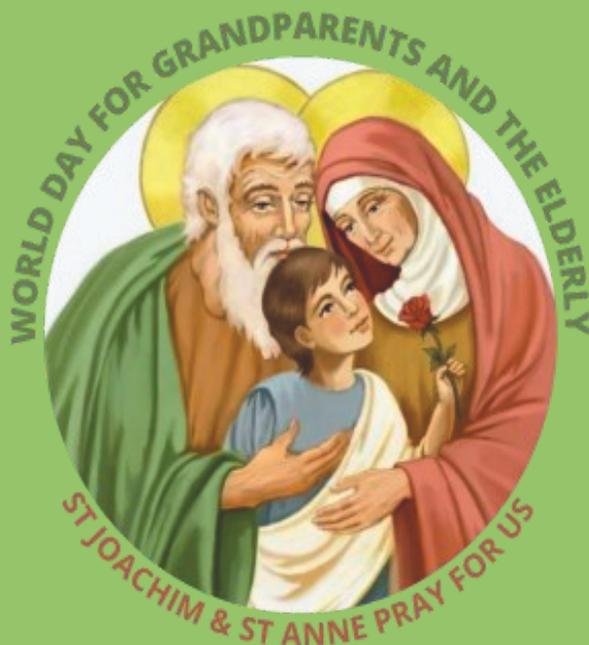




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JULY 25, 2021



Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

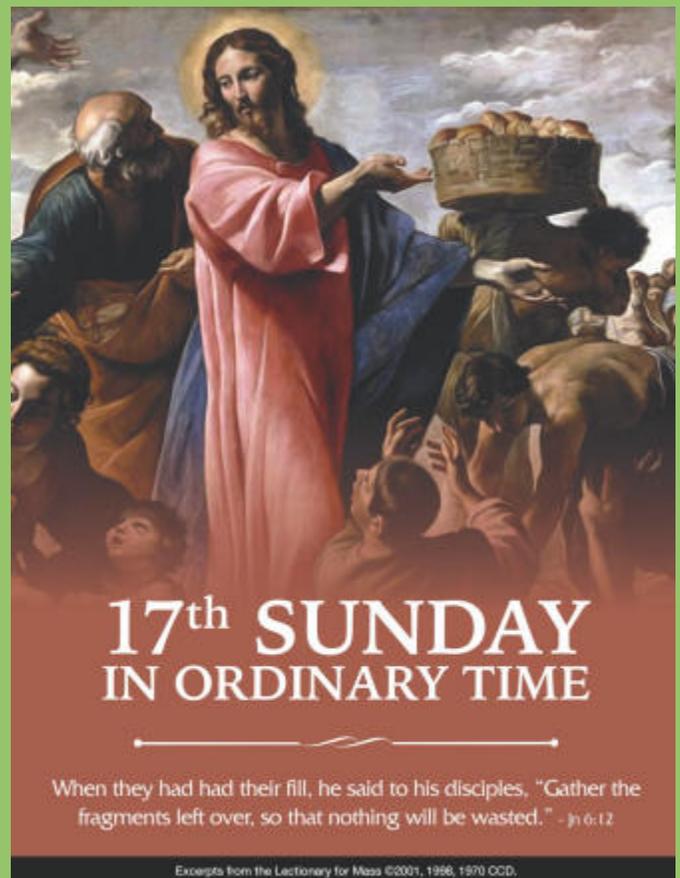
Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,

Dear Elderly Friends,

“I am with you always” (*Mt 28:20*): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also

the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

(For full message, go to: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/mesaggio-giornata-nonni.html>)



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SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES -

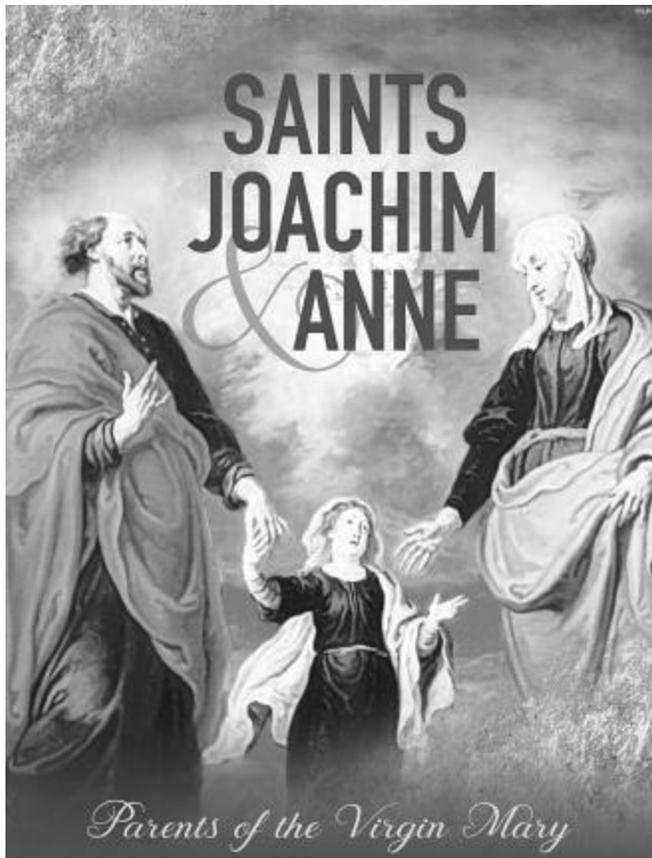
Saturday: 5pm English
Sunday: 11am English (livestream and recorded)
Sunday: 1:15pm Spanish (livestream and recorded)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 5:30pm
Wednesday: 7am
Friday: 9am (First Fridays—Adoration until noon)

POPE ESTABLISHES WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER When we pray for others, we lift them up to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our prayers. *Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, and for those who minister to us:*

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| Fr. Charles Breindel | Fr. Anthony Senyah |
| Fr. Louis Benoit | Fr. Patricio |
| Dorothy McKenna | Joanne Saunders |
| Keven Wright | Madeline Rogers |

(This group will rotate weekly. If you know of someone who may be removed from this list, please let us know. If someone should be added, contact: officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net.)

And the repose of the soul of :

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| Doris Ballard | Cleofas Ortiz |
| Julian Torres Lopez | Angie Clexton |
| Ana Bella Eberhardt | Marie Fizer |
| Olivia Lyall | Bob Gribben |

Please, kindly inform Fr. Patricio or the office of anyone who may need our love and prayers, whether aged, sick, hospitalized, in a life crisis, grieving or unable to attend a weekly mass. palcantara@richmonddiocese.org



OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY GIFTS TO HOLY SPIRIT:

Thank you for your continuing contributions to the support of Holy Spirit. Your offertory donation may be mailed to Holy Spirit at 355 Independence Blvd., Christiansburg or set-up a BILL PAY through your bank. Offertory envelopes are available at your request and blank envelopes for special collections and flowers are available in the Narthex.

Mass Intention envelopes are also available for your requested Masses. Ask an usher if you would like a Mass card. Donations appreciated.

OFFERTORY REPORT:

FISCAL NEWS 2020-2021	July - 2021	
	Week 2 7/10-7/11	Week 3 7/17—7/18
Weekly Budgeted Collection	3,520.00	3,520.00
Actual Collection	4,295.00	3,337.00
Over (Under) Weekly Budget	775.00	(183.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Collection	7,040.00	10,560.00
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	9,630.00	12,967.00
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	2,590.00	2,407.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL REPORT: **Your contributions are coming in, THANK YOU! Pledged to date: \$11,340.00. Donate today at <https://richmondatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

Want to contact Fr. Anthony? - Father Anthony O Senyah
154 College Avenue Danville, VA 24541

An important fundraiser for Holy Spirit is the **Community Rewards Program from Kroger**. All you do is sign-up, shop and Holy Spirit receives a donation. No additional cost to you at all! Our Quarterly Reward earning for March through May was \$489.78.

Go to: <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/>

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St. John Neumann Academy—Due to growing enrollment, we have had to add another 2nd Grade Class so we are hiring another elementary school teacher. Also, our religion teacher and our After School Care Program Leader are moving out of the area so we have these openings as well. Details are posted on the Narthex bulletin board in the event that you know of anyone looking for a F/T or P/T position. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest and resume to my attention at julia.wharton@sjnacademy.org.

Cursillo 2021-2022: The Cursillo is a worldwide movement of the Catholic Church. It provides a method of living the Christian life where one's spirituality may be developed, lived, and shared. The three day weekend experience is a joyous introduction into a supportive and growing community of friends in Christ--men and women who are working to bring Christ into their everyday lives. The Cursillo is designed to make it possible to live in union with Christ and to desire to bring others to Christ. Retreat fee is \$100 and can be mailed to:

GHRC
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Williamsburg, VA 23185

Men's September 23-26, 2021 Cursillo Weekend

Women's October 21-24, 2021 Cursillo Weekend

Women's March 31-April 3, 2022 Cursillo Weekend

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES ON OPPOSITE PAGE.

We are happy to announce that we will have our Craft/ Vendor show this year. This year's Craft Show will be held on Saturday Sept 11 from 9-2 downstairs in our fellowship Hall. Do you knit/crochet or make crafts, do you like to bake or know someone that does, please let me know? Crafters & Vendors are needed for HSCC's Annual Craft/Vendor Show. We also need volunteers to bake for our bake sale as well as helping us set up & help at the Craft Show. Please contact Terry Mattox@ 381-0845 or tmattox845@verizon.net.



A THANK YOU FROM FR. ANTHONY:

Dearly Beloved,
May the grace and peace of God and the father of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. I take this opportunity, to once again express my profound appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of you, for the love, care, and support throughout my stay at Holy Spirit and Holy Family.

I enjoyed working with leadership at both parishes: parish and finance councils. I thank God for the staff and volunteers, working wholeheartedly to support our parishes. I am blessed to have met all of you in this short life. Many of you opened the doors to your homes and supported me personally with gifts at various times on my journey. May the Lord continue to bless you with "a prophet's reward" These years will always remain my most memorable moments. I really had a great fulfillment in my ministry as your pastor. No words could be enough to adequately express my feelings, of sincere gratitude at this time.

It is my fervent prayer and wish that the good Lord bless and replenish each and every one of you abundantly; for all you sacrificed and gave up on my account. Do keep me in your prayers as I do for you. "Meda mo ase". God richly bless you.
Fr. Anthony

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