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Third Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

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Sunday Mass 9AM Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

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# MASS/MUSIC

Entrance Song: All Are Welcome #420

Lord Have Mercy

# Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

Gospel: John 21:1-19 Homily: Father Gerry

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Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: All Is Well With My Soul #469

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: Gift Of Finest Wheat #329

Meditation: Open My Eyes #404 Recessional: Alleluia! Alleluia! #169



# 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



1st-Pat DeGroot,2nd-Cyindy Taylor,3rd-Scott Kauffman, 6th-Camdyn Putney & Matt Sherwood, 8th-Donna Lange, 9th-Denise Miller, 10th-Terry Skoveral3th-Marilyn Cox & Mike Harvey, 17th-Lee Hollingsworth,

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.

#### 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.

# May 1, 2022

 COMMUNITY LEADER:
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

 Kevin Hayes
 FOR HOLY COMMUNION

TBA

ALTAR SERVER:
Tom Dorman

MUSIC:
Donna Lange

LECTORS: COLLECTION COUNTERS:

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#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 24, 2022

Collection: \$ 1,704

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 97,913 Total Budget Projection: \$ 92,933

Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principle checks this week: \$204 telephone; Easter flowers \$301; Uganda \$500; Interest payment on loan \$307.



## **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.



# Father Robert Cummins, Jr.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Father Robert Cummins, this past Tuesday, April 26, 11 a.m., at St. Thérèse, Chesapeake. Father Cummins, 75, died on Palm Sunday, April 10th.

A native of Paducah, Kentucky, Father Cummins grew up in Chicago. Having completed seminary studies, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Richmond on May 17, 1986.

Following ordination, he served as associate pastor at Holy Trinity, Norfolk, for four months, before being named to the same position at St. Edward. North Chesterfield.

Father Cummins served as parochial vicar of Holy Family, Virginia Beach (1989-1993). In 1993-1994, he did pastoral work in Ethiopia.

In 1995, Father Cummins was named parochial vicar at Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke. Subsequent assignments as parochial vicar included Star of the Sea, Virginia Beach (1996-1997), and Ascension. Virginia Beach (1997-1998). This was followed by three months as administrator of St. Rose of Lima, Hampton.

Father Cummins received his first pastorate in 1998 when he was appointed to St. Thérèse, Chesapeake, where he served until 2009. During that time, he also served as pastor of Good Shepherd, Smithfield (2004-2008).

From 2009-2010, Father Cummins was administrator of Visitation, Topping, and St. Francis de Sales, Mathews. He was named pastor of both parishes in 2010 and served until 2016.

Thanks to all who attended this Mass for our former Pastor Fr. Robert.



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#### 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.

<u>BAPTISM/MARRIAGE</u>: Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism/Marriage <u>CATECHUMENS</u>: 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.

<u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</u> 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.

<u>PRISON MINISTRY:</u> 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!



### 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 from Bubba's Shrimp Shack, Ace Hardware, and Something Different, 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.

## 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

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.

#### LEGACY GIFTS

Retirement funds present new opportunities for giving to your church. You may want to name your church as the final beneficiary of your individual retirement account (IRA) or other retirement funds, in the event that you and other named beneficiaries die before receiving all of the funds.

Memorial gifts to your church meet two important needs at once.

(A) They allow you to express your feelings at the loss of a loved one. (B) Your gift to your church helps support its mission and ministry. Appropriate notices are sent to the bereaved family indicating the fact that your memorial gift was made.

(The amount of your gift is not disclosed in this notice.)

Family Connection to today's readings.

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not?

Let's pray that Jesus will make his loving presence known in our family life, especially in those moment we need each other for encouragement.



### KOC ANNUAL ITALIAN FEAST

Another Grande Momento was had by all last Saturday evening at our new COV Fellowship Hall.

Over 250 clienti felici sat down to enjoy our 13th Annual Italian Feast presented by the ladies and gentlemen of our Knights of Columbus. The meal, consisting of hand made pork, beef and veal Polpette, served with Ziti pasta, smothered with homemade Salsa de Pomadoro, accompanied by Insulada de Maria and freshly baked bread, and choice of vino Rossi or Bianca, followed by cafe et dolce, added up to a fantastical seratta.

Our thanks to all who attended our event and a special thank you all who worked so hard to make it happen.

John McCormack



The Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. Three times in the Gospel of today, Jesus places his followers in care of Peter: "Feed my lambs", "Tend my sheep", "Feed my sheep". This Gospel also shows us God in search of us his created human beings, even when we try to evade Him

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit transformed Peter, whom Jesus had appointed head of his Church, from a man fearful of powerful men into a brave witness to the Resurrection of Jesus. Peter stands before the Jewish Supreme Court, the Sanhedrin, boldly announcing that he and the others must obey God rather than men. The second reading, taken from the book of Revelation, presents John's vision of the Risen Lord as the glorified "Lamb of God," enthroned in Heaven. The whole of Revelation is an expression of Christian hope in the Risen Lord. Today's Gospel tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Savior Who goes in search of His disappointed and dejected disciples. The incident proves that Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances were not mere hallucinations. In the first part of today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them a symbol of their mission in a miraculous catch of fish followed by a grilled fish breakfast prepared by Jesus himself. The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon where Simon is asked three times whether he loves Jesus, and he answers that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus. The two metaphors used in the story, namely fishing and shepherding, are the duties of the Church in her evangelizing work. Peter, as a forgiven sinner, is chosen to serve as leader in a community of brothers and sisters. As his primary mission, Peter is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that fidelity to this mission will lead him to mar-

We need to open our eyes, ears, and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events: The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, healings, and success in relationships. He is right there in our celebrations, and occasions of rejoicing. The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering. Jesus is always with us in illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain, suffering, and problems in relationships. The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs.

The Risen Lord is present in our personal and community worship. He is present when we gather for the Holy Mass and shares His life with us in the words of Holy Scripture and in the Sacraments especially the Eucharist. Jesus is always here with us! This is our joy! This

is our everyday Easter! That is our life! Remembering this brings us happiness and joy. For Jesus is with us and appear to us in many ways, mysterious and real through his grace, through the gifts of his Spirit, just as he appeared corporeally and really to his Apostles on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. We need only to open our heart and minds and we will find Him.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa

# Please Remember in your Prayers

Margot Couzens, Virgil Miller, Francis M. Donvon & Robert Cummins J

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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.



Third Sunday of Easter Feed my sheep

Reading I: Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41 (disciples' second trial before the Sanhedrin)

Reading II: Revelation 5:11–14 (praise to the Lamb)

Gospel: John 21:1–19 (appearance at the Sea of Tiberias)

Key Passage: When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

Adult: In what ways are you answering Jesus' command to Peter to "feed my sheep"?

Child: What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?



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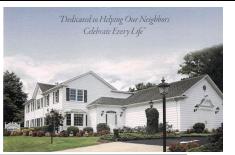
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If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could

destroy overnight; build it anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget

tomorrow; do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace. In Loving Memory Of *David E. Brinkley* 

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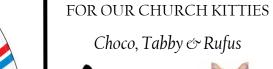
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