

DEDICATION RECEPTION AND KITCHEN APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone who helped on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday for the dedication. It all went so wonderfully. A special thank you to Debbie Harriman and Steve and Lisa Forte for the lovely tables and flowers. A extra special thank you to Leslie Krom. She made us three cakes. Two were in the kitchen to cut up and one beautiful cake for display. We used both cakes on Saturday.

Then on Sunday Mary Ellen Sherwood cut the beautiful cake for social Sunday. All the cakes were a big hit. There were no left overs!!! Meredith Weston made us 190 fantastic hand decorated cookies. They all went at the dedication. Both ladies are very talented and Mary Ellen Sherwood's daughters. Peggy Williams graciously donated the shrimp. It was a wonderful addition. Lynn Dreelein is my go to person for coffee and drinks. She is the best. Cindy Jessie had a delicious recipe for ham rolls.

Plus I would like to thank Dennis and Trish Caraviello. They washed all the pots and pans that hang in the kitchen. That really was a big help. There were so many people who helped I don't want to leave anyone out thank you all.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE



The 28th Annual Knights of Columbus St Patrick's Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 19th at the Piankatank River Golf Club Steamboat Restaurant in Hartfield, VA.



A Cash Bar open at 5:30 PM

Dinner Buffet, which starts at 6:30, consist of either Corned Beef or Grilled Chicken-with Roasted Red Potatoes, Cabbage and Green Beans. All meals come with Rolls, Coffee or Tea. There will be a large selection of home made desserts.

Following dinner, there will be dancing to music by

Disk Jockey from 7 - 10:00 PM.

All are welcome! Tickets are \$40.00 per person; reservations only.

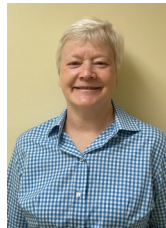
For Reservations please call: (804) 776-0078.



A hearty welcome to our new parishioners...



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THANK YOU'S

It would be impossible to thank individually all of the devoted parishioners who contributed to the overall success of our dedication celebration. Johnna's personal note is located in another section of the bulletin. The faithful and many others gave their time and talent to a blessed occasion which honored the Lord immeasurably. May the Lord continue to

Bless all of these committed parishioners and our church community.

YEAAAA! *We did it!* *Father Gerry*

*2nd Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

03/13/2022

The common theme of today's readings is transformation. They invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the Lord who reveals His glory and power to us in today's Gospel of the transfiguration.

The first reading describes the transformation of an ancient patriarch into a believer in the one God, the transformation of his name from Abram to Abraham, and the first covenant of God with Abraham's family as a reward for Abraham's obedience to God.

In the second reading, St. Paul argues us to conduct ourselves as people honoring our Lord Jesus Christ. And this is not in only observing rules and laws. But in conformity with his teaching, with lives transformed by the Gospel.

In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Him to reveal to us his mission of saving people, which will include suffering, death, and Resurrection.

The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial.

Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

Transfiguration is presented in three Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and only Luke begins the account with the Lord at prayer. This is significant. The Lord is opening Himself to the presence of the Father. At peace, at prayer, He is transformed, transfigured, into a state that reflects the glory of God.

On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. The voice in the cloud is meant for them and us: "This is my Beloved Son, Listen to Him." Following and listening to Him does not mean merely performing certain external actions, like not eating food one day in Lent, or simply coming to Church, showing up at a Sunday Service, having our children baptized, receive communion, or be confirmed. Listening to Him means entering a spiritual relationship with Him, a relationship that is present through our daily duties as well as when we are together at prayer. We have to nourish our spiritual lives, our relationship to God. We have to feed our spiritual life the food of union with God. We have to be people of prayer. This is how we can listen to Him. We have to have a prayer life. We have to respond to His message in our hearts. We have to listen. We have to grow. He is transforming the world. He is transforming us.

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we are invited to consider how do we really follow the Lord. Do we allow ourselves to be exposed to the gift of the Holy Spirit, are we ready to be transformed into a new person? Do we allow God's plan to take effect in our lives like Abraham our father in faith? Let us pray for a real change, transformation during this Lenten Season.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is my light and
my salvation*

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

ASSIGNMENTS FOR March 13, 2022

Community Leader: Kevin Hayes
Altar Server: Ray Kostaskey
Lectors: Mary Ellen/Tom Shoemaker
Eucharist Minister: O'Brien/Harriman
Cantor: Stuart Beckett
Collection Counters: King/Kirsch/Angell

MUSIC

BELL SONG: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place #680
ENTRANCE: Be Thou My Vision #398
OFFERTORY: Hosea #665
COMMUNION: Christ Be Our Light #598
MEDITATION: Irish Blessing #372
RECESSIONAL: O God Our Help in Ages Past #450

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John Harlow, Richard Powell, Catherine Walsh, Kathleen Paul Anspach,



PARISHIONERS

Mary Dorman, Marilyn Cox, Scott Kauffman, Steve Forte, Gary Richardson, Donna Thompson, James Peddicord, Paul Pearce, Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meanley, Jack & Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, 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.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Sue & Lisa Ferrari, Jennen Palm, Jenifer Anderson, Larry Hersh, Beth Edward Bailey, Shirley Schultz, Judy Kramb, Joseph J. Los, Emily Evans, Arnold Fahrman, John Matthews, Ramon Placiente, Jillian Messina, Karen Tatum, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil & Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, 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, Michael Reamy, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, Andy Hetzer.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Mike McLemore, Dave Gunn, Louise & Jim Shockey, Mindy Miller & Ahmet Anday, Ron & Georgia Beville, George Adams, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Christine & Henry Archuleta, Charles Carter, Pam Sands, Kathy Goyno, William Scott Smith, Eddie Hall, David Smith, Sandy Bruce, Matt & Marianna Parowski, Gene Tunney Walker, Joe McInerney, The Butt Family, Peg Meushaw, Dave Gunn, Chuck Taylor, Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Rita Blommel, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed.

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: March 6, 2022

Collection: \$ 2,771
Second Collection: Debt Reduction \$ 500
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 80,437
Total Budget Projection: \$ 75,161



Link to our website

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principle checks this week: \$510 Snow removal; \$436 Parish Life Expense

BIRTHDAYS-MARCH

1st-David Bushey, 5th-Earlyne Glenn & Tommy Lange, 8th-Paul Pearce & Sandi Delagrange, 9th-Pepper Heunemann, 15th-Victoria Hollingsworth, 19th-Alex Bushey, 20th-Gary Richardson, 21th-Peggy Williams, 24th-Barbara Hollingsworth, 25th-Dolores Recupido, 30th-Joe Sychterz & Michele Meanly.

ANNIVERSARIES-MARCH

13th-Jan & Nathalie Smith, 15th-Frank & Gerrie Lohr, 24th-Bill & Johnna Harris

HOMELESS IN PORTSMOUTH

We have the following request from Eileen O'Brien for help for the homeless in Portsmouth. My son, Tim, has a brewery in VA. Beach. He told me yesterday that one of his customers who is a policeman in Portsmouth has encountered many homeless people. Tim would like to give him supplies to distribute to them since there is a big need. So if any of you have any of the following items, I will see that Tim gets them: toothpaste/brushes, combs, shaving cream, razors, soap, deodorant, shampoo, body lotion, can openers, ponchos, wash cloths, towels, blankets, sleeping bags or tents, disposable wipes and hand sanitizers. Thanks so much!

There is a green tub located by the Legacy Tree for any donated supplies.

SPECIAL THANKS

The floral arrangements for the dedication were magnificent and tasteful. Not only did Steve and Lisa Forte create them, they donated the cost as well. Our heartfelt thanks to a talented, gracious couple.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new sanctuary and we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.

No experience necessary! We have books and rosary beads available for use.

LENTEN REPAST-SOUP AND STATIONS

We begin reciting the stations at 5:30pm. When finished, we will enjoy a repast of soup and bread furnished by parishioners. A sign up last for soup and bread maker volunteers is located in the Narthex. We need a minimum of two each soup and bread volunteers weekly.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Real estate offers excellent opportunities for giving to your church. Consider a gift of land, a condominium, commercial property, home, farm, or other types of real estate. You may be able to avoid capital gains taxes and also be entitled to an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the property at the time the gift is made.

Consider making a gift of your personal residence or family farm now and continuing to live there until your death. An immediate income tax deduction may be available for this arrangement. At your death the property would be available for church use or sold to benefit ministries of your church.

Consider giving the use of your property to your heirs for the duration of their lives but having the property at their death pass to the church as a family memorial. After the property has met family needs, it will then support the mission and ministry of your church.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

LENT IS UPON US



Lent has begun, and we encourage you to participate in the four soup & stations which has begun last Wednesday. Following stations, soup (including bread) will again be offered for sale for \$10.00 per quart. Soup can be picked up after Stations or at Mass the following Sunday. In addition, we will also resume fellowship and food following the stations; bowls of soup and bread will be offered for a small donation.

Triduum will be held at COV this year. If you need a Lenten Calendar, pick one up as you depart Mass as well as a copy of the Little Black Book, the popular six minute reflection series.

Lent and the Worship Environment

During Lent, the altar should not to be decorated with flowers.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), solemnities, and feasts are exceptions to this norm.

While the vestment color for the season of Lent is violet, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, rose-colored vestments may be worn.

Holy Water and Baptismal Fonts

In the past, some parishes have emptied the baptismal font and other receptacles for holy water during the entire Lenten Season. As stated in past guidelines issued by the Diocese of Richmond, the use of holy water as a sacramental is a primary symbol of our baptism and has long been encouraged by the Church for the devotion of the faithful. Liturgical norms indicate that holy water should be removed from all fonts before the beginning of the Triduum.

OPEN HOUSE

We have scheduled an open house for the community for Saturday, March 19th from 9am-12:00pm. Please invite your non-Catholic friends to come visit us and see for themselves our glorious contribution to the Lord.

Journey Together: Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

Here we are, Holy Spirit!



Over forty parishioners participated in seven small group consultations during the month of February to discuss the synod's three themes of Communion, Participation and Mission. Many voices have been heard but we would like to hear from many more! If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider spending an hour with fellow parishioners, listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other.

Consultations have been scheduled for March as follows:

After Mass on Sunday, March 13, 10:00 AM

Please direct any questions about the Synod to John Weidner, Parish Council Chair, at jaweidner1@verizon.net, 240-780-1872.

THE NARTHEX

Continuing with our discussion of the Narthex:

In order to work optimally, a narthex should be designed to serve multiple functions.

The primary function is as a place of emotional and spiritual transition. As believers gather into community they prepare and move into the assembly or sanctuary with a focus on their spiritual lives. The narthex must also serve an array of secondary functions as a physical transition space. Obviously it needs to provide easy access to worship space, but it should have other practical connections as well. The narthex should be an obvious place to arrive, to enter the building or to connect to other exterior circulation.

A visitor may expect connections to service spaces such as restrooms, or a children's nursery. Other areas with important ministry functions may be expected to connect with or be close by the narthex.

Many gathering spaces are adjacent to areas used in preparation for worship. An effective narthex may have a connection to a sacristy, flower room, green room, or choir room. It may provide access to the administrative offices or an education wing. Even if there isn't a direct connection, the path to social spaces, a fellowship hall, or a social hall may also be an inviting feature of the narthex.

Stay tuned....

ADMIN REMINDERS

Daylight savings time begins this Sunday. Spring ahead with your clocks to ensure you will get to church on time.

With the Narthex now available for use, we will place all the administrative items we used to position in the hall there.

Look for our table in the corner.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Below is a letter from Father concerning the appeal. The in-pew process is today, the first of two Sundays, and we will have Appeal cards available for those who need to use them. Our goal was increased by 14% this year to \$7230. In past years, we have always met our goal.

Dear Parishioners,

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is upon us, and I find this year's theme to be such a great reminder of what the Lord calls us to do. The theme is "*Together, We Bestow His First Fruits*".

Our goal this year is \$ 7,230

We are reminded to bring what we have first to the Lord, which means our best offerings, not what is left over. The Appeal also unites our Church together in supporting our ministries that one parish cannot support alone, and that moves our Church forward. We are so blessed and grateful for the assistance we get from the Appeal. We get back 50% of all donations you make to this appeal. And from last year's Appeal, our Parish received back \$5,491, in addition to what we get in grants like The Fuel and Hunger Grant which helps to feed the needy in our community, as well as meeting their other concerns.

I am so grateful for our COV Parish family. Together we have overcome unimaginable hurdles as we continue to make our way through the pandemic. Because of you, we were able to cover all the running costs of our parish and support the various ministries we have.

As this year's Appeal begins, I encourage each of you to support not only our parish offertory, which directly supports our parish, but also ask you to prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift to the Appeal makes a real difference because, together, we can enable our Diocese to deliver ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families, health insurance for our retired priests, and tuition for our future priests to attend the Seminary.

During this Appeal season, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout, and I ask you to read through it closely and reflect on how we can help him fulfill his mission and, together, share our first fruits.

Over the last two years the use of technology and online tools have accelerated. The Annual Appeal has been a beneficiary of this as people can now make their contributions more securely and efficiently than ever before. To this point, I would encourage you to scan the QR code attached or visit <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>. If you have any questions at all about the Appeal, or how to adjust your online giving, there is a phone number below the QR code so please reach out, they are an easy call away if you have questions. For those who need hard copy pledge cards or have any questions, the Parish office is also available to help as needed.

Thank you for your generosity, we look forward to all of you helping us make this year's Appeal a success. Peace, and may God bless you always.

Fr. Gerry Kaggwa

DEDICATION ARTICLE

We trust you had an opportunity to read the Catholic Virginian this week and enjoyed the article about the dedication and church history. We are proud we made the front page and filled up an additional page inside. Wish there were more pictures, but the write up took up most of the space dedicated to the article.

