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2nd Sunday of Lent
March 5, 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
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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: Be Thou My Vision #400

Lord Have Mercy #913 Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Acclamation: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Hosea #665

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: Christ Be Our Light #601

Mediation: Be Still And Know That I Am God #463

Recessional: O God Our Help In Ages Past #453



March Birthdays

1st-David Bushey, 5th-Tommy Lange, & Earlyne Glen, 8th-Sandi Delagrang, 15th-Victoria Hollingsworth, & Gloria Matthews, 20th-Gary Richardson & Alex Bushey, 21st-Peggy Williams, 24th-Barbara Hollingsworth, 30th-Michele Meanley & Joe Sychterz.

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



March Anniversaries

13th-Jan & Nathalie Smith, 15th-Frank & Gerri Lohr, 24th-Bill & Johnna Harris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-2nd Sunday of Lent
March 8th-Soup & Station #2
March 9th-Parish Council Meeting 7pm
March 12th-3rd Sunday of Lent
March 15th-Soup & Station #3
March 19th-7th Sunday of Lent
March 22nd-Soup and Station #4/Lenten Reconciliation 7pm
March 26th-5th Sunday of Lent
March 28th-Lenten Reconciliation FdS 6:30pm
March 29th-Soup & Station #5
April 2nd-Palm Sunday (Passion of the Lord) 8:45am

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Community Leader

Bill Puttmann

March 5, 2023

Altar Server

Barbara Smith

Lectors

Tom Shoemaker/Lynne Dreelin

Sacristan Sandi Delagrang

Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Steve Forte/Debby Harriman

Music Cantor

Jan Smith

Collection Counters

O'Brien/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from February 26, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,093
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 82,105
Total Budget Projection: \$ 78,025
Loan Balance: \$ 167,277

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$208 telephone bill.



Address Update

Jerry Suyes
330 Chesapeake Watch Road Apt 108B
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New Parishioners



Timothy & Zaida Wohleking
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ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2023 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar. Tax statements are in the basket from the previous week sign up sheet.

LEGACY

Permanent funds, such as those held in trust by the parish office, support the ministries of the donor's choosing. We hope you will consider a legacy gift that would support our church's ongoing witness.

There will always be the poor, the sick and the disenfranchised in our world. We will always need to help provide for ministerial education. Long after our lifetimes there will be people teaching other people about Jesus Christ. Create your legacy now to support these ministries now and beyond your lifetime.

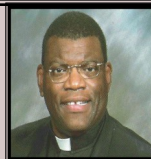


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FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

March 5, 2023

Call to faithfulness

Today's reading from Timothy begins, "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

In last week's take home lesson, we discussed how Jesus uses the hardship of forty days of fasting to strengthen his spirit and move more deeply into prayer.

In today's Gospel, we hear of two great men of the Old Testament, both also strengthened by forty days of prayer and fasting, conversing with the transfigured Jesus.

Moses was a top Mount Sinai with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water. As Moses came down the mountain with the two tablets in his hands, he did not know that his face had become radiant while he spoke with the LORD. (Exodus 34: 28-29)

Elijah prays for death and falls asleep under a broom tree, but he does not die. Instead, after being strengthened with food and drink by an angel of the LORD, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kings 19: 3-8)

Three men who prepared themselves to serve the Father through forty days and forty nights of prayer and fasting are now together on top of the mountain of God.

Earlier, when Moses asks, "Please let me see your glory!", the LORD replies, "You cannot see my face, for no one can see me and live."

The catechism teaching on the mysterious Transfiguration says:

Only on the mountain of the Transfiguration will Moses and Elijah behold the unveiled face of him whom they sought. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God shines in the face of Christ, crucified and risen. (CCC 2583)

Peter, James and John are also transformed a top the mountain. They are at first stunned when they catch a glimpse of their friend and teacher, transfigured in all his glory. They are then very much afraid when they hear the voice from the cloud. With a reassuring touch, Jesus tells the key leaders of the early church, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

We today have the entire Church and all of her teaching to strengthen our spirits, to give us joy at seeing the face of Jesus in our neighbors, to help us rise and not be afraid.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. (CCC 556)

Until He comes again, we can be transformed as we undertake our prayers and fasting during Lent.

(pause)

How has your faith in Jesus transformed you?

How has the example of Jesus helped you become a better person and Christian?



SOUP AND STATIONS

A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Quart containers for your delicious soups will be provided, and remember to label the containers according to what soup you prepare. Bread bakers are needed as well.

Thank you.



ANNUAL APPEAL



This Sunday is the second Sunday dedicated to the in-pew process of the Annual Appeal. As previously noted, our goal is \$7,180, slightly less than last year, but still formidable. Last week, All parishioners who donated to the appeal in past years should have received a letter from the Bishop requesting a donation. We also have a brochure and pledge cards available for new parishioners and others wishing to participate for the first time. You can also donate by scanning a QR code located at the bottom.

In a profound moment, Jesus offered a taste of his divinity to Peter, James, and John in the Gospel today. Jesus made known the glory he had with the Father before the world began. These three disciples were privileged to witness the manifestation of the Transfiguration.

As powerful as the Transfiguration must have been (Peter was so awed, he didn't even know what he said), that encounter can't equal receiving the Eucharist! Receiving an image of God through one's eyes can't rival the privilege of taking God himself into one's body through the Eucharist.

Our community needs to know about this. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help our parish can get the word out: God is here! He lives in our little tabernacle! It's a secret that shouldn't be kept. God doesn't want to overpower us with his transfigured divinity every day. God's care is manifest in the Eucharist: its humble appearance enables the fragile human heart to "fill that gap" with faith.

As Saint Thomas Aquinas says, where "our feeble senses fail," faith rises (the Tantum Ergo). Please help our parish facilitate these privileged encounters by supporting the Appeal. Through your generosity, you'll help us provide the Eucharist to all who seek it in the quiet, human way our Lord seems to prefer.

LENTEN ENVIROMENT

As we enter the journey of Lent, we are entering the desert as Jesus did to clear our thoughts and concentrate on our faith in Him.

We should keep in mind that, just as our Father gave us water, the gift of life that makes life possible for us, so too, the waters of baptism make our life in Christ possible.



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.

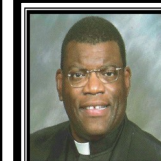
Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law done not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

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

SEASON OF LENT

Some facts and practices:

- *Last from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday.
- *No flowers on the Altar and Musical instruments should be used only to "give necessary support to the singing" The exception is the 4th Sunday of Lent and on solemnities and feasts.
- *No Gloria is sung.
- *Marriages and Baptisms may take place
- *Holy water remains available to the faithful.
- *On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, The Eucharist is only distributed during the Liturgy, but may be brought to the sick at any convenient hour.
- *Funeral Masses are not permitted on Holy Thursday and during the Paschal Triduum.



JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The above mentioned scholarship fund is soliciting applications in March for parishioners and their dependents. The three top priorities for monetary distributions from the fund are: Graduating High School Seniors, College Students, and Graduate Level Education. The Deadline for submitting an application is mid-March. If you are interested in applying, you can do so by visiting our website <https://church-of-the-visitation.org/>

Located under- Documents and Forms > Father John Boddie Scholarship application.

REGRETS

Last Friday, we celebrated Jim Vajda's Mass of Resurrection for our beloved former parishioner. Jim was buried in a family plot in Warrenton, Virginia on Saturday.

Our prayers are with Lynn and all family members.



Lent is a time of change, a time of transformation. The readings today invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit towards transforming our lives and to radiate the glory and grace of the Lord which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. We are invited, like Abraham to take on a journeys of life with faith in the Lord, which on our own we couldn't have taken.

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. The Lord promised him that he will become a blessing to all people. "All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you". All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so.

The second reading, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel.

In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in his glory and the voice from the cloud identifies Him as the Son of God. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." Thus, the transfiguration is a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him and by listening to His Beloved Son.

So the glory of the transfigured Jesus is awaiting each of us, thanks to our baptism. This is what we shouldn't lose sight of, our dignity. So, no matter what happens to us in our lives, and no matter what others say about us, if we have faith, the glory of the transfigured Christ will be also ours. God's grace has been granted to us before the beginning of time. Thus, since the beginning of time God had you and me in his plan and had his grace planned for us. This plan of God is to save us and to transform us through his Son Jesus.

The disciples who experienced Jesus' transfiguration had to come down the mountain and return to normality, but they remembered the transfiguration. Like them we live in our normal environment, but we believe and know that God has destined great things for us. The transfiguration prepared the disciples for the scandal of the cross. Celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent reminds us of what comes after the cross because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. In our worst moments of pain, doubt and fear, we should not lose hope but remember the encouragement we have received through the Scriptures that God has destined the glory of the transfiguration for each of us who believe and listen to the voice of His Beloved Son.

Therefore, let our Lenten observance lead us to the mountain-top experience where we can hear and listen to God's consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Dave Hersh, Chuck Walsh Sr., Kitty Nielson, Lucy Hock, James Johnson and Jim Vajda



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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!

Anyone who would like to join us to sing at the two nursing homes in Middlesex, please come to church at 9:30am on March 13th. We sing once a month and sing seasonal music. This month is St. Patrick's day music. Come join the fun!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MARY'S CHOICE RVA

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent baby bottle campaign for Mary's Choice RVA. We raised \$1149.00 and 100% of your donations go to support the mothers choosing life for their babies. The maternity home is most grateful for your generosity!



CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Do you want to deepen your prayer life, better understand your Catholic faith or read the news from a Catholic perspective? We've compiled a list of resources that will help you do just that. Please click on the link to digitally access this list or pick up a paper copy in the narthex.



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Supporting Our Youth



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Jerry McMurtrie



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For the love and blessings of Christ given through vocations. Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

In support of our Youth Scholarship Fund Richard and Marilyn Cox

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

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Best wishes to all the
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In Loving Memory of
Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

WE SALUTE
THE YOUTH OF OUR
CHURCH AND THEIR
IMPORTANT JOURNEY

Carmen & Joe Brinkley

Eileen N. Wagner

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

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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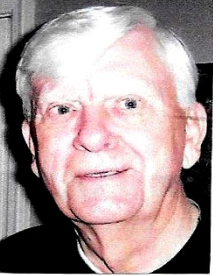
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Kenneth Anderson

"Say not in grief 'he is no more'
but in thankfulness that he was".


Lewis Forte

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