

DEDICATION RECIEPTION 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 Dreelin 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. *Johnna Harris*



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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*1st Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022
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The First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

Lent begins with a reflection on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The Church assigns temptation stories to the beginning of Lent because temptations come to everybody, not only to Jesus, and we, created human beings, seem almost genetically programmed to yield to them.

The first reading describes the ancient Jewish ritual of presenting the first fruits and gifts to God during the harvest festival in order to thank Him for liberating His people from Egypt and for strengthening them during the years of their trials and temptations in the desert.

In the second reading, St. Paul warns the early Christians converted from Judaism not to yield to their constant temptation to return to the observances of the old Mosaic Laws. He reminds them that they will be saved only by acknowledging the risen Jesus as Lord and Savior. And the graphic temptations of Jesus described by Matthew and Luke (today we read from Luke) in their Gospels are the pictorial and dramatic representations of the inner struggle against a temptation that Jesus experienced throughout his public life. The devil was trying to prevent Jesus from accomplishing his mission of saving mankind from the bondage of sin, mainly through a temptation to become the political Messiah of Jewish expectations, and to use his Divine power first for his own convenience and then to avoid suffering and death.

Jesus didn't have an easy or quiet life. But through all those testing times he was victorious. He was passionate about his mission, and this brought conflicts and tensions, but in he never gave in to temptations or being destructed from doing His Father's will. It is from him that we his followers need to learn to live through times of testing. Today's Gospel helps us understand and learn how to fight temptations from our savior Jesus.

We need to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed: Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus is our model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the word of God. Fighting temptations make us true believers in a true God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us.

Hence during Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer, by celebrating the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist and penance, and with the meditative reading of the Bible. Knowledge of the Word of God prepares us for the moment of temptation by enabling us to know Jesus more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more closely day by day.

We need to grow in holiness during Lent by prayer, reconciliation, and sharing. We become resistant and even immune to temptations as we grow healthier in our faith by following the traditional Lenten practices: by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him, and listening to Him; by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives, uniting ourselves with God both by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by forgiving those who have hurt us while asking forgiveness of those whom we have hurt; and by sharing our love with others through our selfless, humble service, our almsgiving, and our helping of those in need.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm:

*Be with me, Lord, when I am
in trouble.*

Second Reading:

Romans 10:8-13

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

ASSIGNMENTS FOR March 6, 2022

Community Leader: Gary Richardson
Altar Server: Barbara Smith
Lectors: Nunn/Kostesky
Eucharist Minister: Smith/Jessee
Cantor: Cindy Powers
Collection Counters: O'Brien/Smith's

MUSIC

BELL SONG: Led By the Spirit #121
ENTRANCE: Enter the Journey #646
OFFERTORY: Ashes to Ashes #114
COMMUNION: In Every Age #470
MEDITATION: Be Still and Know That I Am God #461
RECESSIONAL: Change Our Hearts #660

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dave Hersh, Chuck Walsh Sr., Kitty Neilsen & Lucy Hock



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

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 Goynes, 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: February 27, 2022

Collection: \$ 1,814
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 77,666
Total Budget Projection: \$ 72,236
Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.



BIRTHDAYS-MARCH



1st-David Bushey, 5th-Earlyne Glenn & Tommy Lange, 8th-Paul Pearce & Sandi Delagrang, 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.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Catholics can use their estates to demonstrate one final act of stewardship. Our possessions are gifts from God, and God has intended for us to use them wisely throughout our lifetimes. Through our estate plans, we can provide for our loved ones while also making a faithful distribution back to God to further God's work. We will be remembered by our giving.
Don't let talk about a "will" get you down; instead consider the light and life a gift through your will can provide for future Catholics.



Potential, Purpose, Promise

Love this church? Let your estate plan be a testament of that love.



LENT IS UPON US

Lent has begun, and we encourage you to participate in the four soup & stations planned to begin the second Wednesday in Lent. 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.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence:

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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. As we did last year, soup and bread will be offered for sale (\$10/quart) and can be picked up after stations or at Mass the following Sunday. 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.

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 6, 10:00 AM

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

Parishioners are asked to sign up to attend one of these consultations, using sign up sheets available after Mass.

Additional consultations will be arranged as needed to accommodate any parishioner who wants to participate in the Synod process.

We also welcome any written responses to the questions in the Participant's Guide, which can be sent by email or dropped off at the church office.

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...

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

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 immensurably. May the Lord continue to Bless all of these committed parishioners and our church community. *YEAAAA! We did it! Father Gerry*