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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 16, 2023
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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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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing To The Mountains #544

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation: The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Seed, Scattered and Sown #333

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 #344

Mediation: Parable #691

Recessional: We Belong To You #646



July Birthdays

1st-Kim Rector & Yvelisse Cabocel, 2nd-Kathy Kauffman, 4th-Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus, 9th-John Charbeneau, 11th-Brendan O'Brien & John Clair, 12th-Annamarie Boanno, 13th-Bill Plunkert, 15th-John Weidner, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina, 20th-Betty Hodge & Andrew Bury, 21st-Kathy Swinehart, 24th-Laurie Mears, 27th-Jo Brown & Ingrid Borden, 29th-Chris Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris.

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



July Anniversaries

7th-Bill & Georgia Campbell, 16th-Tom & Bea Foley.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23rd-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6th-The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 13th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 20th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27th-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Community Leader

Gary Richardson

Altar Server

Joe Sychterz

Lectors

Mary Ellen & M. Ballato

Sacristan

Cindy Jessee

July 16, 2023

Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: M. Sychterz/TBA

Cup: Tyrrell/D. Marcil/G. Richardson

Music Cantor

Marianne Krop

Collection Counters

Tutak/Harvey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 9, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,685

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 5,012

Total Budget Projection: \$ 5,433

Loan Balance \$ 159,104

Our second collection today is for Parish Pence.

No principal checks were signed this week.

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.

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?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, consider a charitable bequest to our church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Disciples to worship, serve others and continue the vital ministries of the church.



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.

If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.



Please remember to keep the office informed of address, family, email, and phone number changes.

If any of these items has changed in the last few months, please inform us, and if you are doubtful about telling us about a change that occurred last year, give us a call to verify if we have the right information.

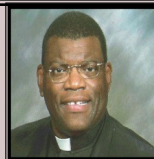
Or if you are not seeing your name in the Birthday/Anniversary list and would like to, that would be an update as well.

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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

July 16, 2023

Seeds of Faith

Magnificat magazine commentary for today's Mass draws all three scripture readings together in this way:

The Lord proclaims: "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." (Is 55:11) The Word is the Son of God. "Creation awaits with eager expectation" to "be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God." (Rom 8:19,21) That is why Jesus speaks to us in a way that reminds us of the moment of creation: as if we were soil. "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life." (Gn 2:7) We have the potential, the freedom to be good, rich, productive soil. We beg that the Word will return to us again and again so that we can do his will, achieving the end for which God sends his Word to us.

Bishop Robert Barron offers commentary on what this parable says about God's extravagant love for us. Imagine a crowd of farmers listening to this parable: a man goes to sow and he throws seed on the path, on rocky soil, on thorny soil and finally on good soil. The original hearers of the tale would have exchanged glances and rolled their eyes at the ridiculousness of this farmer.

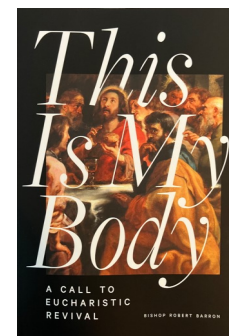
That is precisely the reaction Jesus wanted. For God is like this crazy farmer, sowing the seed of his word and his love - not only on receptive soil, not only on those who will respond, but also on the path, the rocks, and the thorns, lavishly pouring out his love on those who are least likely to respond. God's love is irrational, extravagant, embarrassing, unreasonable, completely over the top.

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." (Matt 13:23)

In thinking about what it means for faith seeds to be nourished by good soil, yielding a harvest of faith in others that is many times larger, here are the Take Home Questions for this week:

What kind of soil are you? How do you open yourself to be like the good soil that receives God's word and produces more?

SUMMER READING FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



For the last several months, the Pastoral Parish Council has been reading and discussing the book entitled Eucharist, in which Bishop Robert Barron analyzes the source and summit of the Christian life according to the categories of sacred meal, sacrifice and Real Presence.

Bishop Barron's text from Eucharist has been adapted into a slightly condensed book written specifically for the Eucharistic Revival entitled This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival.

We have received our initial stockpile of books and invite interested parishioners to add this book to their summer reading collection. Please pick up a copy after Mass from John Weidner or stop by the church office during the week.

As you read through this short (110 pages) book, please consider highlighting or marking up those parts that especially move you or might inspire you to share what you read with another parishioner.

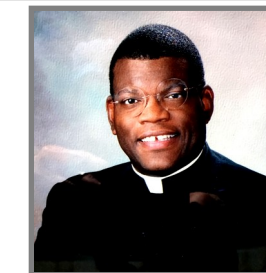
Later this fall, parishioners will be invited to participate in a number of revival activities, including small group discussions, a guest speaker presentation, a movie night and other opportunities for fellowship centered on The Eucharist. We expect these activities will be more productive if attendees have already read through this short book.

FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Annually we solicit donations for this scholarship fund, designed to help parishioners with higher education and the parish itself with on-going adult education.

The donations purchase an add in our bulletin for one year. This Sunday after Mass we will hand out donation request letters to parishioners. By mail we will solicit donations from local businesses and former donors unaffiliated with the parish.

The scholarship committee met recently to approve changes to the applications designed to simplify them and the process. In review, scholarships are available from the fund for high school seniors entering college, higher and post-graduate education, continuing education, and special adult education. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the office.



WATER DAMAGE UPDATE

As you are aware, several weeks ago we suffered major damage to the admin and daily chapel wing from a clogged drainage pipe and overflowing toilet.

Servpro accomplished the water mitigation and has settled with our insurance carrier. A week and a half ago, Mill End carpeting laid new carpet in the Daily Chapel, the Pastor's Office and Admin Office. This week the installation of the new baseboards was completed this past Tuesday. Unfortunately, we detected new damage to three desks which had become waterlogged and need to be fixed.

We need not to seek an estimate of repair for the desks and proceed accordingly. We are insured through the Diocese and have met their \$1,000 deductible requirement.

The Diocese risk management office has been extremely helpful in this situation with advice and the processing of claims.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass on July 30th.

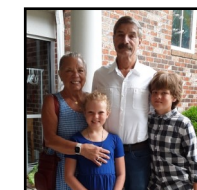
The menu will be *pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee*.

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

Donations accepted.



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SOLEMNITIES

A solemnity holds the highest rank among Church celebrations and there are 24 days so marked on the annual liturgical calendar. It is a day that recalls and glorifies an important event in the life of Jesus and the most significant mysteries of the Catholic Christian faith: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter (the Easter Octaves including Divine Mercy Sunday), Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Ascension, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, Christ the King. So, too, honored as a solemnity are the days associated with the Blessed Mother: the Immaculate Conception, the Assumption, the Annunciation and Mary, Mother of God. Some saints are acknowledged with a solemnity: St. Joseph, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul and All Saints Day.

In addition to every Sunday, the Catholic Church prescribes holy days of obligation, which include certain solemnities. In the United States there are six holy days of obligation: Mary, Mother of God, the Ascension, the Assumption, All Saints, the Immaculate Conception and Christmas. While all holy days of obligation are solemnities, not all solemnities are holy days of obligation. For example, the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a solemnity but not a holy day of obligation. The same is true of the solemnity of St. Joseph and the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Some solemnities are always celebrated on the same calendar date and are known as "fixed" on the liturgical calendar — for example, Dec. 25 is always the date of Christmas, Nov. 1 is the date of All Saints and the Immaculate Conception is always on Dec. 8. Other solemnities are "moveable" — that is, their dates change or move based on the date of Easter. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter, Holy Trinity is the first Sunday after Pentecost, Corpus Christi is the second Sunday after Pentecost, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the first Friday after Corpus Christi and so on.

So, just what distinguishes a solemnity? The celebration begins with evening prayers on the day before and some, if a holy day of obligation, have a vigil Mass. If the solemnity falls on a weekday, the daily Mass looks much like a Sunday liturgy, including three readings, the Gloria and the Creed. All the prayers of the Mass reflect on the event or person being celebrated. These added liturgical elements help to embellish the special attention given the event or person.

FEASTS

Celebrations identified on the Church calendar as a feast typically honor a special saint, such as one of the apostles. Other saints assigned a specific feast day include Saints Simon and Jude, St. Stephen, the Holy Angels. Important events in Christian history are likewise identified as feasts: the Baptism of the Lord, the Conversion of St. Paul, the Transfiguration, the Visitation, the Presentation of the Lord, the Holy Family, the Birth of Mary, the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, the Holy Innocents, the Triumph of the Holy Cross, and the Chair of Peter. A feast that falls on a weekday is not preceded with a vigil Mass, the Creed is not obligatory and most feasts are fixed dates on the calendar.

If you missed **part 1** of "Understanding the Church Calendar" visit our website under bulletins "14th Sunday in Ordinary Time."

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Please Remember in your Prayers

Margaret Webb, Mike Lokie, Emily Mason



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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

Thank you to all who sang with us this morning. We had many singing residents, flag waving, and lots of smiles.

Thank you to Morey Alexander, and the Mathews American Legion Post 83 for the flags, which we donated to each resident.

Cindy is singing with "Junkyard" who is celebrating his 71st birthday!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNKYARD.



Our next Visitation Singing is Monday, August 14th.

"All are Welcome"



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Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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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


In Loving Memory of
"Vincent Recupido"
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Tom & Cindy Jessee

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Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
Thomas R. Shepherd III**

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My Love of My Life

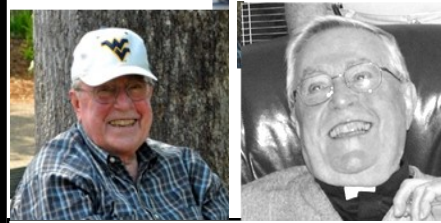


Jenny

In loving
memory of
Marty
Hawksworth



Tom & Sharon



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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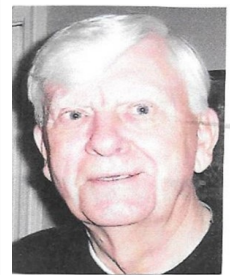


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"Say not in grief 'he is no more'
but in thankfulness that he was".



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