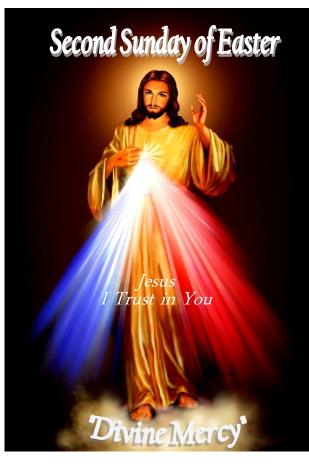
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FINANCE COUNCIL

John Charbeneau Lisa Forte Debby Harriman Ray Kostesky-Chairman Fritz Sitterding

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Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance Song: Blest Be The Lord #444 Lord Have Mercy

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Homily: Father Gerry

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Two Were Bound for Emmaus #160 Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God: #919

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #471

Meditation: Dona Nobis Pacem #206

Recessional: We Belong To You #644



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1: 3rd Sunday of Easter May 6th: Golf Tournament May 8th: Mother's Day 4th Sunday of Easter May 12th: Parish Council 7PM May 15th-First Holy Communion 5th Sunday of Easter May 22nd: 6th Sunday of Easter May 29th-Ascension or 7th Sunday of Easter May 31st-Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

MAY BIRTHDAYS



18th-Don Delagrange, 21st-Richard Cox, 22nd-Spike Nunn, 24th-Jennifer Miller, 27th-Lynne Richardson, 29th-Charlie Hock.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



With deep regrets, we announce the death of former Pastor Robert Cummins Jr. on April 10th. Father Cummins was our Pastor from July 2010 to July 2016 when he retired from active priest hood and moved to Portsmouth. In recent months he fought a courageous battle with Fibrosis of the Lungs. His Mass of Resurrection will be held at the Church

Saint Therese in Chesapeake, at 11AM on Tuesday, April 26th.

April 24, 2022

COMMUNITY LEADER: Kathy Kauffman

ALTAR SERVER: Steve Forte

LECTORS: Sychterz/O'Brien

<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER</u> <u>FOR HOLY COMMUNION</u> Joyce & Mike Ballato

MUSIC:

Stuart Beckett

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Harris/Davenport

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 17, 2022

Collection: \$ 3.150 Second Collection: Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 96,209 Total Budget Projection: \$ 90.736

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principle checks this week: \$112 Faith Formation Expenses.

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.

If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE MONTH

(Richmond, VA) – With the arrival of April, we eagerly await the celebration of Easter. At the same time during this month, we observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Protecting the vulnerable is one of our most important responsibilities as people of God. While it remains a daily focus in the work of the diocese, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, we shine an extra light upon the continuing efforts in our diocese to protect children and the most vulnerable from harm. This is and must always remain an ongoing effort.

Please join me in my continued prayers for all who have been affected by abuse, that they may find healing, hope and comfort in Christ, our Light and Hope. God bless you and your support of our local Church.



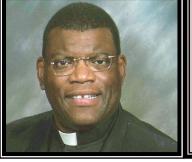
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a practice, we ask that if you have an announcement your desire the Community Leader to make, you give it to, and clear it, with the office during the week. If it's a last minute occurrence or event, please clear it with Father prior to Mass. Our preference and desire is that the Community Leader make all announcements. That is his/her responsibility.

Directory Update:

Jerry Suyes new email: dockie24@gmail.com



FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support. The Scholarship Committee

Website for scholarship application: tcfrichmond.org Application deadline: Early March 2022



CHURCH ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SACRAMENTAL EVENTS

Below is a condensed list of such items. For more details, consult our Ministry Catalogue or call the office.

BAPTISM/MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism/Marriage

CATECHUMENS: RCIA invites people of all ages interested in becoming Catholics through Baptism/Eucharist and Confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Celebrated 2x a year-Spring & Fall or by appointment. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Held during Lent and Advent as well as by appointment. Please call the parish office.

SICK CALLS: Please call the Office at any time. We will also bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

HOLY DAYS: Please call the office for times or check our website.

PRISON MINISTRY: Please call the office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus meet the third Wednesday of each month beginning with the Rosary at 5:45PM and the meeting starting 6:00PM, followed by a social with wives and guests at 7:00PM. All are welcome. The KOC are willing to provide transportation to any church activities. Call Grand Knight Bill Brandl.

<u>RECYCLABLE CANS</u>: Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the playground.

ROSARY MINISTRY: Sunday morning before Mass, 8:30am New Sanctuary. No experience necessary. Books & Rosary available.



Hands Across Middlesex cordially invitees you to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of service to Middlesex County. Sunday, May 15th, 2022 @ 2:30PM. The event will be at Christchurch Parish Hall located at 56 Christchurch Lane. If you can make the celebration please RSVP to 804-758-2044 or email handsxmdx@gmail.com. All are welcome!

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen





NEWEST ADDITION TO THE COV FAMILY Stuart, Serena Beckett and sister Diane have a new addition to their family. Veronica Rose was born on April 13th at 5:49pm weighing in at 9lbs and 22inches Everyone is doing great and we are so proud to welcome her. God Bless you all.

LEGACY GIFTS



Benefit Your Parish with a Gift of an IRA: A simple way to give a gift to your parish is with a Qualified Chartable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. If you are over 72, you can make a direct transfer from your IRA to the parish, and this may not be taxed or counted as taxable income. Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through

your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor Or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation-(804) 622-5221 or mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org

ANNUAL COV GOLF TOURNAMENT



Golfers, donors, and parishioners are asked to mark their calendars for the annual Fr. John Boddie Memorial Golf Classic to be held on Friday, May 6th at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield.

This event, hosted by COV is a four-player captain's choice competition open to all. Team prizes will be awarded in each of three flights. Golfers will also compete for individual prizes.

The \$90 per person entry fee covers use of the practice range, golf cart rental, green fee, on-course beverages, and dinner in the Steamboat Restaurant.

Registration begins at 11:00AM with a shotgun start at 12:00.

Proceeds will go to local charities .

As we continue to plan for this Annual Event, we still need volunteers for various administrative and golf day tasks, donors, and raffle gifts. To date we have received donations from Tom Bliley, Tom Dorman, the Foleys and the Fortes, By the Bay Stained Glass-Al Langer, Peggy Williams donated gift cards for Something Different and Bubba's Shrimp Shack, also gift baskets of wine and garden products. The Southside Sentinel gave us a one Yr. Subscription and Specials Wine Seller of Kilmarnock donated a \$50 Gift Card.

> To register or for more information, Please call Gary at (571) 215-2407.

RECENT QUESTIONS

After our publication of information about the Sacristy, someone asked

- Q: What is the difference between a vestry and a sacristy?
- A: A sacristy is a room in a church where sacred vessels, books, vestments, and other items are kept; it is some times also used by clergy to prepare for worship or meetings; a vestry is a room in a church where the clergy put on their vestments and store them; it is also used for meetings and classes.
- Monthly, I see a financial report that indicates a payment for diocesan assessments what are they?
- The assessments are namely four, of which we will expand upon in future bulletins:
- 1. A cathedraticum assessment for offertory & other receipts
- 2. A parish sharing assessment for tuition assistance to needy children attending Catholic Schools
- 3. An assessment for the Catholic Virginian costs
- 4. Property and Liability insurance.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to 40 donors, as of two weeks ago, we have achieved our goal and stand at 159% That keeps our record intact of making goal every year its inception. For those who have not donated as yet please add to our achievement. As a mission church, the Diocese will return 50% of all donations to us for whatever use we determine.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy which is revealed first and foremost, in sending of His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death, and Resurrection.

The Gospel of today tells us that: On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them: "Peace be with you". This is not a greeting nor even a simple good wish: it is a gift, indeed, *the* precious gift that Christ offered his disciples after rising from the dead. It was to encourage them, to make them feel that He is alive and with them, they need not to fear. This peace is the fruit of the victory of God's love over evil, it is the fruit of forgiveness. Because true peace, that profound peace, comes from experiencing God's mercy. When we experience a merciful God who forgives us our faults and he is ready to welcome us back, as Jesus did to his Disciples who left him and even denied him, then we can feel real peace.

As well as his peace Jesus gave the Apostles the Holy Spirit so that they could spread "forgiveness" in the world, that forgiveness which only God can give and which came at the price of the Blood of Jesus. The Church is sent by the Risen Christ to pass on to men and women the forgiveness of sins and thereby make the Kingdom of God grow, to sow peace in hearts people so that they may also be strengthened in their relationships with God and with one another, in every society.

And as the gift of peace from the Risen Christ drove out fear from the Apostles and impelled them to leave and go out in public to spread the Gospel. Let us too have greater courage in witnessing to our faith in the Risen Christ! We must not be afraid of being Christian and living as Christians! We must have this courage to go and proclaim the Risen Christ, for he is our peace, he is our forgiveness, and he is our strength.

We can all find ourselves in the situation of those first disciples, locked in a hiding place. Because, any combination of mis-fortune, and fear, can water down our commitment to following the Lord. Like the disciples in today's gospel, we can be tempted to give up on our faith journey. The will to self-preservation can prevent us from doing what we are capable of doing with the Lord's help. The wounds we carry from earlier failed initiatives make us hesitate to try again. We hold back and stay safe.

The gospel reading today suggests a way out of our self-imposed fear. The Lord will find another way to enter our lives and to fill us with new life and energy for his service. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out. He finds a way to enter the space where we have chosen to retreat, and he empowers us to resist what is holding us back. He does require some openness on our part; at the least some desire on our part to become what he is calling us to be. The risen Lord never ceases to recreate us and to renew us in his love.

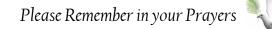
Just as Thomas was unmoved by the witness of the disciples who told him they had seen the Lord. Insisting that: "Unless I see the mark of nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." As he had done with the other disciples, the Lord takes Thomas on his own terms. He accommodates himself to Thomas' conditions and says, "Put your finger here."

The gospel today implies that the Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. The Lord is prepared to stand with us on our own ground, whatever that ground is, and from there he

will speak to us a word suited to our personal state of mind and heart. We don't have to get ourselves to some particular place in order for the Lord to engage with us. He takes himself to where we are, wherever it is a place of fear or of doubt. We pray during this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own



lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa Lord and my God."



Joseph Los, Bruno Tassone, Dordthy Gatlin & Robert Cummins

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If you need to add to the prayer list please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.



Second Sunday of Easter Living without fear

Reading I: Acts 5:12–16 (signs and wonders)

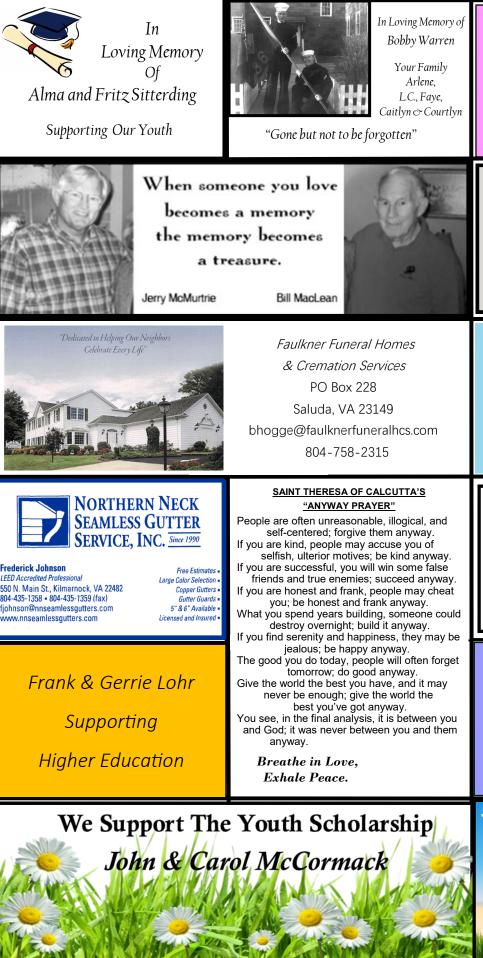
Reading II: Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 (first vision)

Gospel: John 20:19–31 (appearance to the disciples; Thomas)

Key Passage: He placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever." (Revelation 1:17b–18a)

Adult: When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

Child: What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?







In Loving Memory of

"Vinnie Recupido"

Barbara Hollingsworth

TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH. THEIR DREAMS, & OUR FUTURE.

Lynne & Gary Richardson

For the love and blessings of Christ given through vocations.

> Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

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> Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

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