

PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Our Diocesan guidelines have been received for celebration of the liturgy, and they allow for some discretion by the pastor for when they should fully be implemented as we transition to a new norm. I have reviewed the guidelines and will introduce the majority of them immediately. Others, we will delay for a short period of time. Enclosed below are our guidelines for Mass affective this coming Sunday:

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.
Unvaccinated. From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass: For those members of the faithful who may not feel comfortable to attend liturgical celebrations yet, Bishop Knestout continues to dispense all of the faithful of the Diocese of Richmond from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days until further notice.
7. Live streaming Masses: We will continue live streaming our Masses for the faithful unable to attend in person.
8. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
9. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

Permitted by state directives, the Bishop has announced that parishioners who are fully vaccinated do not have to wear facemasks when celebrating Mass. On the other hand, if you are not fully vaccinated, you should be masked at all times while in church or in a crowd on church grounds. If you are fully vaccinated and choose to remain masked during the celebration of the Mass, that is your right and prerogative, and you should not feel embarrassed about doing so.

We will not challenge anyone who we believe is unwillingly or unwittingly not adhering to these guidelines, or question him/her about vaccination status. Not wearing a facemask when not fully vaccinated is not only a matter of honesty among other things, but also a show of respect for the safety of other parishioners. We have a spotless safety record since the pandemic began, built on the trust and commitment of parishioners, volunteers, and staff. Your continued cooperation in following safety guidelines will ensure we remain that way.

God's blessings upon you all.

Father Gerry

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The Most Holy Trinity

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"Memorial Day Weekend"

The Most Holy Trinity

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The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our logical thinking but with our faith. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our minds alone cannot grasp this doctrine. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus, who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Church tries to explain it, and teaches it as the foundation of our Christian Faith.

In the language of the Bible, the figure/number three symbolizes completeness and perfect symmetry. Three is perfection, completeness. There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us.

God wants to be known as a community of persons. He has revealed himself as three, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God does not exist in solitary individualism but in a community of love and sharing. God is not a loner. Neither can a Christian be a loner. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. True love requires another, others to help us grow as human beings. We must always remember that we are using human concepts and human words to try and understand better who God is. Mystery in the religious sense means that we cannot know everything about God. But we can know more and more about God as he reveals himself to us in our daily lives.

The best revelation of God as Trinity is seen in the gospels. Each of the three persons of the Trinity is concerned for and focused on the Others. At the Baptism of Jesus and on the mountain of the Transfiguration God the Father is not speaking about himself but of Jesus: 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'. Jesus constantly refers to the Father. 'I came not to do my own will but the will of the One who sent me', and 'Father into your hands I commend my spirit'. And, of course, the great prayer he taught us starts: 'Our Father'. Jesus before he goes promises to send the Holy Spirit who according to Jesus will teach and explain to us what Jesus came to achieve. So, the Holy Spirit is constantly inspiring us to listen to and follow Jesus. Very simply put, this is the pattern of Christian living. In being concerned for others we are living out who God is and what God is about as a Trinity, three in one, all working together in harmony.

It might be worthwhile to reflect on what we do every time we bless ourselves in the name of the Trinity. 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also when we say the prayer 'Glory be to the Father' and all other prayers where we always end by invoking the Trinity. If we realized the significance of what we often rush through we might have a greater awareness of our dignity of belonging to God's Trinitarian family.

Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family. Let us practice the *I-God-my neighbor*, the Trinitarian relationship expected of any Christian by living according to the Commandment of our Lord: to Love God and to love your neighbor as you love yourself.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 30-40

Responsorial Psalm:

*Blessed the people the Lord has
chosen, chosen to be his own.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*

*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

Donna Stull, Loyce Beville, Jeanne Meushaw & Ethel Mahoney



PARISHIONERS

Peggy Williams, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Toni & Nikki Traynor, 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, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Laurie King, Becky Nunn, Bill & Linda Gray, Carol Smith, Pat & Lee Reamy, Janine Jaboulay, Carole McPherson, Colin Walsh.

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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: May 23, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,015
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 102,419
Total Budget Projection: \$ 95,603



Our second collection today is for the Diocesan Home Missions.

We signed the following principle checks this week: \$159 printer leasing fee; \$212 April telephone.



BIRTHDAY'S FOR JUNE

1st-Fritz Sitterding, 7th-Michele Puttmann, 13th-Charles Hartz,
14th-Marge Dembeck & Johnna Harris, 16th-Tom Foley, 17th-Arleen Warren,
21st-Marla Bury, 24th-Gerrie Lohr, 25th-Barbara Zimmerman,
27th-Sharon Hawksworth, 28th-Baylen Miller & Diana Beckett.

ANNIVERSARY'S FOR JUNE

1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Gary & Lynne Richardson,
21st-Dave & Emily Filippi & Scott & Kathy Kauffman, 25th-Ray & Jean
Kostesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrang, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.



KOC OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL 11210

A congratulations and welcome to our two new Knights of Columbus members, enrolled last Sunday after Mass. They are

Stuart Beckett and Tom Jessee



KICKOFF SUMMER GATHERING

Blessed with a beautiful day, our parish community came together in a wonderful expression of unity two Sundays ago. Slightly over 100 parishioners and guests enjoyed the camaraderie and spirit of a growing parish, intent on serving God to the highest and meeting the needs of the community around us.

Many individuals contributed time and talent to the picnic; the persons who set up the tents on Saturday, the servers and ticket sellers on Sunday, the parishioners who brought food, and the cleanup crew on Monday. To these persons, too numerous to mention because we fear we would leave a name out.

WE THANK YOU DEEPLY AND BLESS YOU.

A special thanks goes out to Debby Harriman, who organized the picnic in her role as co-chairperson for fund raising, Johnna Harris, our new Parish Life chairperson, who performed admirably in her baptism to the role, and Kevin Hayes, who power-washed the picnic tables and spruced up the pavilion area.



A hearty welcome to our new parishioners

Gary & Jo Brown
167 Redwood Lane
Weems, VA

Min Tassone has been transferred to
Three Rivers Health & Rehab Center
2960 Chelsea Road
WestPoint, VA

She is feeling better and is open to visitors. If you wish to visit her, the limit is two persons, and you should call ahead. 804-843-4323.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IN COV CEMETERY

On Monday, May 31, at 9:30 AM the Knights of Columbus will hold a Memorial Day ceremony in the cemetery. All are welcome. The ceremony will take about 30 minutes. The public should proceed to the cemetery prior to 9:30 am start time. Those who cannot walk to the cemetery may drive. The ceremony will be held at the stone patio in front of the large granite cross. There are Forty One U.S. military veterans buried in the Church of the Visitation

MEMORIAL DONORS

If you are wondering about a recognition letter for your generous memorial contribution for the new worship area, your donation amount will appear on your annual end of the year statement. If you desire a statement nevertheless, please notify the office.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS



Memorials still available:

Sanctuary Tile \$11,500

Pews and Choir Chairs \$250

Sound System \$8,500

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the *Lord*, plans to *prosper* you,
and not to *harm* you, plans to give you
hope and a *future*.

Jeremiah 29:11

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

If you've been experiencing the bumpy ride of the stock market, or trying to make ends meet while living off the interest of certificates of deposit that pay a fraction of what they did years ago, now may be the time for you to consider making a planned gift that will provide you with a stream of payments for life. That's right: You can make a charitable gift that will pay you for life... or in other words, you can give AND receive!

The charitable gift annuity works like a commercial annuity, except part of your gift (of either cash or stock) qualifies for a charitable tax deduction. In exchange, you get a set amount of the original gift as a payment for life; the percent is determined by your age at the time the gift is made. Furthermore, a portion of your payments are received tax free.



At the annuitant's death, the charitable remainder will be provided to our church.

TRINITY

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God.

"The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle and, by the eternal gift of this to the Son, from the communion of both the Father and the Son" (St. Augustine, *De Trin.* 15, 26, 47: PL 42, 1095).

By the grace of Baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light (cf. Paul VI, *CPG* § 9).

"Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed: DS 75; ND 16).

Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do. But within the single divine operation each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, especially in the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(From The Catechism of the Catholic Church #261-267)

THE TRINITY



ANNUAL COV GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers, donors, and parishioners are asked to mark their calendars for the annual Fr. John Boddie Memorial Golf Classic to be held on Friday, June 4 at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield.

This event, hosted by COV is a four-player captain's choice competition open to all. Team prizes will be awarded in each of three flights.

Golfers will also compete for individual prizes.

The \$85 per person entry fee covers use of the practice range, golf cart rental, green fee, on-course beverages, and dinner in the Steamboat Restaurant.

Registration begins at 11:00AM with a shotgun start at 12:00. Proceeds are shared equally between local charities and the church's capital fund. To register or for more information, please call Gary at (571) 215-2407.

The following persons have graciously given donations:

The Bliley's (Kathryn & Norbert), the Foley's, the Dorman's, Johnny Fleet, the Forte's, the Bury's-Title Associates, Hurd's Hardware, the Harriman's, Fr. John Boddie Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, and of The Lady of Bay Knights Council, Arleen Warren & Dave Filippi.

Because of space limitation, we have rescheduled the silent auction until the new Worship Areas is completed.

Several parishioners have already provided items for it, and they are:

Peggy Williams, Eileen O'Brien and Georgia Beville. Gift certificates from Chesapeake Donuts, Something Different, Mi Jalisco and Bubba' Shrimp Shack (purchased by Peggy Williams) are now available as raffle prizes. As we receive more donation, we will continue to publish them.

MUSIC

Bell Song: *O God Almighty Father* #698

Entrance: *All Hail, Adored Trinity* #697

Offertory: *In Every Age* #467

Communion: *One Bread, One Body* #336

Meditation: *This is My Song* #733

Dona Nobis Pacem #206

Recessional: *Eternal Father Strong to Save* #734

Community Leader: *Debby Harriman*

Lectors: *Louise Petralia & Mary Ellen*

Cantor: *Cindy Powers*

