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5th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Year A

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM

Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM

Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

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

Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa

119 Club Drive

Hartfield, VA 23071

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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, and the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

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Parish Life: Johnna Harris
RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Lord Of All Hopefulness #410

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In Every Age #472

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: Take and Eat #359

Mediation: Precious Lord Take My Hand #675

Recessional: Sing With All The Saints In Glory #595



April Birthdays

1st-Suzanne Sitterding, 2nd-Emily Puleo, 4th-Marianne Krop &
Blaise Katuski, 6th-Ray Kstesky, 8th-Pat Reamy & Annette Marcil,
10th-Anne Dunn, 12th-Nancy Wirth, 17th-Margaret Hock & Caroline
Puleo, 23rd-Kaylee Kirsch, 28th-Louise Hartz.

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



April Anniversaries

3rd-Brendan & Eileen O'Brien, 9th-Tom & Sharon Hawksworth,
10th-Bill & Linda Gray, 17th-Mike & Noelle Harvey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-5th Sunday of Lent/Pancake Breakfast (KOC)
March 28th-Lenten Reconciliation FdS 6:30pm
March 29th-Soup & Station #5
March 31st-Movie Night 6pm
April 2nd-Palm Sunday (Passion of the Lord) 8:45am (outside)
April 5th-Daily Mass 9am
April 6th Holy Thursday-FdS 6pm
April 7th-Good Friday Stations-cemetery @ Noon-followed by
retreat till 3pm. Good Friday Service-FdS 5:30pm
April 8th-Eater Vigil FdS 8pm
April 9th Easter Sunday-Easter egg hunt!

Community Leader

John McCormack

March 26, 2023

Altar Server

Steve Forte

Lectors

Pat DeGroot/Ray Kstesky

Sacristan Sandi Delagrange

Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Lynne Dreelin/Barbara Smith

Music Cantor

Cindy Powers

Collection Counters

Harris/Gray

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from March 19, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,708
Second Collection Catholic Relief	\$ 291
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 90,853
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 86,616

There is no second collection today..

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$1,381 February Electricity, \$159 Copier Leasing.

LEGACY

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.



Potential
Promise & Purpose

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have - in both material and non-material things - have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday after Mass, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all children 12 and under. Please gather in the fellowship Hall after Mass to begin the Hunt.



SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A Spring Adult Bible Study of The Gospel According to Matthew is scheduled to start on Wednesday, April 19. The study is nine lessons, and we are planning to meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30, so the study will run through June 14. Contact John Weidner at jaweidner1@verizon.net or 240.780.1872 if you would like to join our study group or if you would like additional information.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A small group is scheduled to meet after Mass every Sunday in the "Comfort Room" for the remainder of Lent discuss several lessons in the Journey of Faith series.

All are welcome to attend.

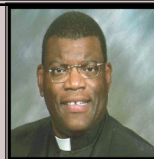
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FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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: www.church-of-the-visitation.org

Application deadline: **Early March 2023**

In memory of
Mollie McMurtrie
my long time friend.
I will miss you.
JoAnn Nolte

In loving memory of
Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever,
JoAnn

Take Home Lesson for Sunday

March 26, 2023

LIFE EVERLASTING

We believe that Jesus was fully human and fully divine. That he is divine is clearly born out in today's Gospel as he cries out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" and Lazarus does just that.

In the Lenten Gospel readings we have heard of Jesus' humanity. After forty days in the desert, he was hungry. At Jacob's well, he was tired and thirsty. Today in Bethany, he weeps.

As Jesus shares in our human frailty, we hope to share in his glorious conquest of death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Like Martha, we do believe this. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life in the world to come.

The Catechism teaches:

How it is possible for the dead to rise exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is only accessible to faith. Yet our participation in the Eucharist already gives us a foretaste of Christ's transfiguration of our bodies:

Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly; so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection. (CCC 1000)

Also from the Catechism:

The believer's body and soul already participate in the dignity of belonging to Christ. This dignity entails the demand that he should treat with respect his own body, but also the body of every other person, especially the suffering:

The body is meant for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God read the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?...You are not your own;...So glorify God in your body. (CCC 1004)

In thinking about how Jesus calls us from death to new life, let us ask ourselves:

To what new life are you being called during this Lent?



SOUP AND STATIONS Wednesdays @ 5:30

A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



ANNUAL APPEAL



In today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he forecasts two events: his return from the dead and ours.

Death, and the events that follow, are challenging and often hide at the edge of our consciousness. It drives us to avoid aggressive drivers, work harder, or hold close the ones we love at goodbyes.

As difficult as death is, the Resurrection is our hope and Lent is our time to pray, give and spread the word! "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says Jesus (John 11:25). When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you enable us to deliver this same hope and mercy to those in need.

Our participation in the Appeal to date is encouraging, 35 families have donated \$9,333, which represents 130% of our goal. We continue to hope and pray that our participation will exceed 50 families and reach 200% of goal, last year's achievement.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass today. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.

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

Donations accepted.

A THANK YOU FROM LYNN VAJDA

Thank you will never express my heartfelt gratitude for all you provided for Jim's service.

Andrea is always at the helm...you are COV's rock!

To Ray for his ongoing energy & devotion to his position. Fr Gerry is in constant demand, but managed to take the time for words of comfort.

How wonderful to see so many participate...from our beloved Choir, Ushers, Altar server, special Eucharistic Ministers & all who attended.

There are no words for Peggy Williams & her special gift. She honored Jim with quite the "send off". Truer words could never have been otherwise spoken!

To Christine Williams for her guidance both before & after the service.

Lastly but so very importantly... Johnna & her Angels. What do you do when one of Jim's favorite foods was spaghetti & meatballs...and on a Friday during Lent no less. The variety & display of food was above & beyond.

Thank you

REGULATIONS



Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law done not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

**All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.**

THINGS GALORE

We thank all parishioners, principally the Knights, who organized an enjoyable St Patrick's Day Social Saturday a week ago. Thanks also to the Flattones for their music and singing talents. A good time was enjoyed by all.

SPRING CLEANING TIME

As spring belatedly comes upon us, we have been busy pruning trees and disposing of a tree that fell on our property. We thank Kevin Hayes, John McCormack, Dave Marcil, and Joe Sychterz for their outside work in our behalf.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Palm Sunday, our second collection is for Easter Flowers. If you desire to honor someone with you donation, please put their name (s) on the envelope so we can recognize them in our Easter Bulletin. You can also email the office.

PALM SUNDAY MASS

A reminder that next Sunday is Palm, Sunday and Mass will begin at 8:45am-outside.

MOVIE NIGHT

Faith Formation Movie night is Friday, March 31st at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please see Shelley Katsuki for more information, or to reserve your spot.



LEGACY EVENT

Congratulations and Thank You for your generous hearts. The new members of our Legacy Tree- The "Lumina Cristie Society" are Ray and Jean Kostaskey, Steve and Lisa Forte, Jane Agnor and Roseanne Moncure.

In our Gospel today, Jesus went to the house of His close friends, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. In the road, He knew already that Lazarus got sick. When He arrived, He was dead already for four days. He cried when He saw Martha and Mary crying. Most especially He cried when Martha said to Him: "Lord, if you have been here, my brother would not have died." It is because this shows Martha's failing confidence and trust in the Lord.

When Jesus had finished praying, he said, "Lazarus, come out!" Jesus says to each of us also, "Come out of your tomb, come out your bondage. Do not live in the darkness, live in the light. Do not live in fear, live in faith." When Lazarus came out of the tomb, Jesus then said, "Unbind him, let him go free." Jesus also says to each of us, "Be unbound and go free. Live a free life with me."

And when Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" He asks the same question of us also, "Do you believe this? Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? Do you believe that I can mend all the brokenness and wounds of your life? Do you believe that I not only offer you resurrection in the future but also the fullness of life now in the present?" Jesus promises future resurrection but also invites us to share now in the fullness of his life. The resurrection of Lazarus is not just a promise about the future of each of us. It is also an invitation from Jesus to enter into the fullness of his life in the present, right now, and that life will continue in us after death.

Do you believe that Jesus calls you to enjoy the fullness of his life now? Do you believe that Jesus is now calling you out of any tomb you may be in? Do you believe that even now Jesus is saying to you, "Be unbound and go free?" Let us today accept Jesus' invitation, let us walk out of any tomb we may be in and allow ourselves to be unbound and go free.

How do we achieve this freedom? How do we get out of our tombs? Notice that Martha and Mary sent a message to Jesus. We too have to send a message to Jesus, and we do this by spending time with Jesus in prayer and sharing with him our wounds, hurts and anxieties. Let us keep no secrets from Jesus but lay all bare before him. That is the only way to the mature relationship with Jesus.

Notice that when Jesus received the message about Lazarus' illness he stayed where he was for two more days. We expect God to answer our prayers in our time but sometimes God's time is different to ours. Also, sometimes we may be tempted to despair and say God cannot do anything for me. This is like Martha in the Gospel who objected to the stone being removed. But Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" Jesus is constantly calling us to new life in him; to come forth from whatever is keeping us in bondage.

So, today we see clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet at the same time, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus, and he will always hear his voice calling us, 'come out, be unbound, go free'.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Kathy Placilla, Jean Golembicki, Pat Tyrrell & Christopher Morrell.



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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.

VISITATION SINGERS ARE BACK!

A good turnout last Monday morning with twelve of us singing Irish favorites at both nursing homes. Several of the residents didn't even need the song sheets as they knew all the words to the songs.

Next month we'll be singing on Monday, April 10th. We'll meet in the chapel at Church of the Visitation at 9:30. We sing at Dockside at 10:30 and Riverside in Saluda at 11:15 am. We sing once a month and sing seasonal music. Come join the fun!



GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT INVITE

Stations of the Cross will be in the cemetery and begin at 12:00 noon, followed by Soup and bread.

The retreat focuses on the Eucharist and the Crucifixion connection.

All are welcome!

A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex, please sign up if you would like to attend.

See Eileen O'Brien for more information.

CHRISIM MASS INVITE

The Chrism Mass will take place on Monday, April 3rd at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of Sacred Heart.

All are welcome to attend.



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Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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In Loving Memory of
Bobby Warren

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Barbara Hollingsworth



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

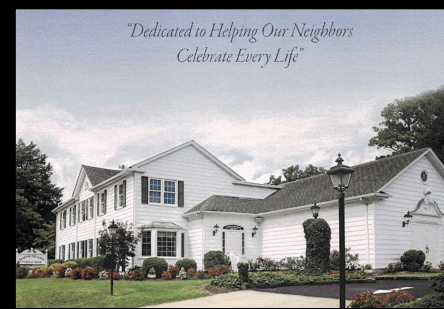
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**SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S
"ANYWAY PRAYER"**

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.*



In Loving
Memory Of
David E. Brinkley

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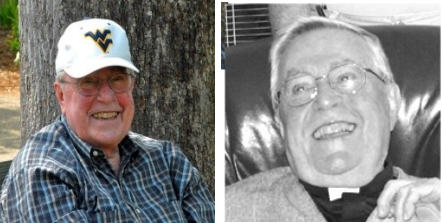
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THE YOUTH OF OUR
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IMPORTANT JOURNEY

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**In Memory of
Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
Thomas R. Shepherd III**



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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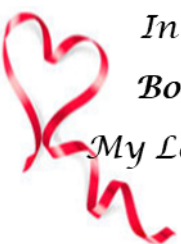
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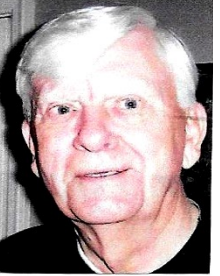
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but in thankfulness that he was".


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