

## NEW WORSHIP AREA

*The following things were accomplished in the past two weeks. R/I under slab and concrete preparation and Concrete Slab on Grade. Termite Treatment  
Still on schedule to be completed September 2021.*



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January 31, 2021*

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1/31/2021

Jesus taught them as one with authority and not like the Scribes.

The authority of Jesus is founded not in power but in His being the Son of God, God himself. Jesus is not like any other prophet before him, he is the fulfilment of all the prophets and their message. Jesus' authority is expressed both in his proclamations and in his actions.

In Jesus people experienced an authority that they found attractive, an authority that, in the words of the gospel, left them so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. Jesus was recognized as a person of authority because of the word that he spoke and the impact for good of that word on others. The power of God's love working through him gave him that authority which people found so attractive and so new.

A statement carries authority according to two aspects: who is speaking and what is being said. Jesus had both. He had authority because of Who He was. He was the Son of God, God Himself. He also had authority due to what He said. He spoke the Father's Word to us. He taught us: to love our enemies, to be kind to one another, to forgive each other, and to take care of those in need, the poor. He spoke with His actions. He spoke about God's kingdom and lived as the ideal member of that kingdom. He himself was kind, loving, caring, respectful, and forgiving. He had authority, and He has authority. We need to listen and follow Him.

Jesus calls us to speak for Him. He gives us authority. For us to exercise this authority we must live as committed Christians. We all have authority. We have authority as Christians due to our baptism and faith.

Jesus did not call us just to do some of the things He did, He called us to be His presence for others. We are called to destroy evil in our world. We cannot do this unless we are determined to be Christ like. We have to speak in the way that Jesus spoke. Jesus spoke with authority. He was not like the scribes and Pharisees. He was not two faced. He was not hypocritical. He was honest. He did not just speak the truth, He was the Truth Incarnate. He did not just tell us to love, but he himself loved the people, he cared for them, he feed the hungry, healed the sick and forgave sinners.

Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God. In this Kingdom of God there is no place for evil. Thus, today we see Jesus defeating the devil, represented by the man who was possessed by the devil whom Jesus Cured. Now, Jesus has authority over everything, he can now establish God's Kingdom. A kingdom of love and care for one another, a king of freedom, a Kingdom where all are set free from suffering of any kind.

This authority of Jesus, to teach and to establish God's Kingdom, is now entrusted to His Church, to you and me. Yes, we have the authority to teach people how to live good lives, we have the authority to liberate people from their suffering. That authority lies in our faith in Jesus, in our baptism, in our living according to the Gospel. If we live according to our Christian values, we will then be people of authority, not based on any power we hold but based on the credibility and consistency of our lives.

The effect of doing this is that society itself will change and become better. We Christians will have become an active leaven in the world. Our patience, tolerance and gentleness will have become infectious and will have spread from the top to the bottom of our society. We will wake up one day and discover that we have built up the Kingdom of God here on earth.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

## TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

*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

*Joe Nolte, John Dunn, Matt Ponish & Natalia Nakafeero*



### PARISHIONERS

Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Toni & Nikki Traynor, Suzanne Sitterding, Veronica O'Leary, Michele Meanely, 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, Peggy Williams, Karen Dame, 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, Carol Smith, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Anne Paparella, Carole McPherson, Jeanne Lessner, Colin Walsh.

### FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Nikki Ryan, Lynn Messina, Erik Meijer, Dave Saunders, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Krop Family, Andrea Bordgen, Jennifer Sanders, Patty Bowman, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Khloe Nipper, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Ray Kostaskey, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, 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, Joseph Gascoigne, John Vajda, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

### FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Peg Meushaw, Dave Gunn, Chuck Taylor, Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Steve Sohles, Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Maria Franzoni, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashley Scott & family, Steve Smith, Susie Loustanaun, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, Joan & John Rychtarik.

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.*

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: JANUARY 24, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,675  
Second Collection: New Worship Area \$ 400  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 66,333  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 60,545



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week: \$929 Dec. Electricity.



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 FEBRUARY



1st-Karen Dame, 4th-Veronica O'Leary, 9th-Bea Foley,  
13th-Bob Borden & Ingebourg O'Bourn, 17th-Gina Putney & Loretta Borostovik,  
19th-Robert Smith, 20th-Joseph Pausic, 24th-Pat Paul, 25th-Brennan Williams,  
26th-Barbara Smith, Gretchen Borzelleca & Jimmy Blake

ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY



6th-Jack & Louise Petralia, 8th-Fernando & Marilyn Atienza, 14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz,  
15th-Tommy & Donna Lange, 25th-Mike & Lynne Dreelin



NEW PARISHIONERS

A Hearty Welcome to

John & Monique Donner  
115 Sunset Vista Place  
Hartfield, VA 23071  
804-815-2735

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS ASSIGNMENTS: Becky & Spike Nunn  
COMMUNITY LEADER: Kathy Kauffman

ALUMINUM CAN BIN

The recycle bin is located to the right of the Yard Sale  
Building behind the church.  
Please stay clear of all construction for your safety.

We have a new address for former parishioners Tom and Mary Virginia Bliley.  
Commencing the last week in January they can be reached at:  
St. Marys Woods, Unit 319  
1257 Marywood Lane, Richmond, VA 23229

Please remember to keep the office informed of address, family,  
email, and phone number changes.

If any of these items has changed in the last few months, please inform us,  
and if you are doubtful about telling us about a change that occurred last  
year, give us a call to verify if we have the right information.

Or if you are not seeing your name in the *Birthday/Anniversary* list and would  
like to-that would be an update as well.

LOOKING AHEAD

As the new worship area slowly becomes a reality, we eagerly await its  
completion and now face the tasks ahead in financing it.

When combined with Building Funds assets on hand, our pledge campaign  
was successful enough to gain Diocesan approval to move forward with the  
project and authorize a \$300K loan when needed to pay construction costs.  
Our goal this year, as construction continues, is to raise as much money as  
possible to pay for any cost overruns and reduce the final loan amount.

Our Fund-Raising Committee is engaged in planning fund raising events  
and will soon publish a list of items that may be purchased as a memorial by  
parishioners interested in doing so, but immediately we will begin a monthly  
special collection for the new worship area. Our parish has always re-  
sponded to special need, and financing the construction of our new worship  
area is one of them.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank you for your prayers,  
your messages of support, and your participation in Masses, whether in per-  
son or by livestreaming. It is meaningful to me and our parish. I also want to  
thank all of you who continue to support us financially. Your generosity  
truly knows no bounds. If your circumstances permit. I encourage all of you  
to seriously consider participating in all of our new worship area fund rais-  
ing events this coming year.

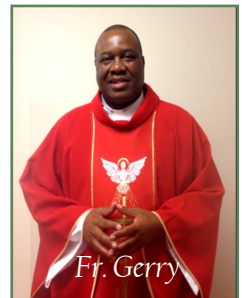
ANNUAL APPEAL

As we all struggle to capture a sense of normalcy, the Diocesan Annual Ap-  
peal will again occur this year during the last two weeks of February. The  
needs are still there, but because of the restrictions on the use of paper, it  
will be done digitally in a manner that has not yet been announced.

Our Parish Goal is \$6,340, a 10% reduction from last year, and as a Mission  
Church, we will receive back 50% of all monies donated by our parishion-  
ers.

As a matter of interest, for six consecutive years, the  
Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund (supported by the  
Appeal) has awarded us a grant for the use of our Parish  
Pence Fund. Several years ago, the Home Mission Fund  
gave us a grant to build the brick pillars that flank the  
driveway entrance.

This week parishioners will receive a letter from the  
Diocese giving further information about the Appeal.



## CHURCH INFORMATION

Our hours for prayer when the church is open are Wednesday and Thursday 9AM-12:00. Or call the office if you need assistance.

\*Our Rosary Ministry is every Sunday starting at 8:30am. All are welcome!

Church attendance last weekend was 65.

**ALL PARISHIONERS**  
are invited to attend church irrespective of the alphabet.  
All COVID protocols will still apply.

We continue to offer daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday @9AM for anyone who desires to attend. All are welcome!  
*Thank you to everyone and may God continue to Bless Us All!*

## FATHER JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL

Attached to the Bulletin is an in-depth summary and discussion of our scholarship fund, which has been assumed by the parish for administrative purpose. This means we determine the recipients and the amount of grant money each person receives. Please take time to read the Bulletin attachment describing the Grant and the application process.



## TAX STATEMENTS

If you wish a statement of your past year's donations for tax purposes, please place your name on the list outside of the office. You may also email or call the office with your request. If you signed up last week your statements are ready for pick up.

## 'SHARE THE LOVE' COAT DRIVE

Hands Across Middlesex and Christ Church asked us to join them in a coat drive during January and this Sunday is the last day of the Drive. The drive looks to collect clean, used coats in good condition for adults, teens, and children. If you have any to donate, we will have a container for your use in the vicinity of the door leading to the kitchen.



## WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

There are so many legacies from which we draw. Parents oftentimes leave us with a powerful set of values and a strong legacy of service and acceptance of others. Even our faith creates in us a legacy of strong biblical knowledge and curiosity and humility.

As we focus on all the blessings left us by others, by our church and by our life experiences, we must ask ourselves: What legacy will I leave? Hopefully this legacy will include the hope of a strong faith, the enduring power of nonjudgmental love, and perhaps even the desire to make a difference in the world.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the January meeting of the Council, we said good bye to Linda Gray as Parish Council Chairperson. Linda spent 5 years in that role shepherding the Council in an efficient and responsible manner. Each year in January when it became time to elect a chairperson, it was a foregone conclusion we needed Linda to lead us again and she gracefully accepted the role. Her calm demeanor guaranteed that the most difficult issues would always be resolved with no rancor. Thank you Linda for your charmed leadership. Replacing Linda as Council Chair is John Weidner. Kathy Kauffman and Roseanne Moncure return as Vice-chair and Secretary, respectively.

## PLEASE HELP

Our supply of pyxes has disappeared over the past months of COVID-19. I need to keep better track of them and who is using them to take communion to the homebound. Please contact me if you have one (or more). If you are no longer using the pyx, please return to me, the office or sacristy so I can determine if I need to order more.

Thank you for helping with Pastoral Care at this challenging time.

Lynne Richardson (571)239-0980



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## RESPECT LIFE

“The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a especial few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man.”

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEW CHURCH IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we start a new year, we are very blessed that our new construction is taking shape for all to see. Now we enter the third phase of fund raising for the building program by offering all an opportunity to make memorial contributions. Participants will be able to contribute for a particular feature or furnishing in the new building in memory or honor of someone. The names of the donors, items, and memorialized person (s) will be inscribed on a plaque displayed near the entrance to the Nave. A card with a list of items offered, requested donation amounts, and a commitment form is scheduled for distribution after Mass today. The card will also be linked to the COV website at that time. To make a memorial donation you must contact the church office by phone or in person on **Thursday, February 4th**. All items are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. We want all to have an equal chance to participate. If an item is already spoken for, please consider allowing us to use your donation towards another item.

*Please call the office with questions.*