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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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
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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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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: All The Ends Of The Earth #565

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Vine And Branches #354

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: One Bread, One Body #341

Mediation: I Have Loved You #618

Recessional: Canticle Of The Sun #429



May Birthdays

1st-Pat DeGroot, 2nd-Cynthia Taylor, 3rd-Scott Kauffman,
6th-Camdyn Putney & Matt Sherwood, 8th-Donna Lange, 9th-Denise
Miller, 10th-Terry Skovera, 13th-Mike Harvey, 14th-Nick Wohleking, 15th-Niki
Ambrose, 17th-Lee Hollingsworth, 18th-Grace Puleo & Don Delagrance,
22nd-Spike Nunn, 24th-Jennifer Miller 27th-Lynne Richardson,
28th-Tim Wohleking, 29th-Charlie Hock,

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



May Anniversaries

11th-Bob & Maura Puleo, 12th-Tom and Mary Foley (50th)
16th-Tony & Annamarie Bonanno

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-5th Sunday of Easter

May 8th-Visitation Singers

May 10th-Bible Study 9:30am

May 11th-Parish Council-3pm

May 14th-6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day/Baptism/Social Sunday

May 17th-Bible Study 9:30am

May 21st-The Ascension of the Lord

May 24th-Bible Study 9:30am

May 28th-Penecost Sunday



Community Leader

John McCormack

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Steve Forte

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Holy Communion

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Cindy Powers

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 30, 2023

Collection: \$ 1,622

Second Collection

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 106,156

Total Budget Projection: \$ 100,721

Loan Amount \$ 164,894

Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$225 Credit Card Charges for sundry items.

LEGACY

There are so many legacies from which we draw. Parents oftentimes leave us with a powerful set of values and a strong legacy of service and acceptance of others. Even our faith creates in us a legacy of strong biblical knowledge and curiosity and humility.



Potential
Promise & Purpose

As we focus on all the blessings left us by others, by our church and by our life experiences, we must ask ourselves: What legacy will I leave?

Hopefully this legacy will include the hope of a strong faith, the enduring power of nonjudgmental love, and perhaps even the desire to make a difference in the world.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.

No experience necessary!

We have books and rosary beads available for use.



SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A Spring Adult Bible Study of The Gospel According to Matthew began on Wednesday, April 19. The study is nine lessons, so it will run through June 14.

We are planning to meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30. We are also planning to repeat each lesson on Sunday after Mass with a smaller group.

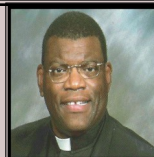
Contact John Weidner at jaweidner1@verizon.net or 240.780.1872 if you would like to join our study groups or if you would like additional information.

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- Vera & John England
- Christine & Peggy Williams
- Kathy Kauffman
- Tommy & Donna Lange
- John & Diane Weidner
- Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca
- Dave & Emily Filippi
- Frank & Terry Sisto
- Cynthia & Chuck Taylor
- Charles & Louise Hartz
- Jim Angell
- Lynne McMurtrie
- Terry Skovera
- Don Tyrrell
- Joe Sychterz
- Don & Barbara Ross
- Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
- Richard & Mary Sue Dougherty

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

Jesus, The Way

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus speak of gathering his flock in the sheepfold. "I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

In today's Gospel we hear again how our path to the Father is through Jesus:

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Today's Gospel concludes with a statement that Bishop Robert Barron observes is very puzzling statement too many Christians:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)

Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, endowed with infinite power. How could any of his disciples aspire to do "greater works" than his?

Bishop Barron gives several examples of followers of the Lord who have done greater things even than the Master. Jesus spoke to perhaps a few thousand people in the course of his public ministry. Fulton Sheen, one of his disciples, spoke to millions by radio and television. Jesus cared directly for perhaps a few hundred sufferers, and he cured a relative handful of the deaf, the mute, and the blind. But through the orders they founded, Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Rose Hawthorn, all disciples of Jesus, have attended to the needs of millions more.

As John's Gospel continues on from today's reading, Jesus tells us how exactly how it happens that his followers have been able to do these greater things:

"I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14: 12-14)

Nothing is beyond the reach of Jesus, Christ in heaven. We follow his way, his example. We have faith. Whatever we ask, He will do it.

In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

In late January, Father Gerry introduced the concept of short "take home lessons" presented at the end of Mass, with an extended version printed in the bulletin, to help us expand our Adult Faith Formation effort. The lessons usually end with a question to take home, something to think about.



While most of these lessons have been related to the scripture readings for that Sunday's Mass, a few have dealt with significant feasts in the week ahead, such as the Conversion of Paul, The Presentation, and the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.

Going forward, we hope that some of the presentations will help us deal with observed, specific shortfalls that many of us have in our understanding of our faith.

To make these lessons even more worthwhile, we need your input and feedback. Are they too long? Not long enough? Not relevant? Too simple?

Most importantly, if you have a specific topic that you would like to see addressed in these presentations, please let us know. You can give feedback directly to John Weidner or Father Gerry, or you can always send an email to the church office.

Thank you

REGRETS



With regrets, we announce the death of parishioner Lee Hollingsworth last Tuesday morning in a car accident. Lee and Barbara married in 2006 and have one child, Victoria. As we print the bulletin, we do not have any information about funeral plans. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.



A Hearty Welcome to our new parishioners
Dave and Barb



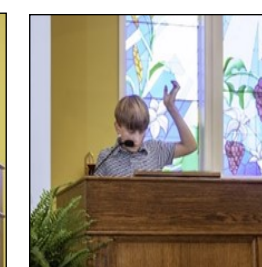
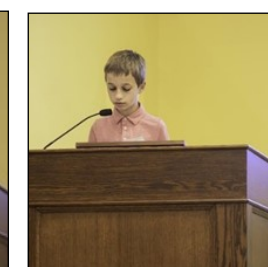
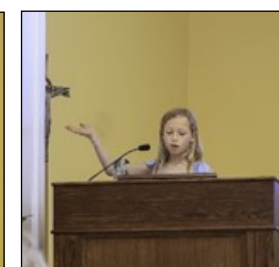
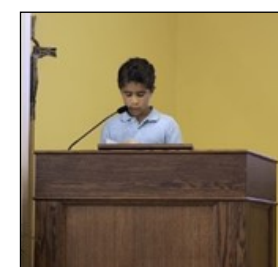
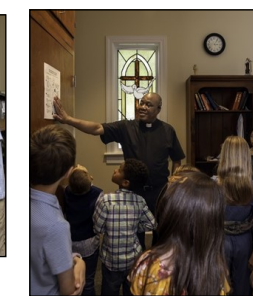
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CHILDREN'S MASS

Saturday a week ago we celebrated a Children's Mass with the goal of teaching portions of the Mass and getting our children to participate in all the key roles. It was a major success that uncovered some talented children capable of mature participation in the Mass. We are proud of them.



Our successors in action!

Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive by remaining a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship and spirit of loving expressed in humble service. Today's Gospel introduces Jesus as the Way to God, the Truth to be accepted, and the Life to be shared and lived.

In the First reading of this Sunday, from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the disciples are overwhelmed by the growing numbers of believers and the needs of the community. There is so much to do. So many people need help and healing. New people are joining the church. They cannot handle the preaching and the administrative work and making sure all those in need especially the widows, are taken care of. They must appoint more people to help so that they (disciples) can focus more on prayer and preaching the Gospel. Seven men are chosen to help in the daily ministries of serving the people.

This reminds us of the two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a personal dialogue with God; and we are also called to an active service in our communities. Each member of the Church has a role to play in the many ministries of the Church.

In the gospel of today, the first thing we can say is that Jesus reveals a God who is a Consoling God. Here in today's gospel Jesus is trying to console the disciples. They hear that he is going away and so they are fearful of the future. He simply says 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me'. I will not leave you orphans. I will not abandon you. I will be with you every step of the way. He promises to lead us to his Father's house, God's Kingdom. "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except through me." Jesus is our direction to God's Kingdom. To use modern technology language, Jesus is our GPS to Heaven. But Jesus is for us more than GPS to God's Kingdom. He does not give directions only but leads us, gives strength, because he is our life. He is the one who calls us, we just follow him.

And like when we are on trip to some place, distractions on the way can make us lose or miss our destination. Your GPS might say turn left, but because you are listening to a loud piece of music, you miss to hear it and you go right or just continue instead. There so many things out there which distract us from the focus of our Spiritual journey. A lot of noise that sometimes we do not hear Jesus telling us to turn or to stop. We cannot get to the place we want to be, to the Kingdom of God unless we let Jesus lead us and always listen to his directions. We cannot get there unless we focus on Him our leader as we go about the daily duties and activities of our lives.

Jesus promises the disciples that there are many rooms in his father's house, he is saying that Heaven is as wide as God's love which is limitless. He says that there is room for us all if we choose to go there. And so, brother and sisters, we are invited today and always to focus on Jesus, because with Jesus our lives do not end in emptiness, with Jesus we are not lost. Our life journey, with all the choices, twists and turns has a destination and our Father's house has many dwelling places for each on of us. We will get there, with our eyes set on Jesus who is the way the truth and life, we will get there.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V. F.

Please Remember in your Prayers
Frank Koehler, Karen Smith, Mary Philips
Jim Vajda & Lee Hollingsworth



PARISHIONERS
 The Hollingsworth & Recupido family, Sal Messina, Ralph Linden, Don Tyrrell, David Rector, Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Tom & Bea Foley, Jack & Laurie King, Shelley Katsuki, Steve Forte, Donna Thompson, Brendan O'Brien, Spike & Becky Nunn, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Michele Meanley, Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bill & Linda Gray & Pat Reamy, Lynn 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.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Our participation in the Appeal to date is encouraging, 43 families have donated \$13,018 which represents 181% 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Are you looking to get more involved at COV?
 Look no further, we have many opportunities for you!

Lectors, Community Leaders, Music, Cantors, Collection Counters, Parish Life, Shawl Ministry, Right To Life, Altar Server, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Religious Education-Adult & Children, Bible Study, Ground Upkeep, Prison Ministry and Pastoral Care-just to name a few.

Many hands make light work...as the saying goes.

Call the office or head contact person for more information.

The ministry list is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

We want you on our team.

In Loving Memory Of
Alma and Fritz Sitterding
 Supporting Our Youth

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 Thank You Lord
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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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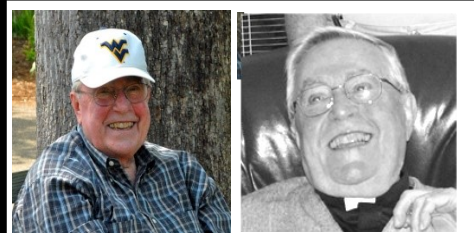
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THE YOUTH OF OUR
CHURCH AND THEIR
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Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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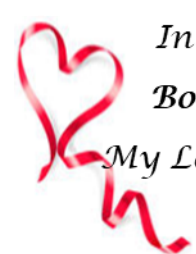
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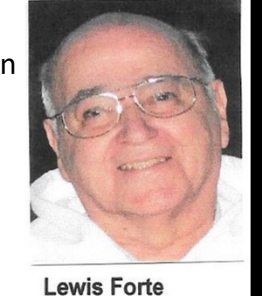
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