#### PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy. We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below. The remainder will be introduced gradually.

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. 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.
- 7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

God's blessings upon you all.

Father Gerry



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021 Year B

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

In the readings today we see God's concern for the needy especially the hungry. In the first reading we heard how a man brought Elisha, the man of God, 20 barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. They were meant to be offered as first fruits of the harvest to God (Yahweh), but instead Elisha said they should be given to those who were with him so they could eat at a time of great need. As with Elisha, Jesus gives more than can be eaten to those following and believing him.

In the gospel Jesus, moved by compassion when he saw the crowds, was concerned that they should have food to eat since they had followed him for some time and would be hungry. So, he decides to do something about it.

When Jesus met hungry people, he gave them the only thing that mattered most at that moment: food, and did so with great generosity – all ate as much as they wanted, and there were still 12 large baskets of scraps left over. Jesus, who is God, is always very generous with his gifts. Are we generous in our dealings with others in sharing what we can with them?

The miracle of the loaves is a miracle of great generosity. We experience this generosity every time we sit down to eat and especially when we receive the Eucharist. The experience of generosity should enlarge our hearts, and awaken in us a desire to be generous towards those who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

What Jesus is telling us is that those who have plenty and more than enough must share with those in need. Perhaps it is a question of awareness and a real desire to share. This maybe is a greater miracle than multiplying food miraculously. So, whilst Philip saw the difficulties in providing food, as did the servant of Elisha, Jesus sees the possibilities and the opportunities that the occasion offered. The opportunity of sharing with others whatever we have, however little it might be.

Obviously, the scene reminds us of the Eucharist which gives us the nourishment we need in order to live our daily lives as followers of Jesus. When we go out from the Eucharist, we are called upon to live a Eucharistic lifestyle. We are asked to put into practice daily, what we have experienced at the Eucharist: forgiveness, unity, communion, sharing the Body and Blood of Jesus, his sacrifice of love for us.

There is a direct connection between attending the Mass [Eucharist] and living a Christian life. St. Paul in the second reading spells out some of the things we must do if we are faith filled people, especially the unity in our relationship with others.

The real Christian life is to learn from Jesus who is concerned about the needs of others and is calling to do the same in whatever way possible.

The needs of many people are not needs of food to feed their physical hunger, but many need the food of friendship, concern, encouragement, forgiveness, love etc. Each of us is called upon to respond to these. We just need to open our eyes, to see the needs around us. Problems to be faced; people to be loved, respected, and listened to. To be involved in helping others, with our talents, our energy, and our love, is the best and proper use of our Christian calling. And it will make our life worthy of our vocation. A vocation to bring Jesus to others.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F

#### **TODAY'S MASS**

First Reading:

2 Kings 4:42-44

# Responsorial Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel:

John 6:1-15

#### **MUSIC**

Entrance: Table of Plenty #310

Responsorial: page 192

Offertory: Here At The Table #312 Communion: Gif of Finest Wheat #320

Meditation: In the Breaking of the Bread #321 Recessional: Though The Mountains May

Fall #429

#### TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman

Altar Server: Ray Kostesky Cantor: Cindy Powers

Eucharist Minister: Linda Gray Lectors: Mel Placilla & Lynne Dreelin

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Morgan Wells, Robert Patterson & James Farrell

#### **PARISHIONERS**

Spike Nunn, John King, Jim Moncure, Peggy Williams, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Toni & Nikki Traynor, 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: July 18, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,574 Second Collection: Parish Beautification \$ 297 Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 7.892

\$ 7,336



There is no second collection today.

Total Budget Projection:

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$337 June Electric; \$1,286 Pastor and Rectory expenses for June.



#### BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

1st-Ed Harriman & Carol Walsh, 3rd-Germaine Hayes, 5th-Pat Paul, 6th-Grace Anderson & James Davenport, 8th-Pat Marchant, 10th-Al Langer, 11th-Marysue Dougherty, 12th-Steven Kirsch & Donna Thompson, 15th-Aldo DeCollibus, 20th-Lee Reamy, 21st-Roseanne Moncure, 22nd-Paula Wilson, 23rd-Robert Wilson & Francis Demaurez, 24th-Richard Dougherty, 28th-Mary Ann Gulick, 29th-Bill Puttmann & Rebecca Riley.

#### ANNIVERSARY'S AUGUST

2nd-Spike & Becky Nunn, 3rd-Charlie & Margaret Hock, 4th-John & Vera England, 7th-Charlie & Anne Costello, 8th-Tom & Cindy Jessee, Don & Maria Tyrrell, 10th-Skip & Lois Kramb, 17th-Sal & Lorie Messina, 18th-Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca, 19th-John & Carol McCormack, 22nd-Lee & Pat Reamy, 25th-Bill & Michelle Puttmann.



#### NOTE FROM THE BEVILLE'S

As we move into the next phase of our life journey, we want to thank all members of our church family for the kindness and help you've extended to us as we've worshiped with you these past 16 years. You will be truly missed. They will reside at

19030 Millman Circle Culpeper, VA 22701 804-436-4862

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For those who were not in church last Sunday when the Annual Financial Report was discussed, (you missed some funny jokes from Ray) copies are available on the entrance table. If you have a question about the report or would like one sent via email; please call the office, send an email or see Ray after Mass.

#### KOC INSTALLATION

Council 11210 Officers Fraternal Year 2021-2022 which began July 1st Grand Knight-Bill Brandl; Deputy Grand Knight-John Weidner; Chancellor-Joe Sychterz; Finance Secretary-Steve Kirsch; Recorder-Gary Richardson; Treasurer-Mike Dreelin; Warden-John McCormack; Advocate-Mike Beavers; Inside Guard-Don Delagrange; Outside Guard-Skip Kramb; 1 Year Trustee-Frank Lohr; 2 year Trustee-Ed Harriman; 3year Trustee-Richard Cox; Chaplain-Father Gerry Kaggwa.

We will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the Month, and are so pleased to be able to once again be able to socialize with dinner following our meetings! Last evening we enjoyed a feast of fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and wonderful desserts. The desserts were all prepared by the KOC Ladies -Yumlington!



#### CHURCH LIVESTREAMING INFORMATION

The Dioceses has compiled a list of churches who continue to livestream Masses. If you are someone who could benefit from this information please call the office and we will forward the list to you.





# The Baptism of Michael William Michalski

Born November 24, 2020

Parents:

Daniel & Adrian Michalski

Godparents: Matthew Michalski

& Jennifer Miller

Grandparents: Bill & Johnna Harris

Yesterday, Michael was Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen





#### OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS-DIOCESES OF RICHMOND

The premier of a new film, Santiago: The Camino Within, will be available to parishes for free <u>today</u>. The film features pilgrims from around the world as they travel "The Way of St. James." Sign up for a free pass to the film at <u>santiago-camino.com</u>

# JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee asked that we reiterate the individuals and/or programs that are eligible for grants in support of parishioner education endeavors. We did not receive any applications last year and want to ensure that everyone is aware of the opportunities. In order of priority, the following entities can apply for educational support:

- \*Graduating High School Seniors.
- \*College Students.
- \*Graduate Level Education.
- \*Parish Programs including, but not limited to, Faith Formation for Children, Adult Education, Bible Study, and Guest Speaker Seminars.
- \*Grants to St. Noa School in Uganda.
- $\hbox{$^*$Continuing Education and Workforce Development.}$

Any questions please call the office.

# **COLLECTION COUNTER REFRESHER**

As we slowly return to normal practices, we will re-engage the Collection Counters Ministry in September. On Sunday August 22nd, we will hold a short meeting after Mass in the Daily Mass Room to review procedures and answer any questions you may have. There are 13 of you, and we ask you to plan your schedules accordingly.

Thank you Admin. Staff

COUNTERS



Our Bible Study small group will undertake a study of the Gospel According to John and John's Letters over the next several months. Our group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Our first meeting will be on September 7 and the study will wrap up in April. Anyone interested in

joining the group should complete the sign up sheet after Mass which John will have or contact John Weidner at <a href="mailto:jaweidnerl@verizon.net">jaweidnerl@verizon.net</a> or 240.780.1872.

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Have you ever heard the saying "wills are for rich people?" That's right! But they are also "for poor people" and for everyone in between. Your will relates to everything God has entrusted with you, and it can be a powerful statement of your Christian stewardship.



Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything and who care about what happens to it, everyone who cares about their family, and everyone who wants to include their church's future in their estate planning needs a will.

When was the last time your will had a check-up? Does it express your desires? Does it include your church which means so much to you?