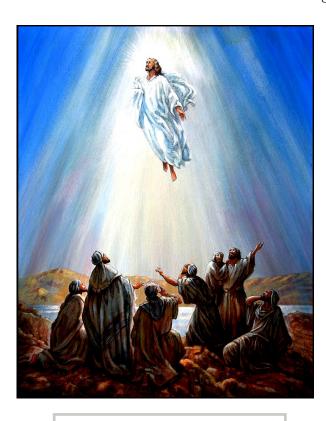
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Ascension of the Lord May 29, 2022

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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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance Song: Come Christians, Join to Sing #554

Lord Have Mercy

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53 Homily: Father Gerry

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: We Walk By Faith #505

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: Bread Of Angels #361 Meditation: I The Lord #685

Recessional: Eternal Father Strong To Save #744

Recessional, last verse:

Eternal Father, grant, we pray, / To all Marines, both night and day, The courage, honor, strength, and skill/

their land to serve,

Thy law fulfill; Be Thou the shield forevermore/ From every peril to the Corps. Amen

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1st-Fritz Sitterding, 7th-Michelle Puttmann, 13th-Charles Hartz, 14th-Marge Dembeck & Johnna Harris, 16th-Tom Foley, 17th-Arlene Warren, 21st-Marla Bury, 24th-Geri Lohr, 25th-Brbara Zimmerman, 27th-Sharon Hawksworth 28th-Baylen Miller & Diana Beckett.

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Gary & Lynne Richardson, 21st-Scott & Kathy Kauffman, Dave & Emily Filippi, 25th-Ray & Jean Kostesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrange, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith

May 29, 2022

Extraordinary Minister for Community Leader: Holy Communion

Kevin Hayes Eileen O'Brien/Noelle Harvey Altar Server: Music Cantor: Barbara Smith Michele Meanley

> Collection Counters: Hock/Harriman

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from May 22, 2022

Collection: 2.246 Second Collection: Catholic Virginian 216 Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 107,486 Total Budget Projection: \$ 101.098

There is no second collection today.

Lectors:

Pat DeGroot/Ray Kostesky

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$114 Parish Life; \$159 Premier Copier Lease;

\$5,280 Air Conditioning Unit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29th: Ascension of the Lord

May 31st: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

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

June 19th: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Father's Day) June 26th: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Baptism)

July 3rd: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4th: Independence Day

July 10th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14th: Parish Council 7PM

July 17th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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."



A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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 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

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For a wonderful church and the youth of the church. Lynn Shepherd

In loving memory of the McMurtrie's and Strotmeyer's; Still alive in my heart. Mollie McMurtrie

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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.

Fournament 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.

Closest to the pin: Scott Kalbrener, Ray Yearly, Jeff Coughter, Dave Brown Most accurate drive: Pete Hall

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.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day has come to mean the beginning of summer, a time for picnics and barbecues, and a holiday to gather around the family. That happiness and freedom, however, is a product of the real cause for the holiday: the sacrifice made by men and women who have fought and died for the freedoms and liberties that Americans hold dear. Memorial Day is a time to remember that the American way of life is not cheap but rather has been purchased by the lives and blood of so many who have sacrificed for us to live free and happily now.

We Honor You Today

To all of our veterans Far and near. We thank you for your service For all those years.

You sacrificed your time. And some gave your life. You preserved our freedom By willingly paying the price.

Many of you Were sent overseas. You were wounded in battle. With scars and disease.

But courageous and brave, You weathered the storm. You faced every battle With faith and beyond.

We honor you with joy For all that you've done. You stood strong for our country, For our daughters and sons.

So no one stands alone, We walk hand in hand. Remember, we are with you. Together we shall stand. We salute you today. Hear what we say. Let our words speak eloquently In this special way.

On this day, Let us express our love & thanks For the sacrifice you paid. You served in honor For many years and days, And we will never forget How you were strong and brave.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED IN VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus will honor all deceased veterans and in particular those interred or memorialized in the COV Cemetery at 9:30 am in the Cemetery on Monday, 30 May 2022. This brief, but poignant ceremony remembers those men and women who served the Armed Forces and reminds

us of the freedoms we enjoy because of their dedication to duty and country. All are welcomed. Please join the Knights in paying tribute to our veterans.

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.

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time". He is with us at all times and in all places.

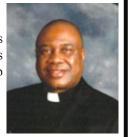
The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the scene of Jesus' Ascension, the promise of the Holy Spirit, his instructions to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Power from above, and the missionary command to the apostles to bear witness to him. In the second reading, Paul teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and in exalting Him over all angelic forces. Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that, with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us. Today's Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completes his mission on earth. But just before his Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their lives. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the life and glory of God. And we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives.

Jesus is sending us to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

As the Church of Jesus, we have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for our brothers and sisters. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of his teachings in the Gospels, and experience Jesus in our personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit.

We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith and baseless fears, anxieties, and worries by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News to our brothers and sisters, and that we are called to share his glory in Heaven.

During this week before we celebrate Pentecost, let us pray like the apostles and disciples of Jesus for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us and the entire Church so as to respond better to God and his call. We pray that the celebration of Pentecost will lead to the Church being renewed and strengthen by God's Spirit.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa

Please Remember in your Prayers

Caleb Chowing, Charles Alter, Jeanne Meushaw, and George Adams

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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.



Ascension

Reading I: Acts 1:1–11

(Jesus' final instructions and ascension)

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23 (a Spirit of wisdom)

Gospel: Luke 24:46–53 (the ascension)

Key Passage: Ephesians 1:17 (a Spirit of wisdom)

Adult: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Child: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?



In Loving Memory Of

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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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

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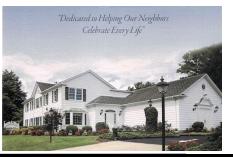
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People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

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

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

tomorrow, do good 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



"God will make a way

When there seems to be no way

God works in ways I can not see

God will make a way for me"

J & L Petralia

In Loving Memory of Tony Meushaw.

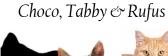
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Father Bob Nash



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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

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