Greetings and good wishes to you and to your loved ones. This week and next, we are celebrating the funeral Masses or funeral liturgies for several members of our parish. We are currently waiting for several families to decide on dates to “funeralize” their beloved. Keep those who have died and their grieving families in your prayers. Their names are listed below.

This weekend we say goodbye to Andrew Clark, our summer seminarian. This summer will be over before we realize it. We wish him well in his second year of Theology and send him with our prayers and gratitude. He has presented a couple of topics in our adult formation program, helped with our youth and children, served at the House of Mercy, and worked with our altar servers in Sunday and weekday Masses.

God willing, Andrew, we will see you at Christmas and then again in Holy Week. Thanks for being with us… and leaving a piece of yourself with us.

A reminder to parents and grandparents, there will be no Welcome Back Wednesday this week. The next session will be on August 11 from 10:00 am-noon… and for the following two Wednesdays (August 18 and 25). Registration is necessary for each session to ensure we have the necessary amount of supplies.

Next Sunday, August 8, the Knights of Columbus breakfasts will return in Parish Kaplan Parish Hall following the 8:30 and 11:00 am Mass. You can’t beat the price: $8 for adults, $5 for children under 12 years of age, $25 for a family of 5 or more. Make sure you sit with people you don’t yet know. These breakfasts are a great way to connect with others.

Over the next few weeks, priests from other dioceses will be vacationing here in “Williesburg.” They have asked to celebrate and offered to preach – at a weekend or weekday Mass. Make sure you welcome them warmly (I certainly will!).

That’s plenty for this week. “Press forward on your course” “striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace!” (quotes from Saint Ignatius of Antioch and Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians) What they wrote is timeless and so instructive for us all.

till next week………

Registration for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation for grades Kindergarten through 12 is now open! Visit www.bedeva.org to sign your child up.

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

Children Faith Formation - We will not meet this week August 4! 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, August 11th. 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

The Knights of Columbus are back hosting breakfast after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, August 8. Come join your fellow parishioners for some food and fellowship in Kaplan Parish Hall. $8 for an adult, $5 for children under 12, $25 per family of 5 or more.

Young at Heart is a group that meets regularly for all those aged 50 and over. Join them for fellowship and prayer. The group is meeting at a restaurant sometime later in the month of August and will need a head count. The official start date is September 14th. Please contact Kathleen Thall at 757-345-5202 or email her at kmthall@hotmail.com for more information on how to join the group.
Youth Ministry
Youth Ministry will host XLT on Wednesday, August 11 at 7 pm. Join for praise, worship, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession will also be offered from 7-8 pm. S’mores will follow.

Stewardship
Online Giving
For those who have been giving online, we have made the shift in our online giving to Faith Direct. You should have received instructions on how to access your account with Faith Direct in the past couple of weeks. The customer support line, 866-507-8757, can help you if you have not been able to get set up. We will be canceling our accounts with the former service in August so please make the switch now. Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to Saint Bede via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card – just as you may do now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving – and it’s the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way for us to receive your gifts. Thank you for your support of Saint Bede Parish! Sign up at www.bedeva.org.online-giving

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This Week’s Mass Intentions
Intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral or if a celebrant is unavailable.

Saturday, 7/3
9:00 a.m.  Mary Jane Fenn (D); Marie McCaughan (D)
5:30 p.m.  Jack Malone (D); Donald J. Butz (D)

Sunday, 08/1
8:30 a.m.  Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Cornelius Lemmer (D); Joe Tomshack (D)
2:00 p.m.  Maria Luisa Triana (D)
5:00 p.m.  Parishioners

Monday, 08/2
9:00 a.m.  David Goodison (D)

Tuesday, 08/3
9:00 a.m.  Liz Clark (L); Sr. Mary Jeanne Oesterle (L); Rosemary Bedosky (L)

Wednesday, 08/4
9:00 a.m.  Knights of Columbus (L); Michael Hervey (L)

Thursday, 08/5
9:00 a.m.  Carol Kisielewski (D); Alison Farmer (D)

Friday, 08/6
9:00 a.m.  Rose Melpolder (D); Richard Gonyea (D)

Saint Bede Prayer List

REST IN PEACE
Carol Bonesteel
Sheila Denton
Margaret Friedl
Luis Guerra
Margaret McGurk
Evangelina “Vangie” Mercado
Edwin C. Reyes

Sanctuary Candle
Carol Kisielewski
Week of August 2

PRAYER REQUESTS:
Abbott Tom Dewane, Father John Abe, Maria L. Anderson, Wayne Babish, 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, Evangelina Mercado, Philip Merriss, Stephen Horton, John Preissler, 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

Saint Terese Gloucester, VA
Hiring part-time Administrative Assistant. 25 hour per week position and salary is according to diocesan scale. Applications are available on the diocesan website https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/. For a position description and application submission, please contact Fr. Gregory Kandt, Pastor, at 804-693-9043 or fr.gregory@stthersglo.org. The successful candidate will begin employment by November 2, 2021.

LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT 8 Wednesday Night Seminar
Don't miss out! Come and be refreshed in our God the Holy Spirit. Join us as Awakening the Domestic Church Deacon Darrell Wentworth offers a Holy Spirit Spiritual Gifts 2-Day Retreat in August and the Life in the Spirit Seminar held on 8 Wednesday nights beginning September 8th and ending through November 10th. Cost is $50. Contact Sherry Rotter at (757) 814-1706. Location is at the St. Clare Retreat center.

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