



All Things St. Philip's During Our Blessed Interruption September 30, 2020

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A New Ministry for Deacon Frederico!

It is with great joy and a heavy heart that we announce that our beloved deacon, Frederico, will not be returning to us after his sabbatical. Frederico has accepted a new ministry with "Food for the Poor". (*"Food for the Poor" is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States. They provide lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities. Many of you may remember their yearly visits to our church.*)

Frederico has been a loved and valuable staple at St. Philip's since 2012. Known for passionate gospelling and intense sermons, the

Deacon is not only respected at St. Philip's, but throughout the Diocese of VA and Southern VA.

Of course, with Frederico goes his wife, Mary. She has been an important part of Frederico's ministry, as well as here at St. Philip's. As Frederico will be missed, Mary will also leave a great void. "Food for the Poor" will give Frederico, with Mary by his side, the opportunity to travel around the country and the world, fulfilling his call to do the work of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Apostles.

We thank Frederico and Mary for their ministry to St. Philip's. We wish them many blessings in their wonderful new endeavor!

Godspeed!



[ZOOM UPDATE](#)

During this time of Blessed Interruption, we depend heavily on the communication technology of Zoom.

Recently Zoom updated their software. It is generally best to have the latest version of a program or app. Please check the link below to see if an upgrade is right for you.

Click [HERE](#) to for more info and to download.



Thank you from Cliff and Jean

Jean and I thank you for all expressions of sympathy for the loss of my brother, Earl H. McClenney, Jr.

We love and appreciate each of you.

Clifton H. McClenney

The St. Philip's October 2020 Calendar can be found [HERE](#),
The October Birthday/Anniversary list is [HERE](#), and the
Sick, Shut-In, and Homebound list is [HERE](#).



A Meditation for the 18th Week after Pentecost

"Deeper Than Melodrama"

by *The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor*

Click [HERE](#)



Update on Bishop Susan's Health

Bishop Susan has finally completed her Chemo! She shares her experience in her blog "*Healing Grace*". Read her thoughts and reflections by clicking [HERE](#). You can also send her an email at healinggrace@thedioocese.net.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In Person and Virtual

It is time for our fuzzy, furry, scaly,
or winged friends to receive their
annual blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi,
the Patron Saint of Animals and Creation.

The Blessing of the Animals will take place on
Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 am in the St. Philip's yard,
on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Face mask will be required and Social Distancing will be practiced.

***Please bring a donation of cat or dog food
to be donated to a local animal shelter.***

All pets will receive a special gift and treat!

Please invite your family and friends!

All pets must be leashed or in carriers.



Attention Parents and Students!!

**Welcome back to
Church School for the
2020-2021 school year!**

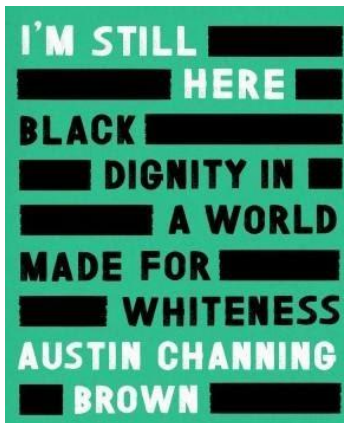
Classes start Sunday, October 4th at 11:00am

The classes will be held virtually via **ZOOM**.

Please click **HERE** and register
by **11:59pm on Friday, October 2nd**.

Once you've registered, the **ZOOM** link will be sent via email the
Saturday (*October 3*) before classes start.

Looking forward to seeing you virtually on October 4th!



Join Rev. Marlene for the Pastor's Book Club

Every Monday from September 14-October 12
at 7pm on Zoom
as we read and discuss:

**"I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by
Austin Channing Brown**

OUR READING SCHEDULE

Please Read the following Chapters for each week:

October 5: Chapters 11, 12, Interlude & 13

October 12: Chapter 14 and Final Discussion

RSVP HERE!!!

Visit the Amazon website to order your copy!!

Programs offered by St. James's Episcopal Church

Tonight, September 30

Starting to Uncover Our Past

Tonight, September 30, at 6:00pm, members of the **Racial Justice and Reconciliation Team** of St. James's Episcopal Church has been researching their history as it relates to race and racism. ***Included in their research is their relationship with St. Philip's.*** Join them for a discussion of their preliminary findings . Chris Graham, the historian at St. Paul's who worked with them through their research project, will also be present to talk about the process.

Wednesday, October 7

Becoming Beloved Community: A Faithful Response from the Episcopal Church

with the Rev. Melanie Mullen, Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care for the Episcopal Church The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church affirmed "as a top priority of The Episcopal Church in the upcoming triennium the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action." From this was born *Becoming Beloved Community*. More than a set of programs, *Becoming Beloved Community* is a journey "to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers." Join the Rev. Melanie Mullen, former Associate Rector of St. Paul's, Richmond, and current Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care for the Episcopal Church, to learn more about this important and exciting call for us all.

If you would like to join the discussions. CLICK [HERE](#) or cut/paste: <https://doers.org/wednesday-night-programs/>, where you can register — an email will be delivered with the Zoom link.



Be on the lookout for more information about:

- Mid-Year Congregational Meeting
- Fall Adult Formation Opportunities
- Homecoming
- All Saint's Sunday

GET OUT THE VOTE!

Get Out The Vote
Question of the Week:

Question:

What will the ballots look like on Election Day? Is there a sample somewhere?

ANSWER:

YES! Here are samples for Richmond City, Chesterfield County, Hanover County, and Henrico County. Just click below for your county -

Richmond City [HERE](#)

Chesterfield County [HERE](#)

Henrico County [HERE](#)

Hanover County [HERE](#)

Deadline for Vote by mail application is on October 23.

OUR VOTES MATTER

**Early in-person voting has started.
Get out and vote now!**

Voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Confirm that you are registered prior to that date at

vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/status

Mail-in ballots will be delivered in September.

Complete your ballot and mail it in immediately!

You can also take your completed ballot to
the Office of the General Registrar.

Click [HERE](#) for information on voting in Virginia!!

GIVING INFORMATION

You can give by **sending a check** to St. Philip's Episcopal Church at PO Box 27492, Richmond VA 23261 or **by clicking here** to **donate with your credit card or bank account**. You can also **use your bank's online payment option** to send bank checks to our church.

Due to the pandemic, we are not going to the church as regularly to count donations and your checks may not clear your bank as quickly as before.

See below for more details and other ways to give and support our church.

Thank you!

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## ST. PHILIP'S ONLINE DONATION \*\*

Donate easily with your credit card or your bank account. When you opt to pay the transaction fee, it is added to your donation--so your total donation is more and the church pays no transaction fee expense! Everyone wins!

[Donate by clicking here.](#)

**\*\*Preferred**

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### TEXT-TO-GIVE

Conveniently donate via your phone. Text **GIVE** to **833-959-2287**. Either your credit card or bank account can be set up to make your financial gift. You also have the option to pay the transaction fee so our church doesn't have to!

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### ONLINE BANKING AND ELECTRONIC CHECKS

Donate using your bank's convenient online service that allows you to pay your bills through online banking. You can set up a payment to St. Philip's as a one-time gift or a recurring donation. An electronic check will then be mailed from your bank to St. Philip's. You no longer have to write and mail manual checks. And you save on stamps!

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### PAYPAL

PayPal is available on our website at GIVE or you can [click here](#) to donate.

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## Prayer of the Day

### Collect for Proper 22 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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