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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2022

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FINANCE COUNCIL

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Church Hours

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

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing to the Mountains #538

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: Through our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #597

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until we meet again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26 Lamb of God: #922

Communion: God's Holy Gifts #340

Mediation: Only In God #449

Recessional: Go In Peace to Love and Serve the Lord #393

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4th-Larry Miller, 8th-Henry Clair & Lucas Clair, 9th-Mary Sychterz, 10th-Eileen O'Brien, 11th-Chris Kirsch, 15th-Cindy Jessee & Cherianne Johnson, 20th-Shelley Katuski, 21st Emily Filippi & Alan Richardson,

22nd-Joyce Ballato & Michael Sims.

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



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8th-John & Diane Weidner, 10th-Steven & Lorraine Kirsch 12th-Bryan & Jennifer Miller, 17th-Gengi & Shelley Katsuki.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18th-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/FF begins. September 24th-Lee Reamy's Mass of the Resurrection 11:00am September 25th-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pancake breakfast)

October 2nd-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9th-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Social Sunday)

October 15th-Father Gerry's Birthday

October 16th-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23rd-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! October 30th-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6th-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13th-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Social Sunday) November 20th-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

November 24th-Thanksgiving Mass 9:00am November 27th-First Sunday of Advent

Community Leader: Debby Harriman

Eileen O'Brien/Tom Shoemaker

Altar Server:

Tom Dorman

Lectors:

September 18 2022

Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion Harvey/O'Brien

Music Cantor: Marianne Krop

Collection Counters: Tutak/Harvey's

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 11, 2022

Collection: 1.767 Second Collection: Faith Formation 195 Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 28,007 Total Budget Projection: \$ 27,302

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week. \$1510 Diocesan Assessments; \$370 August Electricity; \$239 Music Expenses.

LEGACY GIFTS

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to your church in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church.

This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.

our gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (given through your will) gifts express your feelings in a meaningful way.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Bill Gray has moved to Walter Reed Convalescent Home. His address is: 7602 Meredith Dr. Gloucester, VA 23061 Bill Gray Ware 8



A FIRST

Two Saturdays ago Ali and Jackson were married in our New Worship Area. Congratulations to the Ballato's, daughter Ali and new son-in-law, Jackson Rowady



A hearty welcome to our new parishioner



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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.

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.



ANNUAL PICNIC

Our thanks go out to all who came and all who worked tirelessly to help us celebrate our rain-smitten picnic. Approximately 70

parishioners attended and enjoyed a potpourri of good food to include heavenly desserts. Johnna once again outdid herself in organizing the event. We may miss someone and apologize in advance if we do, but Johnna's helpers need to be recognized as well; they were Lynne Dreelin, Dottie Edwards, Helen Linden, Terry Skovera, Mary Ellen Sherwood, Tom and Mary Dorman, Pat Marchant, and Linda Gray

CHOIR INVATATION

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.

REMEMBERING 911

Last Sunday Father poignantly reminded us of the anniversary of the terrorist attacks, on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the crash in Pennsylvania. This week we repeat the bulletin information below to help remind us of that day and the heroic persons who perished and acted to save others.

On this day 2001 19 militants associated with terrorist group Al-Qaeda hijacked 4 planes crashing 3 into buildings and a 4th crashing in Pennsylvania. The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Somerset County, Pennsylvania.



Commemorative events are held at all three sites on the anniversary of the attacks.

A famous quote from 911-"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we Lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

The heart of the mission of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum remains the annual commemoration ceremony. Family members of 9/11 victims will again be gath ered on the Memorial plaza to read aloud the names of those killed in the 9/11 attacks and in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

greakfan The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass on Sept 25th. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.

Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners. Donations accepted.



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

Today we honor our Pastoral Care Group, headed by Lynne Richardson. She and Donna Brandl, Roseanne Moncure, and Peggy Williams continue to serve our sick and homebound parishioners with care, concern, and the delivery of communion. Pastoral care has long been a hallmark of our parish and its many plusses.

these invisible ones for your information.

Thank you for your service.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Last week, we provided some information on the role of a parish pastoral council, which is advisory, making recommendations to the pastor about the spiritual well-being of the parish. As a "visionary" council, it concerns itself with where the parish wants to be in three to five years and not with the administrative aspects of running the parish. The role of the parish council is described briefly the paper attached to the bulletin email and in great detail in the Diocesan guidelines contained in the booklet "Called to Serve".

There are 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. Each year, in October, we 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!

Nomination forms for next month's election will be available at Mass this Sunday. Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know should be nominated to serve on our parish council.

Next Sunday, September 25, we will be collecting nomination forms. Forms may be dropped into the collection basket, handed to an usher, or delivered to the church office. You are welcome to email your nominations to the church office before Sunday or up to Wednesday morning, September 28.

Nominations will be published in the October 2 bulletin and we will 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 'C'

Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards, and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. We are challenged to use our God-given talents and blessings, like wealth, wisely, doing what is right and always building God's Kingdom. We need to be resourceful even in our spiritual life, use wisely the graces God has given and gives us every day. The dishonest steward in parable Jesus gives today, used all the resources he had to secure his future. What about us, "children of the light", do we use all means to secure our faith in God?

The second message is honesty. This is the emphasis of the First reading and the parable in the Gospel. We are warned that in whatever we say and do, we have to be honest, honest with each other and above all, with and to God.

The first reading presents ancient Hebrews cheating their fellow countrymen. Those who sell things like food stuff, used to manipulate the prices, and worse still, they fixed the scales so that what you get is not the right measure, in that way they cheat you twice. Amos, the prophet of social justice, reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh, God of justice. We need to practice justice and mercy to all, as God's faithful stewards. Amos warns us also against gaining money by any means, as the goal of our life. The first reading concludes with "The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they

The Gospel text today is rather puzzling. It is about the dishonest steward who when he faced dismissal manipulated the debts owed to his master by various of his debtors. He did this in order that once he was made redundant these men would be obligated to help him. When the master finds out about his actions, he unexpectedly praises the steward for his dishonesty.

By listening to this parable, we might be left with the idea that Jesus too is condoning the actions of this dishonest steward. But we know that this is not the case, Jesus would never approve of dishonesty or double-dealing. Actually, when we take a closer look at the text, we see that Jesus draws an important conclusion from the story. He uses this story to teach us how to work for our own salvation and that of others. He says, 'The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. By this we understand that Jesus is contrasting the actions of the children of this world, namely those who are not his followers, non-believers, with those of the children of light, the believers, we who are his followers and are called

The Lord's point is that we often demonstrate our intelligence, but we do not apply this intelligence to the one thing that really matter: our eternal salvation. Consider the number of times you have sat down and worked out how you can use your talents to be better Christians. Consider the number of times you have plotted out how you can foster the practice of faith in your family. If you were to add up the minutes spent a month doing this and compare them to the minutes a month spent working out your other things, there will be no comparison at all. We all spend much time on those things which we think will make us happy and have a good life here on earth and we forget the thing of our faith, the spiritual side of our life.

Basically, the Lord is telling us, "You have the intelligence, use it. Use it to fulfill the mission you assumed when I called you to be my disciples. We must be as resourceful and dedicated in the ways of God as we are in the ways of other things like commerce and politics. Jesus' parable challenges us to be as eager and ingenious for the sake of God's reign, to be as ready to use our time, talent, and money to

accomplish great things for the Gospel. Because that is what will secure our lasting happiness. As Jesus says, 'You cannot be the slave of two masters.' So, choose your master. Make your choice and stick to it. Be prudent and work hard in those things which will make your faith strong and alive. Pray to God, frequent the sacraments, attend to the poor, love your neighbor. Do these things and you will find favor with God. Do these things and you will ensure you are a real disciple of Jesus.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers September 18, 2022

Ann Melvin, John Gascoign and David Brinkley

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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.

MEMORABLE DATES AND EVENTS

- August and September provide two months of memorable dates and events.
- August 25th marked the 32nd Anniversary of Father Gerry's ordination as a priest.
- September 8th is the anniversary of the Mass which dedicated phase I of our building expansion which was in 2008. Retired Bishop Sullivan was the chief celebrant with Father Boddie assisting.
- Shortly thereafter on September 21st, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the parish.



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In Loving Memory of "Vinnie Recupido" Barbara Hollingsworth



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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

LOOVE... PEACE

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.

In Loving Memory Of

David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores

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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do! Emily & Anna



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When there seems to be no way

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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

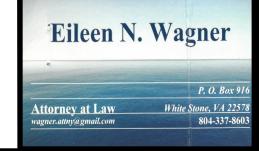




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