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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 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 The Ends of the Earth #555

Lord Have Mercy

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel Acclamation: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord. Love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel: John 13:31-33, 34-35 Homily: Father Gerry

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Only A Shadow #440

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: One Bread One Body #337 Meditation: I Have Loved You #616 Recessional: Canticle of the Sun #426

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 5th: Pentecost Sunday June 12th: The Most Holy Trinity

June 19th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 26th: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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.

May 15, 2022

Community Leader: Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion Gary Richardson

Steve Forte/Cindy Jessee

Altar Server: Ray Kostesky

John McCormack Collection Counters:

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION from May 8, 2022

Collection: 2,594

Second Collection:

Lectors:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 102,755 Total Budget Projection: \$ 97.289

Our second collection today is for Diocesan Home Missions. We signed the following principle checks this week:

\$392 electric for April; \$380 lawn care.

CHURCH HUMOR

- *Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.
- After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: "Your mother ate us out of house and home." I have noticed that everyone who is for abortion, has already been born.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- *The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close
- Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."



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.





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

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For a wonderful church and the youth of the church. Lynn Shepherd

In loving memory of the McMurtrie's and Strotmeyer's; Still alive in my heart.

Mollie McMurtrie

WE SALUTE THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH AND THEIR IMPORTANT JOURNEY Carmen & Joe Brinkley

In loving memory of Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever. JoAnn

In support of our youth.

The O'Keefe Family

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 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 invites 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!



FINAL ANNUAL COV GOLF TOURNAMENT

Due to the uncertain weather forecast last Friday our Golf tournament was rescheduled for this Friday, May 13th.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The Church of The Visitation parish community is very grateful for your support since 2008.

Until this year, proceeds have been shared 50/50 between our building fund and various local charitable causes. Now that we have completed our long-awaited new worship space, all proceeds from today's event will go to community needs.

Accordingly, with our vision realized, we will be retiring the Fr. John Boddie Memorial Golf Classic with this tournament.

Thanks to All for the Wonderful Memories! Lynne & Gary Richardson

Part of the tournament is a raffle, filled with many goodies: Gift cards from Bubba's Shrimp Shack, Ace Hardware, and Something Different, also gift baskets of wine and garden products, a one Yr. Subscription of the Southside Sentinel, Dano's Pizza, Eddie Auto-state inspections & C&F bankgoodies bags and a \$50 Gift Card from Specials Wine Seller just to name a few.

Our donors this year were Tom Bliley, Tom & Bea Foley, Steve & Lisa Forte, Al Langer, Peggy Williams, Norbert & Kathryn Bliley, Arlene Warren, Deb & Ed Harriman, Cynthia Lewis, Bob Borden, Johnny Fleet, KOC Our Lady of the Bay Council & KOC Fr. John Boddie Assembly.



VOCATION AS CATECHIST WAS "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT"

Our parishioner Emily Filippi is retiring after 50 years in diocesan, parish ministry. She has strong love for religious education which first led her to a calling as a teacher at St. Joseph in Petersburg.

She then became the director of the Diocesan Office of Christian Formation. She will formally retire June 30, 2022.

To our parishioner Emily, best wishes and thank you for the work you have done and will continue to do. Many blessings to you and Dave.

For the full article about Emily and her work in the Diocese please visit the Catholic Virginian website:

http://www.catholicvirginian.org hyperlink





A special thank you to Peggy Williams for all the preparations and loving instruction she has given to Annabel and Benton throughout the year, in preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist sacraments. We appreciate her dedication to these children.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP INVITATION

"Our adult Bible Study group has two studies planned, one for over the summer and one for later this fall. The summer study is a seven lesson study of the book of Revelation, beginning Tuesday, June 7 and ending in late August.

In the fall, we are planning a six lesson study of "Angels in the Bible" which will begin in late September or early October.

Please contact John Weidner at jaweidnerl@verizon.net or 240.780.1872 if you would like to know more about or are interested in joining either of these studies."

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.

Iemorial 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.

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Today's readings are about new things: the New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment. In the second reading taken from the Book of Revelation, God tells us that His saving and healing work in the world is ongoing and that it renews all creation. "See, I am making all things new".

In the Gospel Jesus says: 'I give you a new commandment: Love one another just as I have loved you'. What is really new in this commandment? The Old Testament already had the commandment to love: 'you must love your neighbor as yourself'. So, is there any difference? Yes, there is. It is in the measuring standard of love. Whereas the Old Testament says, 'Love your neighbor as yourself', Jesus – in the New Testament – adds to it: ... 'just as I love you, you also must love one another'. So, in the Old Testament the measuring standard is the love of oneself. In the New Testament – what Jesus demands-, the measuring standard for the love of neighbor is the love of Jesus himself. This puts the love of neighbor in a totally different class. Behind this new commandment is the love of Jesus himself. His love is the model and the measure of how we should love our neighbor. And at the same time, it is the most typical characteristic of a disciple of Jesus. Jesus' love for us has distinct and typical characteristics we have to live up to.

What is typical of this love of Jesus? Firstly, it is *a serving love*. Jesus himself said 'I came not to be served but to serve and give my life as a ransom for many'. Jesus summed up his whole life's attitude in the humble acts of love for others through service. His love and service to all who are weak especially the poor, the hungry, the sick, those whom society marginalizes. He showed the attitude a true disciple of his must have in relation to women, to different ethnic or religious groups. Jesus' command to love is quite simple but very demanding because it involves service.

Secondly, typical of Jesus' love is *a merciful, forgiving love*. He is not someone who came to seek revenge 'Father, forgive them they do not know what they are doing', he said on the cross as he prayed for his enemies. He came to witness to us who our Heavenly Father really is. He is not a God who seeks revenge when we sin, not a God who wants to punish us or send us to hell. Our own choices decide that – not God's desire. God asks us to respond to his incredible love for us, not out of fear but because of gratitude by loving others.

Thirdly, the love of Jesus is *a constant, dedicated love*. He is not a moody God who one day is in good form and at another time is in bad humor, seeking to chastise us for our wrongdoing.

Jesus' love is a total lifelong commitment to love, to serve and to forgive. Hence, the Christian way of life Jesus is proposing by this new commandment means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a change brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment and situations we may find ourselves in.

Let us brothers and sisters, demonstrate our love for others in all that we do, and whenever we meet. When we are assembled to pray, or

socializing as a community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another. Our faith must reveal our strong love and appreciation for each other. People should see in us a quickness to appreciate and readiness to forgive, in the same way as Christ has forgiven us.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa

Please Remember in your Prayers

Karen Smith, Mary Philips, Larry Gullickson, Tony Meushaw & John Harlow

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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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter Love one another

Reading I: Acts 14:21–27 (end of the first mission)

Reading II: Revelation 21:1–5a (new heavens & new earth)

Gospel: John 13:31–33a, 34–35 (a new commandment)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

Adult: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Child: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?



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Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of
"Vinnie Recupido"

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When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure.

Jerry McMurtrie

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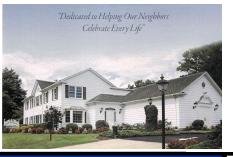
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People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

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. Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

In Loving Memory Of *David E. Brinkley*

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores



Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

Emily & Anna



DEBBY AND ED HARRIMAN

"God will make a way When there seems to be no way God works in ways I can not see God will make a way for me"

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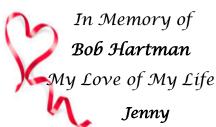
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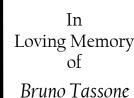
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God Bless You All Ron & Georgia Beville





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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley



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but in thankfulness that he was".

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