

#### 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*

#### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



It's time to be thinking of parish council elections. Chairperson John Weidner will review the process with parishioners this Sunday, and next Sunday, including the week thereafter, you will have the opportunity to nominate yourself or others for election to the council.

We have three vacancies to fill, and two of the departing members, Steve Forte and Roseanne Moncure are eligible for reelection. We will provide you with a form to use for nomination purposes, and if you choose, you can email us your nominees. After we receive the nominations, we will publish the list of nominees to give those nominated an opportunity to accept or decline to run.

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*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 19, 2021 Year B*

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

We become great in the sight of God by doing God's will as Jesus did, surrendering our lives to Him in the service of others. The first and second readings invite us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace. It is the child-like humility and selfless service which makes one great in the sight eyes of God. This is the central message in today's scripture readings.

The apostles in the Gospel today had not yet learned what true greatness is, in fact, they had a different idea of greatness and how it achieved from that of Jesus. Who would be the greatest among the disciples? Would it be James, John, Peter, or Andrew? They did not know what greatness was. Jesus shows them true greatness which is following his footsteps in a selfless giving of oneself to others, which he accomplished on the Cross. That was the message that Jesus was trying to get across to his disciples after he heard them arguing about who should be first in the Kingdom of God. He said that the first shall be last and servant to all. For Jesus to be great was to serve.

Unlike what society and our culture says, our Christian faith teaches us that true greatness comes from service. The ultimate goal of one's life is to serve God and others, especially those in need. Our model is Jesus himself and his teaching in the Gospels. It is welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst: the defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill and the marginalized. It is through these acts of love that we can consider ourselves great

Jesus calls us to be his disciples, His true followers. He calls us to set aside our own desires for the sake of others. He calls us to seek the greatness of humble generosity, to "rank first" among our families, friends, and communities by taking on the spirit and role of being their servant. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." The jealousy and selfish ambition that attacks the just man in the Book of Wisdom in our first reading, and that James berates in the second reading when he say: "where Jealousy and selfish ambitions exist, there is disorder and every foul practice". The sign of the Christian is seen in his or her setting another's needs over his or her own.

We are all called to do this, continually. Every day, every moment of the day you and I are called to consider others over ourselves. The needs of the children, the sick, the poor and the elderly call us away from ourselves and call us into Jesus. Every day we have to resist the temptation to selfishness, the temptation to put ourselves before others. Every day we are called to greatness by conquering ourselves. Every day we are called to be the Presence of Jesus for others.

The goal of our lives is union with God. The strength to achieve this union comes from Jesus Christ on the cross. He made Himself weak so we could be strong. We pray today for this strength, the strength to reach out to others in selfless service, which is the strength to achieve greatness.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

### TODAY'S MASS

#### First Reading:

*Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord upholds my life.*

#### Second Reading:

*James 3:16-4:3*

#### Gospel:

*Mark 9:30-37*

### TODAY'S

Community Leader: Gary Richardson

Altar Server: Barbara Smith

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Frank Lohr

Lectors: Louise Petralia & Tom Shoemaker

Collection Counters: Harvey/Tutak

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH

Community Leader: Debby Harriman

Altar Server: Steve Forte

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Lynne Dreelein

Lectors: Eileen O'Brien & John Weidner

Collection Counters: Harris /Davenport

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Ann Melvin, Jeffery Downs, John Gascoign & Leo Meso*



#### PARISHIONERS

Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Peggy Williams, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meanely, Jack & Louise Petralia, Paul Pearce, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Bill & Linda Gray, Carol Smith, Pat & Lee Reamy, Carole McPherson, Colin Walsh.

#### FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Sarah Whelar, Arnold Fahrman, John Matthews, Ramon Placiente, Jillian Messina, Karen Tatum, Lynn Messina, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, 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, Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Natasha Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, JoAnn Dwyer, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

#### FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Ryan Burnette, Robert Cummins, Kathy Goynes, Michael Johnson, Doc Jones, Hunt Addison, William Scott Smith, Eddie Hall, David Smith, Sandy Bruce, Matt & Marianna Parowski, Penny Hoar, Gene Tunney Walker, Joe McInerney, The Butt Family, Greg Chambers, Bristow Family, Peg Meushaw, Dave Gunn, Chuck Taylor, Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashely Scott & family, Susie Loustaunau, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, 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: September 12, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,452  
Second Collection: Faith Formation \$ 173  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 24,924  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 25,570



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There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$1,450 Diocesan Assessments; \$597 Pastor and Rectory Expenses; \$1,505 Baptismal Font Supplies



### 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



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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.

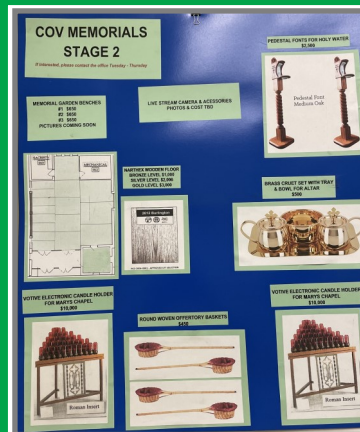
Purchase of a \$40 ticket includes...

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](http://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](mailto:lynnegary@gmail.com).

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage and learn how to be the best spouse you can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on Sept 24-26th in Warrenton, VA and Nov 5-7th in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at : <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>



### 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.



### 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](mailto:lynnegary@gmail.com).

### EXCITEMENT AHEAD

The end of September and the beginning of October will add excitement galore to our parish as we reach construction completion and celebration. There are still many wickets to cross such as walk-throughs and inspections, but on the 21st the stained glass windows arrive. On the 27th pew installation will commence. October 1st is the final walk-through with the contractor, and October 2nd is Oktoberfest. Assuming the walk-through goes will, we begin the process of moving in which will require much backbone and manpower. If we stay on schedule, in the middle of October we begin laying down new flooring in the Narthex (rear of our present nave). Helter skelter appears in the offing, but we shall prevail with a lot of your help and prayers.



### REGULAR/SENIOR FLU SHOTS

Flu shots will be available at the Cryer Center as a drive through service from 10 AM to 4 PM on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The regular and senior doses will be available. Seniors are considered to be 65 and older. Children, starting at the age of 5, can also receive the shot but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



### WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Paul indicates it is not enough to intend to be a good steward. You must plan, and it is by carefully making provisions for a planned gift and implementation of that plan that you will be able to enjoy the fruits of Christian stewardship!

Planning to include our church in your will involves more than just contacting an attorney and drafting a will. Making a bequest to our church involves thoughtful discussion with your family: spouse, children, perhaps siblings, and others with whom you have an important relationship and those who have a relationship to your estate.

Ultimately, making the right decision will allow you, the giver, to find greater joy and fulfillment in the process and completion of the gift.



*Potential, Purpose, Promise*