

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

Nominations are closed for the elections. The following persons have been nominated:



Cathy Davenport	Roseanne Moncure
John Donner	Cindy Powers
Steve Forte	Barbara Smith
Cindy Jessee	Nancy Wirth
Tom Jessee	
Steve Kirsch	



If you have been nominated and **do not** wish to run, please cross your name off the list located in the rear of the church or call the office. Elections are scheduled for Sunday Oct. 17th. Absentee ballots are acceptable and may be picked up in the office or you can email your choices to us. (up to 3 names).

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021 Year B

No Daily Masses this week,
Father is attending the Priest Convocation.

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The central message for us today is that we must give priority to God in our lives, not to our possessions. Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything so important in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. These things often possess us, and we become the prisoners of our possessions when we give our "things" top priority in our lives. This indeed goes against the First Commandment, "You shall not have other gods beside me" which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God. And, by possessions, here it does not mean only property or other riches one might own, but everything including our opinions, our attitudes towards others, our lifestyle, our behaviors. All these can become a priority to us and take away our willingness to follow God's will and commandments.

Today's Gospel account tells us of someone, a man (a young man) who goes to Jesus and asks: "Good teacher what must I do to inherit eternal life". Jesus, in his answer he reminds him the importance of the Ten Commandments in one's life and as something required in order to attain eternal life "You Know the commandments..." The young man's reply to Jesus is that "I have observed all these from my youth" Jesus knew that what he was saying was true, indeed he has observed the commandments in his life, but how? He kept the commandments as mere observance, just not to be in trouble with God. In fact, one can keep all the rules and laws of his country or state not because he loves them but because he doesn't want to be in trouble. In our faith, in following Jesus, this is not enough. Something more is required, and that is what Jesus in today's Gospel asks the young man to do.

Jesus looked deeply into this man and loved him. And because he loved him, he proposed to him something which is beyond knowing the commandments, which is beyond mere keeping of the commandments of God. Jesus asked him total surrender to God and putting his faith in action. Jesus tells the young man: "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me".

Jesus asked him to place all that he had and all that he was into God's care, into God's hands. Jesus invited him to let God be the one who govern and directs his life, Jesus wanted him to acknowledge that no matter what he owns, he depends on God. But the young man thought otherwise. He thought that what Jesus was asking was too much, too costly. Thus, when he heard the answer of Jesus "... his face fell and went away sad, for he had many possessions". He feared the risk involved in the invitation of Jesus, in other words, he could not allow putting himself totally under God.

Peter and other Apostles likewise had to face the same situation, but their response was different. Peter said to Jesus: "We have given up everything and followed you" he wanted to know from Jesus what are they going to get in return. Jesus responded that those who left everything to follow him and for the sake of the Gospel, will be repaid a hundred times over, but with Persecutions/sufferings, and inherit everlasting life as well. Peter and his fellow Apostles accepted the invitation of Jesus and they followed him to the end.

Today, through this Gospel, Jesus is challenging our faith, our way of being Christians. We all know that things of value come at a cost and things of high value come at a high cost. If our Faith in God, our faith in Jesus is of greater value than the risks we have to take in order to live accordingly are high. Jesus is not asking us to give up our belongings, our houses, ... Jesus is calling us to acknowledge that we belong to God and all that we have comes from him. He wants us to acknowledge that God is the Ruler who governs our life, he wants us to know that we depend on him. Our knowledge, possessions, even our life itself, are all from God, He is the giver of all. This is what Jesus demanded from the young man: to leave everything he has and follow him, in other words, full trust in him.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm:

*Fill us with your love,
O Lord, and we will
sing for joy!*

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel:

Mark 10:17-30

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman

Altar Server: Ray Kostaskey

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Barbara Smith

Lectors: Ray Kostaskey/Lynne Dreelin

Collection Counters: King/Dreelin/Kirsch

ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 17th

Community Leader: Gary Richardson

Altar Server: Barbara Smith

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Noelle Harvey

Lectors: John Weidner/Mary Ellen Sherwood

Collection Counters: Tutak/Harvey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charles O'Shaughnessy, Jane Eyring, Bill Heeke



PARISHIONERS

Donna Thompson, James Peddicord, 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

Emily Evans, 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, Noe & 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, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, JoAnn Dwyer, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Pam Sands, Patti Sarosy, Ed Ruark, Ryan Burnette, Robert Cummins, Kathy Goyno, 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, 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: October 3, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,582
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 31,569
Total Budget Projection: \$ 32,581



"Hyperlink"

Our second collection today is for our New Worship Area..

We signed the following principal check this week:
\$48,890 church pews/choir chairs.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR OCTOBER



1st-Charles Walsh (young) & Anne Baltrusaitis, Kevin Hayes, Dottie Edwards, & Mary Ellen Sherwood, 3rd-Bryan Miller & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jean Kostaskey, 8th-Bill Campbell, 12th-Diane Weidner, 13th-Marilynne Cerullo, 15th-Stuart Beckett & Father Gerry Kaggwa, 17th-Lois Farrell, 18th-Fredrick Johnson, 19th-Tom Jessee, 20th-Len Swinehart, 23,-John Donner, Becky Nunn, & Blair Pausic, 24th-Tony Robusto, 25th-Noelle Harvey, 27-thJan Smith, & Tom Dorman, 29th-Natie Smith, 30th-JoAn Nolte.

ANNIVERSARY'S OCTOBER



5th-Kevin & Germaine Hayes, Mike & Joyce Ballato,
7th-Lee & Barbara Hollingsworth, 10th-John & Andrea Moore,
19th-Gary & Jo Brown, 25th-James & Cathy Davenport,
27th-Steve & Lisa Forte

NEW MEMORIALS

I know I surprised many of you with my announcement that we have four more stained glass windows to offer as memorials in the new worship area. During the planning phase for the church I believed we needed to have natural light entering the nave and held to that view until the stained glass windows were installed a few weeks ago. I then realized that natural light was not that necessary and additional stained glass would enhance the environment and appearance of the interior. That was the sole reason for my announcement.

The windows will be designed according to these themes:

Assumption of our Lady
Moses parting the Red Sea
Jesus praying in the Garden
Jesus preaching on the shore

While we await the art work, if you have an interest in purchasing one of the windows, please contact Lisa Forte @ 804-399-7766

The price of the windows is as before \$12,00.00 each.

Other remaining memorials from Stage 2



1 Electronic votive candle holder (left)-\$10,000

Pedestal Fonts for Holy Water-\$2,500

Memorial Garden Bench-\$650 each

Round Woven Offertory Baskets-\$450

Live stream camera & accessories-TBD



NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

We passed the final county inspection and are free to occupy the structure once the discrepancies noted by the Building Committee members have been corrected. Additionally, we are still waiting for the sound system and entrance doors to be delivered and parking lot striping to occur. The pews arrive on Monday, and the installation of new flooring in our present worship area will occur next week. As things stand now, we will continue to celebrated Mass in our present worship area and evaluate it on a weekly basis.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents, if you would like your child to participate in our Faith Formation classes, please sign them up this week. October 17th is our starting date. There are forms to fill out in the table in the foyer. We are ordering materials so we really need to know how many children we will have. Thanks so much! Eileen O'Brien



At the Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony Sunday, October 3rd they welcomed Jack King as a new Third Degree Knight.

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.



RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

During the month of October, the Catholic Church in the US observes *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. During this Year of St. Joseph, the Holy Father invites us to reflect more deeply on how St. Joseph loved Jesus with a *father's heart*. Joseph's unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians to safeguard God's gift of human life.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have-in both material and non-material things-have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?



Potential, Purpose, Promise



OKTOBERFEST THANK YOU'S

The amount raised by the event was \$4,629.00!

This will be used to defray the cost of the Narthex/entrance floor. Many people donated their time, treasure and talent to assure that 80% of the cost of the ticket went to this fundraiser.

For any event to be successful there are many in the background assisting in its success.

Additionally, each task had many parishioners involved in its completion.

Our parishioners were outstanding in service, participation, and supporting our Oktoberfest Celebration.

Thank you!

Special thanks to: The Flat Tones, Trapezium & Beale's Brewery, & Pleasure House Brewery....together they made the evening a Very Special Celebration.

Thank you to many workers behind the scenes:

Kevin Hayes for cleaning & lighting in the pavilion: Gary Richardson, Ed Harriman, Steve Forte and their team of parishioners for set up & clean up.

Roseanne Moncure & her team for decorations & prizes:

Mary Sychterz for her team of food prep, servers & Cookers;

Lisa Forte & Andrea Moore for posters & flyers;

Frank Lohr for the golf valet service: Donna & Bill Brandl for selling raffle tickets.

Lynne Dreelin, Leisa DeCollibus, Diane Weidner for reception duty;

Bob Smith & John Weidner for parking assistance;

Peg Williams & Lynne Dreelin for the display of German steins & punch bowl/cups; all parishioners that donated desserts.

Thank you everyone. Debby Harriman-Event Planner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY MEAL DELIVER



The holidays are approaching and the Cryer Center is reinstating Holiday Meal deliveries. The deliveries are made in the mornings of Thanksgiving and Christmas. The time is 9:30 am and is about 1 hour of work delivery. The way it works is meals will be prepared at the Cryer Center by a limited number of individuals. Drivers will pull up to the front of the building. A representative will ask you which area you want to deliver to. You will be given those address cards. Pop your trunk and the number of meals you need will be put in your trunk and off you go. The center needs volunteer drivers.

Volunteer Drivers: please call Cathy Newcomb (804) 758-8561.

Need more info. call Kevin Hayes (757)268-5202 or email kjh583@gmail.com