

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

REMEMBERING 911

We mourn their loss this day this year
Those now with God, no danger near

So many loved ones left do stand
Confronting loss throughout our land

My heart goes out to those who do
No one can fathom what they view

I firmly pray for peace of mind
Dear God please help each one to find

And to our soldiers now at war
God guide above, at sea, on shore

They are the best, I have no doubt
Our country's pride, complete, devout

The finest force you'll ever see
All freedom grown through liberty

One final thought comes clear to me
For what must live in infamy

Absolutely – We'll Remember
The Eleventh – Of September



What we learned on September 11 is that the unthinkable
is now thinkable in the world.
– John Ashcroft

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“Who do people say that I am .. But who do you say that I am?”

Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Christ Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to become our Savior. Finally, it outlines the conditions of Christian discipleship, namely: Knowing Jesus in a personal encounter in our lives, bearing witness that Jesus is the Son of God sent to save the world, and being ready to make sacrifices for our face by denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and following Jesus.

The question of Jesus in today's Gospel is central to the points above which are the real foundations of our faith in Christ Jesus. The acknowledgement that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the son Of God. The disciples have spent some time now with Jesus. The time has come to declare clearly: Who is this person they are following? What is it that they find in Jesus? What do they grasp of his life, his message and of his mission?

Jesus begins his questions by asking what other people say. “Who do people say that I am?” He wants to know what they are saying about Him. In other words, He wants to know how the Apostles have been describing Him to them? What witness are you giving to them about me? This is a question to all of us. People have to understand and come to know Jesus through us who are his disciples. So, how have you been describing and presenting Jesus to others? Do they understand who is Jesus by listening to me, by observing my action, my lifestyle?

After hearing all what they say and think who he is, now Jesus is more interested in his disciples' position: «But you, who do you say that I am?». It's not enough that among them are various opinions, some more and some less certain. What's fundamental is that they who have committed themselves to his cause recognize Him and what his mission is all about. If they don't, who will keep his message alive? What will happen to the Kingdom of God he is trying to build? It is very important that the disciples have a clear knowledge of who they are following,

The question is vital for his disciples because the answer they give will radically affect them. It's not possible to follow Jesus in an unconscious and casual manner. They have to know him all the more deeply. Peter answers in the name of all of them: «You are the Christ».

What is asked of the disciples and Apostles of in this Gospel is asked of each one of us. We have to know who Jesus is. This needs a personal experience of Jesus. To confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is not learned from books but from a personal encounter with Jesus. We need to follow him closely and work with him day by day, allowing him to be part of our life. We need to experience his love, his forgiving power, then share the same with others.

Jesus tells Peter and his disciples very clearly that his mission is of unconditional love for us and that all true love involves suffering, because love is more concerned with the other's happiness than with one's own. True discipleship is seen when we are faithful to God in times of suffering. Jesus led by example and his total love for each of us was shown by his suffering and death on the cross.

So, who is Jesus for me personally? No matter what we like to think, Jesus reveals to us who God is, Love. So, he is challenging us to go deep to the roots of our faith by making this faith truly personal. Jesus reveals to us that if we are to accept him as our Lord, we must accept his way of suffering, whenever it comes in our life. Following him involves commitment and determination. To follow Jesus and to Confess that He is the Savior, the Christ, sometimes means to accept sacrifices. But we are not alone, we follow Him, who is the ultimate example of self-giving love.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4C-9A

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will walk with the Lord, in
the land of the living.*

Second Reading:

James 2:14-18

Gospel:

Mark 8:27-30

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS SEPT. 12th

Community Leader: John McCormack

Altar Server: Joe Sychterz

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Barbara Smith

Lectors: Mary Ellen Sherwood &
Ray Kstesky

ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 19th

Community Leader: Gary Richardson

Altar Server: Barbara Smith

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Frank Lohr

Lectors: Louise Petralia & Tom Shoemaker

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Pinchbeck, Ellen Palumbo, Bill Nunn & Taylor Deagle



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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: September 5, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,975
Second Collection: New Worship Area \$ 795
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 22,472
Total Budget Projection: \$ 23,011



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Our second collection today is for Faith Formation.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$2,232 New Rectory Dryer and Church Refrigerator.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER

4th-Larry Miller, 9th-Mary Sychterz, 10th-Eileen O'Brien, 11th-Christopher Kirsch,
15th-Cindy Jessee, Dolores Powers & Cherianne Johnson, 21st-Alan Richardson,
20th Shelley Katsuki, 21st-Emily Filippi, 22nd-Joyce Ballato.

ANNIVERSARY'S SEPTEMBER

8th-John & Diane Weidner, 10th-Steve & Lorraine Kirsch, 12th-Bryan & Jennifer
Miller, 17th-Genji & Shelley Katsuki, 28th-Alexis & Vanessa Reyes.



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*The Church of the Visitation is celebrating
the completion of our New Worship Area*

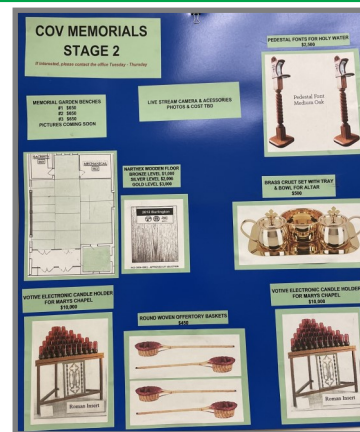
Saturday, October 2, 2021 5-9PM
(Rain date October 3rd)

Join us for dinner and live music featuring the *"The Flat Tones"*
beer tasting, prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Purchase of a \$40 ticket includes...

Dinner: Brats & Sauerkraut, BBQ, Coleslaw, Potato Salad.
Beverage: Four tickets for 5oz. beer samples. Water and soda available.

Tickets are available on line at www.church-of-the-visitation.org
or you can call 804-758-5160.



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

As promised, we have entered Stage 2
in our Memorial Campaign for the
New Worship Area.

Listed below are the new memorial items:

MEMORIAL UPDATE

- *Memorial Garden Bench
- *Live stream camera & Accessor
- *Narthex Wooden Floor
- *Pedestal Fonts for Holy Water
- *Round Woven Offertory Baskets
 - *Pews and Choir Chairs
 - *Votive Electronic Candle Holder-
Mary's Chapel

To view some of these artifacts, please view
the poster located in the alcove.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Our deadline is fast approaching for the Memorial Plaques. Before the plaques can be
ordered we need you to check and sign off on your wording, and names.
If you have any questions please contact the office.

KITCHEN/FELLOWSHIP HALL

A committee is looking at potential uses and configurations of the space made available
when we begin celebrating Mass in the new church. The team is focusing on the current
worship area and an expanded kitchen. We're looking for any ideas or suggestions you
may have for using and setting up this new Fellowship Hall. Please pass them on to

Gary Richardson at lynnegary@gmail.com.

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Aden, Andrew and Annabella
273 N. Oaks Circle
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Kilmarnock, VA 22482



TEMPORARY DOORS

The barricade in the rear of the church has been removed and replaced with temporary doors until the arrival of the permanent ones which has been delayed. The temporary doors must remain locked until we receive a temporary occupancy permit, county willing. Also delayed are the sound system console and speakers, which may pose a challenge to lectors and Father alike if we receive a temporary occupancy permit without the system in place.

SITE WORK

As you can observe, the site work has begun and in accordance with the site plan, some of our islands are gone to make way for additional parking spaces. The lighting in the parking lot will remain the same and one new island will be constructed. Sidewalks and curbing went in this week, and the next few weeks are almost entirely devoted to site work. As always, we ask for your patience in dealing with these inconveniences.



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SILENT AUCTION

Due to space constraints, the *Silent Auction Fund Raiser* usually held in conjunction with our Golf Tournament is being planned for later this year. Once we are using the new worship area, we will have lots of space in our "Social Hall" to display auction items.

Talented and generous parishioners, and friends of parishioners, have already donated items including jewelry, quilts, hand-crafted pens and pillows, original wall hangings, and more!

Please consider all your **talents** (Painting? Woodwork? Pottery?) and **treasures** and decide if you can donate to the effort.

Past auctions have raised \$1500-2200!

Call or email Lynne Richardson for more information.

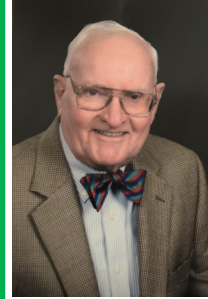
571-239-0980 lynnegary@gmail.com.

RECOGNITION AND THANKS

We are pleased to announce we are planning to have an on-site Faith Formation program commencing this fall. Eileen O'Brien has graciously agreed to come out of retirement and head it up after a well earned sabbatical from her previous tenure. On the same note, we thank parishioner Fred Johnson, owner of Northern Neck Gutters and Fences, for donating the gutters for the new worship area. Fred also donated the gutters we presently have on the church when we expanded 13 years ago.

MASS OF RESURRECTION

Former long time parishioner Bob O'Keefe died during the pandemic, and his family delayed his Mass of Resurrection until now. Bob's Mass will be held at COV this Saturday, September 11th, at 11am. His burial will occur immediately thereafter in the cemetery with a reception to follow at the church. We do not ask for dishes or desserts to share, but welcome your participation in honor of Bob.



SENIOR FLU SHOTS

The Cryer Center will be offering senior (65 and over) Flu Shots in September at its location on Tuesdays, September 14th & September 28th from 10am to 4pm. You need not be a client of the center to receive a shot.

It is open to all county residents 65 and over.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

Be sure that your estate planning documents are properly prepared. A homemade will "might" work, but unless it is properly written it might cause unnecessary expenses and delays— and worst of all, it might not accomplish what you want to happen. The writing of your will is a job for which you need your attorney's assistance.



Potential, Purpose, Promise