# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 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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# MASS/MUSIC

Entrance Song: Glory and Praise to Our God #552

Lord Have Mercy

# Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel: John 14:23-29 Homily: Father Gerry

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Where My Father Lives #690

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

# Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God: #919

Communion: In The Breaking Of The Bread #322

Meditation: You Are Near #436 Recessional: Tell The Good News #376

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 22nd: 6th Sunday of Easter

May 29th: Ascension or 7th Sunday of Easter May 31st: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

June 5th: Pentecost Sunday June 12th: The Most Holy Trinity

June 19th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Father's Day

June 26th: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Baptism)

July 3rd: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st-Pat DeGroot,2nd-Cyindy Taylor,3rd-Scott Kauffman, 6th-Camdyn Putney & Matt Sherwood, 8th-Donna Lange, 9th-Denise Miller, 10th-Terry Skoveral3th-Marilyn Cox & Mike Harvey, 17th-Lee Hollingsworth,

18th-Don Delagrange, 21st-Richard Cox, 22nd-Spike Nunn, 24th-Jennifer Miller, 27th-Lynne Richardson, 29th-Charlie Hock.

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

# <u>ROSARY</u>



Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new sanctuary and 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.

May 22, 2022

<u>Community Leader:</u> <u>Extraordinary Minister for</u>
Kathy Kauffman <u>Holy Communion</u>

Lynne Dreelin/Debby Harriman

Altar Server:
Steve Forte
Lectors:
Becky Nunn/Lynne Dreelin

Lynne Dreelin/Debby Harriman

Music:
Cindy Powers

Collection Counters:
Harris/Davenport

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION from May 15, 2022

Collection: \$ 2,495
Second Collection: Home Mission \$ 270
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date Total Budget Projection: \$ 99,194

Our second collection today is for the Catholic Virginian.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$1,156 Pastor and Rectory Expenses for April;

\$1,500 Diocesan Assessment.

# CHURCH HUMOR

Six Little Stories

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

#### THAT'S FAITH

When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.

#### THAT'S TRUST

Every night we got to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up.

# THAT'S HOPE

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

# THAT'S CONFIDENCE

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

# THAT'S LOVE

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old... I am sweet 16 with 64 years' experience!

THAT'S ATTITUDE

# <u>A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE</u>

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.





# **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 <u>FHE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.</u> 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

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In loving memory of Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever. JoAnn

In support of our youth.

The O'Keefe Family

# 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 CATECHUMENS: 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.

<u>RECYCLABLE CANS:</u> Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the playground.

ROSARY MINISTRY: Sunday morning before Mass, 8:30am New Sanctuary. No experience necessary. Books & Rosary available.









# FINAL ANNUAL COV GOLF TOURNAMENT

Final Fr. Boddie Golf Tournament Held

The annual Father John Boddie Memorial Golf Classic took place on May 13 at the Piankatank River Golf Club

(PRGC) in Hartfield. Hosted by the Church of The Visitation (COV), Topping, the event concluded the series begun in 2008 to benefit both the church's building fund and many community-based charitable organizations. Now that COV has completed its building program, it is dedicating all proceeds from this year's event to community needs.

Pastor Gerry Kaggwa thanked the golfers for supporting the tournament and sent them out with a blessing for success. Even though inclement weather shortened the competition, the players gathered for clubhouse camaraderie, beverages and dinner, and awarding of prizes.

Tournament director Gary Richardson reported, "While we didn't have ideal conditions today, our golfers and volunteers showed wonderful spirit throughout as we bid farewell to this tradition in memory of Fr. Boddie. We're grateful to them and our many sponsors and donors over the years for helping this program be such a great success. Special thanks go to the superb PRGC team -- the pro shop, course superintendent, and Steamboat Restaurant staff for making it all run so smoothly."

The award winners were:

- A Flight first place: Ed Lipinsky, Jim Walsh, Dave Brown, George Cummings; second place: Michele Meanley, Jerry Morgan, Courtney Mercer, Cabell Mercer; third place: Bill Puttmann, Clayton Neal, Rick Bowman, Fritz Sitterding.
- B Flight first place: Donnie Ross, Brian Ross, Eddie Ross, Loretta Ross; second place: Al Langer, Jeff Coughter, Gary Richardson, Scott Kalbrener; third place: Chip Bliley, Sky Bristow, Frank Stumpf, Ray Yearly.
- C Flight first place: John McCormack, John Weidner, Pete Hall, Frank Lohr; second place, Tom Dorman, Mary Dorman, Ray Wilhelm, Mary Wilhelm; third place: Lynne Richardson, Donna Lange, Roseanne Moncure, Gloria Mathews

Longest drives: Frank Lohr, Roseanne Moncure.

# HANDS ACROSS MIDDLESEX

On Tuesday, May 24th, Hands Across Middlesex will have a "Drive-Through" COVID Vaccination Clinic sponsored by the Three Rivers Health District. Nurses will be available to provide COVID Vaccinations from 10:00am until 1:00pm.

Anyone 5 years old and older is welcomed to come, no appointment is necessary. We will have available both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine: 1st or 2nd dose and 1st or 2nd booster.

All are welcomed, and no appointment is necessary.

# **E-GIVING**

One of the ways to support COV is to use E-Giving. A year ago the Diocese asked all parishes to implement an internet capability for parishioners to donate to their church. E-Giving is located on our COV webpage in the upper right hand corner, a red donate button. Our website is: www.church-of-the-visitation.org

Clicking on the donate button brings you to the COV donation E-giving pages. Parishioners can donate weekly. semi-weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly. Donations can be designated for special collections, debt reduction, flowers, Uganda, and more. Money can be donated by a direct payment from your checking account, or can be donated by using a credit card. For questions about the COV E-giving program please contact the office. We encourage parishioners to consider E-Giving. For parishioners that are registered in another church but attend COV during the summer E-Giving can designate an additional donation to COV. Thank you for considering E-Giving to support Church of the Visitation.

# KRAMB UPDATE

As you may be aware Skip Kramb is recovering from a fall and is regaining motion in his arms and legs. He has a positive attitude and Lois is at his side.



Skip Kramb Room 3028 Sheltering Arm's 2000 Wilkes Ridge Drive Richmond, VA 23233



# **BIBLE STUDY GROUP INVITATION**

"Our adult Bible Study group has two studies planned, one for over the summer and one for later this fall. The summer study is a seven lesson study of the book of Revelation, beginning Tuesday, June 7 and ending in late August.

In the fall, we are planning a six lesson study of "Angels in the Bible" which will begin in late September or early October. Please contact John Weidner at jaweidnerl@verizon.net or 240.780.1872 if you would like to know more about or are interested in joining either of these studies."

#### **LEGACY GIFTS**

Attention Parishioners 72 years of Age or Older!: If you have an IRA and you're 72 years of age or older, you're in luck, because you can make a gift right now to our parish through a Qualified Charitable rollover (QCD). It may help you by lowering your taxable income and it helps us by supporting the life of our parish.

Giving though your IRA is Easy! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation-804-622-5221 or mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church. The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the New Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. It offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.

Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit will teach us everything that we will need in difficult times. Even more, he will remind the disciples of all that Jesus had been teaching them. The Spirit is the interpreter of what Jesus is about. In going back to his Father, Jesus did not leave them/us alone. The Spirit takes the place of Jesus, not in a physical sense but by a divine indwelling. With the Spirit's help we will be able to discern in each subsequent age what God wants of us so as to be courageous in following Jesus and having the gift of knowing the way forward depending on the challenges of the time.

We need to be aware of the abiding presence of God within us: We live in the New Covenant of Jesus, daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage. The Holy Spirit Whom the risen Lord asked His Father to send upon His Church prompts us to turn to His Holy Scriptures for support and encouragement, enables us to learn the Divine truths, and grants us His peace at all times. However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day with the Lord in personal prayer, talking to God and listening to Him. We must deepen our relationship with Jesus, learn to get in touch with him, and sincerely love him. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we will know His plan for our life and His solutions to whatever problems we face. We will be able to love our fellow human beings, and there will be peace within us. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures, Sacraments, and prayer. Jesus loves us and comes to us through his Church, and especially through His gift of the Eucharist.

We need to have the conviction that we are not alone: One of the great social and ethical problems of our time is isolation. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares his joy with us and replaces the burden of our guilt with the freedom of forgiveness. He takes our grief and turns it into joy. We need only allow Jesus into our lives to be rid of this loneliness. Oneness with Jesus is the greatest gift we can give to our family members, our

friends, or those who see no purpose in life. We can help to bring people into unity with Jesus, a unity that will change their lives. As we celebrate this Eucharist let us celebrate in a special way the price Jesus paid in order to have a deep relationship with each one of us. May our closeness with Jesus empower us to lead a true Life guided by the Holy Spirit.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa

# Please Remember in your Prayers

Robert Urbin, Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Father John Boddie, Rose DeMario-Bednarz, Dottie Hines & Joe Edwards

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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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter Keeping Jesus' word

Reading I: Acts 15:1–2, 22–29 (letter of the Apostles to the Gentiles)

Reading II: Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23 (the new Jerusalem)

Gospel: John 14:23–29 (last discourse; faithfulness to God's word) Key Passage Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

Adult: What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

Child: When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision?



In Loving Memory Of

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

Your Family Arlene, L.C., Faye, Caitlyn & Courtlyn

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of
"Vinnie Recupido"

Barbara Hollingsworth



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

Jerry McMurtrie

Bill MacLean



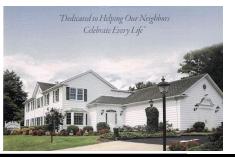
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People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

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 anyway.

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace. In Loving Memory Of

David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of "Vincent Recupido" Dolores



Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

Emily & Anna



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In loving memory

Father Bob Nash



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The Kirsch Family

Thanks for being part of the

COV family these

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God Bless You All

Ron & Georgia Beville



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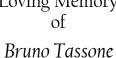
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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

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but in thankfulness that he was".

"Say not in grief 'he is no more'



**Lewis Forte** 



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