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The Scholarship Committee

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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.

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.

RECYCLABLE CANS: Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the yard sale building.

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

A THOUGHTFUL THANK YOU

As you recall, former pastor Robert Cummins died last April in retirement from lung-related causes. In the mail this week came a poignant thank you from him sent by his executor and best friend Father Bert. *The words are partially quoted here*
Thank you

For your friendship ... for your support ... for your prayers...

Robert often expressed gratitude for the challenges and growth he experienced in his nearly forty years of priesthood.

Each Parish community and those with whom Robert served, as well as those he met through his special ministries in Haiti and Ethiopia all presented Robert with numerous opportunities, blessings and joy even when he stumbled!

All of which helped him to mature in his service to others and deepen his relationship with God.

Robert wanted to give back to those who journeyed with him in ministry.

Please accept this contribution to your Parish Liturgy or Outreach Ministries in the name of Fr. Robert Cummins.

Blessing and Peace, Rev. Bert Pinciario



CHOIR INVITATION

The choir is preparing for the annual Christmas Eve Sing-a-Long, the Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Mass.

We welcome any singers and/or instrumentalists. We practice Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. This is a great time to be part of the choir. For more information call Carol McCormack@ 804-725-1656.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The volunteer services of our parishioners are extraordinary and provide the framework for a healthy and strong religious community.

Many of you know the ministry heads and observe the persons who each Sunday provide a visible presence of their church and parish commitment. But what about those who do the "behind the scenes" tasks that help enrich our community? Frequently we will highlight these invisible ones for your information.

Today we honor the Sacristans. As you are aware, the Sacristy is a place where vestments, church furnishings, and sacred vessels are kept. In COV, it's to the left of the Visitation Window in the Narthex. Sandi Delagrane is the head sacristan, ably assisted by Noelle Harvey. They are the ones who are responsible for ensuring the communion vessels and cloths are properly prepared and in place in the sanctuary before Mass. After Mass, they wash the vessels in the sink in the sacristy designed for that purpose only. We thank these persons who play such a vital part in the celebration of the Mass.



Thank you for your service.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

We have nine elected members on our parish council who, together with the various ministry committee chairs, meet every other month for prayer and to develop recommendations for the pastor. This month, on Sunday, October 16, we will elect three parishioners to serve a three year term on the council.

Spike Nunn, Kathy Kauffman and John Weidner will be completing their three year terms at the end of this year. Since Spike and Kathy have both served two consecutive terms, they are not eligible to stand for re-election. We were blessed to have their voices on the council for many years!

We published today and we will officially announce the nominees at Mass on October 9, which is Social Sunday and should offer a good opportunity for parishioners to meet this year's nominees.

We plan to collect ballots at Mass on Sunday, October 16 and will accept ballots at the church office beginning Tuesday, October 11 through Wednesday, October 19. As with nominations, you are welcome to email your vote to the church office.

Questions about parish council nomination and election process can be directed to John Weidner, Parish Council Chair or Ray Kostaskey, Church Administrator.



STILLNESS BEFORE GOD, STILLNESS BEFORE MASS

"Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11)

As we become accustomed to a new worship area, we need to be mindful of the purpose of the Narthex and the sanctity of the sanctuary and nave.

In our previous worship space, our practice was to joyfully socialize before Mass at our seats. It was understandable and acceptable given the environment, and it was difficult at times to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Mass. Our new worship area now offers us the opportunity, to practice five or ten minutes of stillness in preparation for a more meaningful encounter with God present in the Eucharist. Additionally, it allows us to pray the Rosary without the distraction of conversation and noise. The narthex is the appropriate place to greet friends, pass along the latest news, items of interest, and engage in cheerful fellowship that is the hallmark of our church community.

Once the Rosary ends and the doors to the worship area are opened, we ask you to quietly find your way to your pew and maintain a reverent silence as we compose ourselves into a prayerful congregation. If you have to greet a friend who you are again delighted to see, please do so with a smile a wave of the hand, or a nod to the head. If words have to be spoken, please make the conversation short and possibly whispered. If and when it's necessary to speak to someone already in a pew for an official purpose, like to check on an announcement with the community leader, please be brief and quiet. We understand that habits are hard to break or alter in our convivial church, but please consider socializing before or after Mass in the Narthex and respect the need for quiet preparation in the Nave.

"He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the sea 'Quiet! Be still!!' The wind ceased and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:29)
When we enter our new worship area, let Jesus calm the storm within and around us. Let us be quiet. Let us be still.

All three readings speak a lot about "Faith" and how it works in our lives. They show faith operating as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ. Our Christian Faith is expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity, and total commitment to Him. The result is the offering of ourselves to Him in selfless service to those we encounter. Our humble, loving, and caring service to others is the perfect expression of FAITH.

The first reading presents Faith as trusting in God and faithfully living out His Covenant which he entered with us. Here, Faith is shown as hope and steadfast especially in the face of suffering and doubts, in time when we lose hope. God assures the prophet that Faith gives us access to Divine power, and, hence, the just will live righteous lives in the midst of encircling evil because of their Faith. In the second reading, Paul presents Faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of God. Paul stresses the need for a living Faith in, and loyalty to, Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. Hence, Faith is belief in, and acceptance of, revealed truths based on the authority and veracity of God, and Hope is trust in God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that Faith is sharing in God's power, and, hence, even in small quantities, it allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. It is Faith, meaning reliance on, or confidence in, God, which makes one just, putting him into right relation with God and neighbor. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their Faith Jesus reminds them, and so us, that the quality of one's Faith is more important than the quantity. A 'small' amount of deep Faith can accomplish great things if that Faith is placed in a great, mighty, and all-powerful God. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches them, and us, that for Faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, obedience, and total commitment — an active submission to God with a willingness to do whatever He commands.

Jesus is telling us (in today's Gospel) that we cannot claim anything from God because of any good we do. We can never put God into debt with us. We can never make claims on him when we have done our best. Have we not only done our duty? How could we fail to do what God asks of us in response to all God's blessings to us? The whole idea of merit, reward must be abandoned in our approach to God. Jesus says in the gospel: "So with you when you have done all that you have been told to do, say: we are merely servants. We have done no more than our duty". However, God would not want us to respond only out of a sense of duty but as an act of love, of gratitude for all he gives daily.

We need to increase our Faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. We grow in Faith as we act in Faith. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor.

A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles can do a lot of good to a person. We need to grow in Faith by using the means Christ has given us in his Church and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life. But more, we grow in faith by practicing it in service to our brothers and sisters.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Fr. Jack Dougher, George Dembeck, William Heeke & Charles O'Shaughnessy



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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.

ANOTHER FIRST

Lee Reamy's Mass of Resurrection, Saturday a week ago, was the first Mass of its kind in our new worship area. It was another test for our Parish Life crew and their ability to prepare a wholesome and generous reception for Lee's family and friends. They were an industrious and thoughtful group. Johnna planned it, Lynne Dreelin took charge to lead it, and Helen Linden, Lynne Richardson, Eileen O'Brien, Mary Ellen Sherwood, and Terry Skovera set it and cleaned up afterwards. Thank you team for your efforts and commitment.



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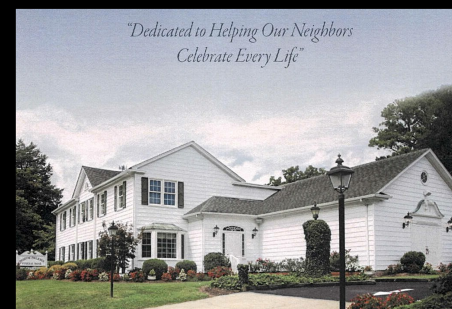
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People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed 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.**



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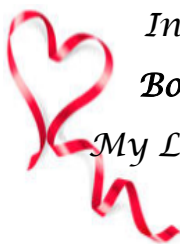
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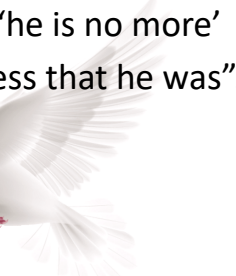

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