

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



Today is election Day. The ushers will give you a ballot as you enter church. Please fill it out (up to 3 names permitted) and place it in the collection basket after Mass.

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	

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Today's Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example. They also explain the servant leadership of Jesus, pinpointing service, and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom. The main point to emphasize here is service. Serving God and serving others. The Servant of the first reading intercedes with God for the people, taking upon himself their wrong doings and accepting the punishment because of their sins. The Letter to the Hebrews, in the second reading, notes that He (Jesus) Himself responded to the call from his Father to be a mediator, for the people. Today's Gospel puts it clearly that those who wish to follow Jesus must do so not by seeking power and glory, but by seeking service.

As Christians we are all called to be like Jesus. We are called to bring God to others and others to God. And Jesus did that by being servant to all people.

The two brother, James and John, sons of Zebedee in the Gospel of today, approached Jesus and said: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." Jesus invites them, "What do you want me to do for you?" They have repeatedly experienced his supernatural powers and they have deep faith that he can grant their greatest wish: not only a place in his kingdom, but that they sit one at his right and the other his left, in the kingdom.

James and John had it all wrong. They wanted authority. They wanted to sit at the right hand and left hand of Jesus when the Kingdom of God. They wanted to be powerful and feared because of their power. They looked forward to being in authority. And that is why they are wrong. In the Kingdom of God, authority would come through service, not through power.

Jesus today when he tells His Disciples not to seek power and authority like the Gentiles, "who lord it over them and their great ones make their authority over them felt," He is telling all of us that as Christians we must not imitate this selfish way of life but a life of service. This is clearly not selfish, not seeking personal glory. It is the very opposite, it is the way Jesus chooses for himself: being a servant for all. Jesus is calling us to imitate him in his choice, the choice of doing good for others.

It is here that we ought to place all our efforts. As Christians we should use our energies and talents to the full, not in a selfish way, but in order to serve the brothers and sisters in the community. We all are obligated as Christians to take the initiative of bringing Christ to heal, to console, bring joy to the sorrowful and give courage to those who need it. This is the Christian mission that we all have. And when we exercise our being Christian in this way, we are responding to the call to be like Jesus. He was always concerned about the less fortunate, the grieving, the persecuted. He didn't need anyone to tell him what to do. He was compassionate and acted out of his compassion for the people.

What Jesus is teaching us today is the fact that, we as Christians in whatever we do, our goal is not to achieve personal glory but to serve others.

James and John and the rest of the Apostles did not understand this immediately, they were thinking of worldly power and authority, but gradually, they did learn what Jesus meant and wanted them to be, and they ultimately became wonderful examples of Christian life.

We too, should try to learn from Jesus, because true and genuine glory is to be found in our desire to serve others, following the example of Jesus himself, who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel:

Mark 10:35-45

TODAY'S ASSINMENTS

Community Leader: Gary Richardson

Altar Server: Barbara Smith

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Noelle Harvey

Lectors: John Weidner/Mary Ellen Sherwood

Collection Counters: Tutak/Harvey

ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 24th

Community Leader: John McCormack

Altar Server: Steve Forte

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Debby Harriman

Lectors: Tom Shoemaker/Eileen O'Brien

Collection Counter: Harris/Davenport

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Min Tassone, Bob O'Keefe, Harry Sikora & Dennis Geilow



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 Meanly, 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 Whelan, 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, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, JoAnn Dwyer, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Pam Sands, Charles Carter, Pam Sands, Patti Sarosy, Ed Ruark, 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, 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 10, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,900

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 33,269

Total Budget Projection: \$ 34,486

Our second collection today is for St. Noa School in Uganda.

We signed the following principal check this week:

\$962 Pastor & Rectory expenses for September, \$1,450 Diocesan Assessments.



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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



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

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



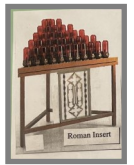
Electronic votive candle holder (1 left)-\$10,000

Pedestal Fonts for Holy Water-\$2,500

Memorial Narthex Bench-\$650 each

Round Woven Offertory Baskets-\$450

Live stream camera & accessories-TBD



NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

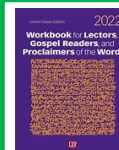
We passed the final county inspection and are free to occupy the structure once the discrepancies noted by the Building Committee members have been corrected. Additionally, we are still waiting for the sound system and entrance doors to be delivered and parking lot striping to occur. *The pews are in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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION Starts after Mass today.



LECTOR'S WORKBOOKS

Our lectors' workbooks are in and can be picked up from the table outside of the office.





RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

In a culture and world that is hungry for the Truth, we are often challenged to put our faith into action. For example, many of our politicians profess their Catholic faith particularly as this related to LIFE issues.

However, as Christ's followers and as Catholics, we are called to integrate our faith into all aspects of our lives. In fact, we are called to make our faith evident in all our actions and decisions. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but let our light shine before others (Mt 5:15-16).

Defense of the unborn-the most vulnerable and defenseless human beings in our society, is undoubtedly the most important gift that God gives us!

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

A retirement account, such as an IRA, 401 (k), or 403 (b), often comprises a large portion of a person's wealth. Yet did you know they are the most heavily taxed-and a perfect instrument for making a charitable gift at death?



Potential, Purpose, Promise

The way in which you distribute the assets in your retirement accounts can reflect your faith and values. By naming our church as beneficiary of your retirement account, you can pass on assets you no longer can use, and spare your estate the tax burden affiliated with these plans.

DEAN AND DEANERY

In case you missed the announcement in the Catholic Virginian two issues ago, we are pleased and honored to announce that the Bishop has reappointed Father Gerry as the Dean for Deanery 6. The term is for three years and once again reflects the respect the deanery priests have for Father Gerry because by their voting, they recommended to the Bishop who they desired to be their Dean.

Father's Deanery encompasses Yorktown, Williamsburg, West Point, Gloucester, Mathews, and Middlesex.



OKTOBERFEST THANK YOUS

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 Dreelein, Leisa DeCollibus, Diane Weidner for reception duty;

Bob Smith & John Weidner for parking assistance;

Peg Williams & Lynne Dreelein 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