

### NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

Once again this year, we are honoring our relatives who have passed away by creating a Memorial Table for the pictures of loved ones whom you wish to honor. Please bring in a picture (s) and place it on the table located next to the altar. Because of the restrictions on the use of handouts, we will not distribute purple slips on which you previously placed the names of persons you honored. As an alternative you can send us an email or call us with the names and we will do that for you.

### ALL SAINTS AND SOULS DAY

*This weekend we celebrate all Saints Day on Sunday and All Souls Day on Monday.*

A saint is someone who is in heaven-it is as simple as that. While "saint" as a title is reserved to those whose lives the Church has toughly investigated (typically through whose intercession two miracles can be demonstrated to have occurred), the term applies to anyone in heaven.

Everyone from you saintly grandmother to the martyrs facing death for Christ: They are all part of the communion of saints. The Church commemorates all these saints on All Saints' Day.

All Saint' Day is a holy day of obligation and recognized as one of the most important feasts on the liturgical calendar. However, the celebration of Halloween typically overshadows the commemoration of All Saints' Day.

Most of us realize that Halloween is in reality the vigil of All Saints' ("Allhallows Eve" or "Hallow E'en"), but All Saints' Day itself has become a bit of an afterthought.

It shouldn't be this way! The saints are our friends, our intercessors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. They care deeply for us, and their lives are recognized by the Church as exemplary, as models to follow.

All Soul' Day commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity, this day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some churches of the Anglican Communion and the Old Catholic Churches also celebrate it. The Eastern Orthodox churches observe several All Soul's Days during the year. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This is the reason why All Souls' Day is on 2 November after All Saints' Day, 1 November, which commemorates the departed who have attained the beatific vision, the Saints.

*In Fact, the whole month of November is dedicated to the remembrance of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, the faithful departed. By remembering we make present our loved one's who are not with us anymore physically but are with us spiritually.*

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*November 1, 2020*

*"All Saints Day"*

*Groundbreaking of the New Sanctuary*

*Year A*

## ALL SAINTS FEAST

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

All Saints Day is intended to remind us that all baptized Christians are called to sainthood. Through our baptism, we are all set on the road God in glory are considered saints. Also, all Saints Day is intended to honor the memory of countless unknown and uncanonized saints who have no feast days. The men and women, some we may know, those who have live exemplary live and today we give thanks to God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. This feast invites us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession. The Church reminds us today that God's call for holiness is universal, that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. We grow in holiness when we live whole-some lives of integrity, truth, justice, charity, mercy, and compassion, sharing our blessings with others. **The saints are our role models, they teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy and unconditional forgiveness can, with the grace of God, be lived by ordinary people from all walks of life and at all times.**

We all can become saints by choosing well, by doing good and avoiding evil, by choosing to follow Christ at all times in our lives. This is what Jesus is teaching us in the Gospel of the beatitudes. Jesus in today's Gospel, shows us the way to become saints. He calls us away from being self-centered to being God centered. He calls us to be poor in Spirit. Whether we are rich or poor or somewhere in between, the center of our lives must be God. He tells us that we cannot close our eyes to the atrocities of the world. "Blessed are those who mourn". We weep over our society that allows exploitation of others. We mourn over a society that has become indifferent to the suffering of the vulnerable. The meek who inherit the earth are those who are not going to allow hatred to dominate their lives. They will fight for what is right, but they will be merciful, they will be sincere, they will be peacemakers for the sake of the Lord. Finally the beatitudes speak about those who are willing to suffer the mockery of the world, those who would rather be in the minority who choose God than be in the majority of those who go along with the noise of the day.

The saints, whom we honor today, give us an example of people emptying themselves to allow God's plan to work in them, people who have the courage to be genuine human beings. They are not statues of unreal people in pietistic poses. They are real people from every walk of life who met the challenge of Christianity and conquered. They are priests and nuns, married people and single people, very old and very young. They are the wealthy, the middle class, and poor. They were geniuses, and people of simple intelligence but vast wisdom. All of these accepted the challenge of Christianity and had the courage to wash their baptismal robes in the Blood of the Lamb, as Revelation says. They had the courage to live the sacrifice of Christ in their lives. They had the courage to make the love of God real in the world.

So, we pray today, through and by the intercession of these heroic people of our faith, that we also have the courage to put God first in our lives, and may the Lord help us to stand for him and with him spreading the Good News of His Kingdom.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

## TODAY'S MASS

### *All Saint's Day*

First Reading:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:

*Lord, this is the people that longs to  
see your face.*

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

*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

Arthur Heunemann, William MacLean, Gordon Tyrrell & Rose Lohr



### PARISHIONERS

Toni Traynor, Sandi Delagrange, Suzanne Sitterding, Veronica O'Leary, Michele Meanely, Donna Lange, Jack & Louise Petralia, Tom Wash, Paul Pearce, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Min Tassone, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, 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

Paul Krop, Andrea Bordgen, Patty Bowman, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aqela Parker, Khloe Nipper, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Ray Kostaskey, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Frank & Gerri Lohrs daughter, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, Lucy Walker, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Sandra Bush & Children, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Sal Messina Jr., Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Sarah Kobezak, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, Shirley Schultz, LC Warren, Paul Krop, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

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Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Steve Sohles, Remy Maine Miller, 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 Loustaunau, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, Joan & John Rychtarik.

*Please email or call the office if you would like someone added to our prayer list.*

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MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: OCTOBER 25, 2020

Collection: \$ 2,061

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 36,677

Total Budget Projection: \$ 37,733



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week:

\$218 Pastoral Care Expenses; \$114 Livestreaming Expenses.



As an alternative to mailing us a weekly donation, you can visit our website [www.church-of-the-visitation.org](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org). Click the Red Donation button, select our church, a donation amount and fill in the information. Use the green secure button and done.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR NOVEMBER



3rd-Keth Gulick & Bob Chmiel, 11th-Steven Forte, 16th-Skip Kramb & Charlotte Johnson, 19th-Cathy Davenport, 21st-Kelly McMurtrie & Branch Meanley, 22nd-Lorie Messina, 24th-Dave Filippi, 27th-Laurie King & Lynne Dreelin, 28th-Bill Gray, 29th-Bill Brandl, 30th-Andrea Moore & Mary Foley.



ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

7th-Keth & Mary Ann Gulick, 29th-Aldo & Leisa DeCollibus

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

THE HANDS FOOD PANTRY-SERVING MIDDLESEX

If you or someone you know may benefit from our services, PLEASE come, or refer them to our Food Pantry. Each month you can receive about 100 pounds or more of groceries that include:

- \* 25 to 50 pounds of canned and dry goods
- \* 6 to 15 pounds of meat
- \* 20 to 50 pounds of fresh produce
- \* 4-8 Bakery & Desert items
- \* Specialty items like paper goods



Registration is easy, free, and NO paperwork is needed. Food Pantries are open the following day/times and new clients are always welcomed. Emergency deliveries are available. 804-758-2044.

FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

- \* 1st Tuesday a Union Shiloh Baptist Church, Rt. 17 in upper-Middlesex: 9AM to 11AM.
- \* 1st Saturday at Clarksbury Methodist Church, Gen. Puller Hwy-Deltaville 9AM-11AM.
- \* 2nd Tuesday at the Cryer Center: 10AM-4PM
- \* 3rd Tuesday at Urbanna Baptism Church: 9AM-11AM
- \* 4th Tuesday at the Cryer Center: 10AM to 4PM



CLOCKS FALL BACK

Just a reminder that this Sunday, November 1st we will return to Eastern Standard Time by falling back our clocks one hour. You gain an extra hour of sleep. Amen.

**'If the Lord Does Not Build the House'**

Dear Brothers and sisters,

Congratulations to all you; yes, this is the beginning, but it is an especially important step towards the fulfilment of the dream conceived long ago. It has taken long but we can now look towards the finish line!

As I reflect on the meaning of this event, The Breaking of the Ground for our New Church, two texts in the Bible come to my mind:

The first is from Psalm 127. The first verse of this Psalm states: "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor..." We recognize the efforts of each one of you; you have prayed for this project; you have contributed financially and with ideas, others have contributed with their expertise. But we do not hesitate to say that all this work is useless if God is not beside us. So, put this project in your prayers each day. Ask the Lord to guide us to its completion.

The second text is from one of Jesus parables. In the Gospel according to Luke Jesus says:

"For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'" (Lk. 14: 28-30)

Many of you have made sacrifices to contribute to the building of our new worship area. It is because of your generous hearts that we are where we are today. May the Lord reward you for such great generosity. But this is not the time to relent; no, it's the time to go that extra mile, to push to the finish, otherwise, some might say: 'they begun to build but were unable to finish'. I have trust in the Lord, and I have trust in each one of you that this project will be completed in time.

*May the Lord, who has begun this wonderful work,  
he himself guide it to its glorious completion.*





## DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020



As the culmination of our bicentennial celebration, the Diocese of Richmond will host its first Eucharistic Congress, which will begin on Friday, November 6, 2020 and ending on Saturday, November 7, 2020. Instead of gathering at the Greater Richmond Convention Center as planned, we will organize a Virtual Congress and a series of synchronized events in parishes. The Virtual congress will include keynote addresses, live interviews and commentary, a virtual Holy Hour, and live discussions which you are encouraged to participate in from your home.

A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of clergy, religious, and laity to bear witness to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This event will bring together clergy, religious, and laity from parishes, schools, and campus ministries from across the Diocese of Richmond. Detailed information about this event and how to participate may be found at the link below: [2020.richmonddiocese.org/ec](https://2020.richmonddiocese.org/ec)

## ANGEL TREE



With Thanksgiving a few weeks away, it's time to begin thinking of our Angel Tree Project which benefits the children of inmates of the Saluda Correctional Center at Christmas Time. Because of the Pandemic and the absence of some parishioners at Mass, we will be posting the list of children needing gifts via email and our website. The list should be ready about the middle of November and when posted you will need to call Mary Sychterz to register your choice. The instructions for calling Mary will be included at that time.

## WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

As Catholics we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us. You can ease some of that stress by acting now to put your estate plan in order. Who will be executor of your estate? Who will decide how your personal treasures are distributed? In addition to their own grief, can you imagine your loved ones struggling to find life insurance papers, bank accounts and other vital documents?

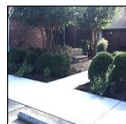


Potential, Purpose, Promise

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!

## CHURCH GROUND CLEAN UP

*In the cleanup, the most fastidious task became power washing of the sidewalks. Over the course of several weeks, Steve Forte, Eileen O'Brien, and Fritz Sitterding combined to complete the herculean task. A special thanks to them.*



## CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Church attendance was 45 this past Sunday with guests.

**This coming week our outside Mass is for  
All Parishioners.**

**We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday  
@9AM for anyone who desires to attend.**

## BREAKING GOOD NEWS



After our many trips to the Diocesan Building and Renovation Commission, and upon its recommendation, the Bishop signed the contract to move ahead with the construction of a new worship area. In commemoration of the event, we will hold an Outdoor Mass on Sunday, November 1st, for ALL PARISHIONERS and once again listen to the melodious tones from our choir.

The Mass will be held in the approximate location of the new worship area and you are asked to bring a chair to sit on. Immediately afterwards, we will have a ground breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction. In the event of inclement weather, we will celebrate the event on Sunday, November 8th.



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



In commemoration of All Souls Day, we will celebrate a Mass in the cemetery at 11AM. The choir will participate and all parishioners are welcome, irrespective of alphabetical names. If you are planning to attend, please bring a chair to sit on.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

We are pleased to announce that

**Kevin Hayes, Kathy Swinehart, & Mary Sychterz**

were elected to the Parish Council. We thank the 51 parishioners that cast ballots and the nine other parishioners who chose to run for election.

Kevin, Kathy, and Mary will begin their service to the church in January.

