This Tuesday, from 10-11 am, is the July edition of “An Hour with the Saints” Please join Seminarian Andrew Clark in the Walsh Room or on Zoom as he discusses: “For All The Saints....in Virginia”. Did you know that our humble diocese can boast nine servants of God? Andrew will talk about the Spanish Jesuit Martyrs who were the first to bring the light of the Faith to Virginia and were martyred right here in Williamsburg! Also learn about Frank Parater, the first native Virginian to have a cause of Canonization opened, and his great love for Virginia and the Sacred Heart of Christ.

Young Adult brunch August 1 after the 11 am Mass. Contact Ginny Flesner vgazewood@bedeva.org

Children Faith Formation
Children’s Faith Formation is sponsoring 6 “Welcome Back Wednesday” activity days that will include bible stories, crafts, and games. The next one is this Wednesday, July 28th. See the Children’s Faith Formation page on the website for more details and to register. Space is limited so you must register each child for each week they want to attend. https://bedeva.org/welcome-back-wednesdays Registration is ongoing as long as there is space available.

Funeral Ministry
The funeral reception ministry is in need of volunteers to serve food and beverages at funeral receptions held in the Commons. This would require approximately 3 hours each time you serve. Saint Bede provides this service after funeral masses. This is an opportunity for us to give comfort to those who mourn. Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact the parish office or call Anne Cors at 757-258-1798.

Full-time Janitor/Custodian
We are seeking a full-time Janitor/Custodian person to work 35 hours/week at $15/hour. Hours are Monday thru Thursday 11:00am-7:00pm and Sundays 8:00am-4:00pm. Applicants must have mechanical abilities and be able to lift heavy items. A valid Virginia driver’s license is also required. Candidates should send a cover letter, résumé, and completed Diocesan application to Bob Locke. Application forms can be found at https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/. If you have questions, call 757-229-3631 and ask for Bob Locke. Enter extension 2301 when prompted after normal business hours.

Monsignor Joe’s Weekly Update
Blessings to you and yours, and especially to you - our grandparents and older members on this first World Day of Prayer for you. We and all the Church, give thanks for you: for your faith, steadfast witness, perseverance in prayer.

Today we assure you of gratitude and prayers. Why this day? Because it is the closest Sunday to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (on Monday, July 26), the parents of the Blessed Virginia Mary and the mother of Jesus. You are in good company.

Speaking of the saints, don’t forget to come (or tune in via Zoom) to Seminarian Andrew’s talk for July’s “An Hour with the Saints” series. He will discuss the Virginia Saints. At present, our Diocese claims nine Servants of God whose life and works are currently under-investigation for official recognition as Saints. His presentation is on Tuesday, July 27, 10:00 am-11:00 am, and is located in the ministry wing through the main door of the parish offices.

This Wednesday is “Welcome Back Wednesday” for kindergarteners through 5 graders from 10:00 am to noon. You can register with the office. All young children of the parish, their friends, or youthful visitors to your home are welcome for a morning of bible studies, games, and crafts.

Father Cassidy is currently on vacation - hopefully enjoying some good rest with his family. For that reason, Clergy Live from the Couch is also on vacation for the next few weeks. Hang in there; we’ll be back soon enough.

Thank you for your patience and your prayers.

Remember, there is no vacation from your vocation to love and serve. Keep each other in prayer - especially those we serve at the House of Mercy. Stay close to the Lord.
Prayer for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

This Week’s Mass Intentions

Intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral or if a celebrant is unavailable.

Saturday, 07/24
9:00 a.m.        Lumen Christi Society of Saint Bede Parish
5:30 p.m.        Parishioners

Sunday, 07/25
8:30 a.m.        William Woodard (D); Bernard Szrama (D); John & Dorothy Flynn (D)
11:00 a.m.       Bertha McPeek (D)
5:00 p.m.        Alexander Bello-Ortiz (D)

Monday, 07/26
9:00 a.m.        John Hopkins (D); Richard Gonyea (D)

Tuesday, 07/27
9:00 a.m.        Zuke Day (D); George Mattox, Jr. (D)

Wednesday, 07/28
9:00 a.m.        Manual & Carmen Sumulong (D); Marvin Alexander (D)

Thursday, 07/29
9:00 a.m.        Robert Rupon (D); Lewis H. Dixon (D)

Friday, 07/30
9:00 a.m.        Colleen Rink (D); Mike O’Shea (D)

Saint Bede Prayer List

REST IN PEACE
Leslie “Dean” Hovermale

SANCTUARY CANDLE
Richard Gonyea
Week of July 19, 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS:
Abbott Tom Dewane, Father John Abe, Maria L. Anderson, Wayne Babiash, Rosemary Basquill, Bobby Bayly, Carol Bonesteel, Colton, Phyllis Davidson, James Davis, Michael Evans, Char Frein, Maureen Gilmartin, Baby Kennedy, Sara Lane, Joyce Lee, Elmer May, Daniel Maines, Chris Marcario, Evangeline Mercado, Philip Merriss, Stephen Norton, John Preisser, Andrew Price and Family, Private Intention, Clare Robinson, MaryAnn Scherer, Joseph Shaffer, David Valentine, Patricia Valentine, Pat Vaughn, Lynne R. Walker, Williamsburg House of Mercy Staff and Volunteers

OUR TROOPS:
Emily Bessler, Brian Connolly, Patrick Hart, David Holland, Thomas Mueller, Geof Palmer, Evan Poole, James Martin Ryan, Matthew Speicher, Edward Alexander Ustaris, Timothy Weber