

TO VIEW OUR MASS @ 9AM-SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

-Go to our website:

<http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org/>

Under "Bulletin" or "Links" there is a Facebook icon-just click and you will go directly to the Facebook page and be able to view the livestream.



\*Remember you **do not** have to have a Facebook account to view the live stream.

\*If you need help or support in anyway with the livestream, please call the office or send and email. We will respond as soon as possible.

*\*During Mass you can respond in the comment section to interact with others who are also viewing the Mass. "We're all in this together!"*

### YARD SALE RECEIPTS

The Cryer Center gave us a check for \$165 last week, representing 60% of the sales price of items donated and tagged as coming from the Church of the Visitation Parishioners. Half of this amount will go to community outreach and the other half to the Building Fund. If you have items you desire to donate for our cause, the trailer is parked in our parking lot at all times for your use. To donate large items, call the Cryer Center and ask for a pickup, *stating it's from the Church of the Visitation.*



### LIVING OUR MISSION CHECK



Last week we received a check for \$1,119 from the Diocese representing parishioner donations for the last quarter. The five year campaign comes to an end this October, and we thank those parishioners who donated previously and those who are faithfully completing their pledges.

### COVID-19 TESTING FOR ANYONE

There is free COVID-19 testing available on June 29th, from 10AM-4PM or until tests are gone. You do not have to get out of your car....it's a drive up testing site. The location is Gloucester High School located on 6680 Short Lane. The results will be given by a phone call within 5-7 days. You do not have to have symptoms to participate.

**IF YOU EVER GET  
CAUGHT SLEEPING  
AT WORK, JUST  
SLOWLY RAISE  
YOUR HEAD AND SAY  
"IN JESUS' NAME I PRAY"**



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*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2020  
Year A*

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“Hospitality and Generosity”

Our readings this week are a teaching in Hospitality and Generosity two elements important in our faith. These two themes; hospitality and generosity are the main message of this Sunday.

The first Reading, from the Second Book of Kings we hear of the story of prophet Elisha and a rich woman. On one of Elisha journeys he came to the city of Shuman where he was warmly received by a generous lady of the city. She knew that he was a man of God, so she invited him to stay with her and her husband anytime he was passing through the area. Elisha in return, promised that God will reward her by giving her a son. This is a beautiful story of Hospitality and Generosity from both, the woman and God!

Hospitality and Generosity are some of the great virtues in the Bible and of Christianity. Our faith and the Bible teach us that each person should be welcomed as though one were welcoming God himself.

This is what Jesus tells His disciples in today’s Gospel, “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple --amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” Hospitality is far more than being a good host. Hospitality means encountering the presence of God in others, usually in those whom we least expect.

Sometimes we get too much absorbed in ourselves, our own life, that we miss the presence of the Lord as he stands right before us or as he knocks on the door of our homes and our lives through other people. When Jesus says: “Whoever loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, ....” is not against our love for our parents or children or siblings, He wants to go beyond the normal, to go out of our boundaries, our comfort zones. You see, we might miss the Lord as He is standing right before us in a person that we least expect to represent the Lord. Jesus comes hidden in the stranger, the out cast of society, the neighbor, the child crying for attention, the sick. The Lord presents himself in many ways and forms.

Many times we miss the opportunity to experience the presence of God because we decide in our mind and thinking what His presence should be like. And so miss the presence of God in others especially in persons we least expect to meet him. We need to let God be God and let God express himself in others, even if this expression is new or even foreign to us.

The virtue of hospitality is the virtue of recognizing the presence of God in others and nourishing this presence. When we practice this virtue, then the stranger among us is no longer a stranger, but a member of the family, welcome, like Elisha’s story, God will be generous to us in return.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY’S MASS

First Reading:  
2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Responsorial Psalm:  
*For ever I will sing the goodness  
of the Lord.*

Second Reading:  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

*Father suggests you say the  
Prayer for Spiritual Communion  
during communion time.*



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly  
Present in the Most  
Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things  
And I desire to possess  
You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this  
Moment to receive You  
Sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually  
Into my heart.  
I embrace You as being  
Already there, and unite  
Myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be  
Separated from you.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Mary Heeke, Louise O’Keefe, Bobby Warren & Shirley Davis*



PARISHIONERS

Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, John McCormack, Jim Moncure, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Lee & Pat Paul, Georgia Beville, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Michelle Chmiel, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Richie Siford, Carter & Peggy Williams, Karen Dame, Joe Nolte, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Chris Henkel, Vincent Recupido, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Laurie King, Becky Nunn, Bill & Linda Gray, Peg Meushaw, Carol Smith, Allen Hines, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Ray Kostosky, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Frank & Gerri Lohrs daughter, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, the Drink-water Family, Kathy Shepherd, Lucy Walker, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Sandra Bush & Children, Tom Smith, Karen Smith, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Sal Messina Jr., Colleen O’Rollins, Michael Reamy, Linda Borostovik, Sarah Kobezak, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, Shirley Schultz, LC Warren, Paul Krop, Dolores Powers, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Auggie Bain, Maria Franzoni, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashely Scott & family, Steve Smith, Susie Loustanaun, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, Joan & John Rychtarik.

### BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY



Kathy Kauffman-2nd, Susan Lynch, Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner-4th,  
Leisa DeCollibus-5th, Colin Walsh-6th, Jaxon Wong & Stephanie Selmer-7th,  
John Charbeneau-9th, Brendan O'Brien-11th, Mason Andezejczak-12th,  
Tessa Stowell-13th, John Weidner-15th, Sal Messina-17th,  
Bettie Hodge & Andrew Bury-20th, Kathy Swinehart-21st, Karl Bayer-22nd, Laurie Mears  
& Fernando Atienza-24th, Ingrid Borden-27th, Christine Tutak-29th, Bill Harris-30th



### ANNIVERSARYS FOR JULY

Bill & Georgia Campbell-7th, Tom & Bea Foley-16th

### THANKS

Our aluminum can proprietors, Bob Borden and Mike Dreelin delivered the cans to Middlesex Metals last week earning slightly over \$100. They report they have to open the trash bags now and ensure all cans are "aluminum only" before they can be accepted, so please help them out and donate only aluminum cans.

### STEPHANIE SELMER

Las week we said goodbye to Stephanie Selmer and spouse Drake who moved to 1070 Fairway Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Stephanie will be missed considerably because of her commitment to our church in so many ways. She was an Usher, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Altar Server, and member of the Parish Council and the Building Committee where she served as secretary. A dedicated Servant to us and God, we will miss her and wish her well.

### REGRETS

Our good friend and former parishioner, Mary Heeke succumbed to COVID-19 this past week. She and spouse Bill came here in 2009, and about two years ago, she moved to a retirement community in VA Beach, close to family. At press time, we did not have any information as to a future Memorial Service although we expect to have something locally. If you desire, you can send notes or cards to Patricia Yon 3721 North Moore Ct. Virginia Beach, VA 23452

### PARISH COUNCIL



Postponed for several months, the Parish Council will meet on Thursday, July 9th at 7PM in the main church. We will wear face masks and practice social distancing. An agenda will follow in a week or two.

Greetings.

It is now five weeks since we started having public masses. These five Sundays we have celebrated together have been a source of hope and encouragement to me personally and I think to many of you as well. As we were putting together the plan for reopening, one thing kept bothering me: will it work, what if someone gets sick? But with God's grace everything is running smoothly and everyone who comes to Mass listens, observes, and follows the guidelines put in place for the safety of us all.

Many restrictions have kept us from doing what we used to, but no one complains, "we are all in this together," and we will overcome it together. So, thanks to all of you for the spirit of caring you have demonstrated during these trying times.

I am grateful also for your continued financial support of our Parish. We are in difficult times but your generosity has not wavered. May God reward you abundantly.

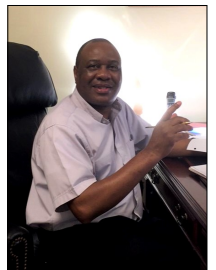
Let me express my thanks to those who volunteered to serve in some ministries; those involved in recording and livestreaming our Mass celebrations, the sacristans, lectors, and ushers. Due to the nature of this virus and how it is spread, we had to restrict the number in these ministries; a small group is easy to trace. Some have to be here every Sunday, like the ushers, and Andrea, Mike, and Ray. All are happy to do what they are doing for the good and safety of the entire parish family.

Please, for those who can, join us for Daily Mass at 9:00 AM. Wednesday Mass is open to the public and is good for those who still do not feel comfortable to be in big gatherings.

I pray for all you that you be well and stay safe, especially now as we enjoy summer and the warm weather it brings. We are also near the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations; maybe you plan to travel or you expect visitors, family members and friends; be mindful of your safety and that of others.

Blessings and peace to you and your loved ones.

*Fr. Gerry*



## MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: JUNE 21, 2020

Collection:	\$ 1,722
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 100,328
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 115,028



We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$159 printer and leasing fees.

Our second collection today is for the Holy Father.

As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can do it online at [offertory.richmonddiocese.org](http://offertory.richmonddiocese.org). Open the site, select a donation amount and scroll down and select our church. It is a very simple process.

## ORDINARY TIME

We have now re-entered the period of the Liturgical year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Because of the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast - is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

*Today's flowers are donated by Scott & Kathy Kauffman in memory of their parents, Bud & Pat O'Shaughnessy and Jack & Boots Kauffman.*

*Today's flowers are donated by Steve & Lisa Forte in memory of her dad  
Kenneth Anderson 1930-2001*

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-12:00.

We are happy and enthusiastic about the opportunity to celebrate Mass publicly with our parishioners.

We believe our procedures are sound and offer a reasonably safe environment for the Mass celebration. As a further precaution, we sanitize the church on Monday weekly.

Church attendance was 31 this past Sunday with two guests. This coming week the Mass is for parishioners in Group A-K with allowance for visitors, household guests, and special cases such as assigned ministers.

*Under all circumstances, if you have a special need to attend Mass apart from your alphabetical grouping, please notify the office so we can add you to the roster of potential attendees.*

A Few Reminders for you:

- Daily Mass for everyone and anyone is Wednesday in the main church. Father will do everything.
- If you would like to donate towards the Altar flowers, please send us a \$25 donation and we will recognize your donation in the Bulletin. If you would like to honor someone for that Sunday please include that as well.
- Remember the guidelines for receiving communion.  
Receive with mask on  
Move to the side (right or left)  
Remove mask & Consume  
Replace you mask,  
Return to you seat.
- As generous as you have been please consider donating for Second Collections

If you are a lector or community leader and want to be active again, notify your leader.

*We want to reemphasize that you are under no obligation to attend Mass. If you choose to, we welcome your participation. Livestreaming will continue indefinitely for those who cannot attend or choose not to.  
Thank you and may God continue to Bless You.*