# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Germaine Hayes Justice & Peace: Eileen Wagner Religious Education: Eileen O'Brien Parish Life: Johnna Harris Adult Ed/RCIA: Louise Petralia Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson Administration, Ray Kostesky

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

John Charbeneau Lisa Forte Debby Harriman Ray Kostesky-Chairman Fritz Sitterding

#### **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 Hartfield, VA 23071 Phone: 804-286-9271

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Steve Forte Kevin Hayes Cindy Jessee Kathy Kauffman-Vice Chair Roseanne Moncure-Secretary Spike Nunn Cindy Powers Kathy Swinehart Mary Sychterz John Weidner-Chair

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

# MASS/MUSIC

**Entrance:** For the Beauty of the Earth #611

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

# Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Acclamation: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Offertory:** When Love is Found #676

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Mediation: Parable #689

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: Eat This bread #334

Recessional: Let There Be Peace On Earth #535

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4th-Larry Miller, 8th-Henry Clair & Lucas Clair,
 9th-Mary Sychterz, 10th-Eileen O'Brien, 11th-Chris Kirsch
 15th-Cindy Jessee & Cherianne Johnson,
 20th-Shelley Katuski, 21st Emily Filippi & Alan Richardson,
 22nd-Joyce Ballato & Michael Sims.

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

#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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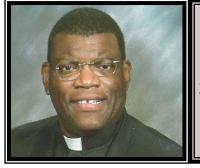
FVENTS

8th-John & Diane Weidner, 10th-Steven & Lorraine Kirsch 12th-Bryan & Jennifer Miller, 17th-Gengi & Shelley Katsuki

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Church Picnic/Grandparents Day/Patriot Day-9/11 September 18th-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Faith Formation begins. September 24th-Lee Reamy's Mass of the Resurrection 11:00am September 25th-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2nd-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9th-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15th-Father Gerry's Birthday October 16th-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23rd-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30th-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6th-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Community Leader:September 11, 2022Extraordinary Minister for Holy CommunionKHoly CommunionAltar Server:O'Brien/DormanRay KosteskyMusic Cantor: Donna LangeLectors:Collection Counters: King/Kirsch/Angell
	OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 4, 2022Collection:\$ 3,224Second Collection:Total Offertory Collection Year to Date\$ 26,240Total Offertory Collection Year to Date\$ 24,511Our Second Collection today is for Faith Formation.We signed the following principal checks this week.\$ 380 Lawn Care\$ 380 Lawn Care
~	LEGACY GIFTS Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to your church in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan. At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your
1,	<ul> <li>Will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.</li> <li>Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (given through your will) gifts express your feelings in a meaningful way.</li> </ul>
ce. h, i.	<u>ADDRESS CHANGE</u> Bill Gray has moved to Walter Reed Convalescent Hom His address is: 7602 Meredith Dr. Gloucester, VA 2306 Bill Gray Ware 8
	<u>A FIRST</u> Last Saturday Ali and Jackson were married in our New Worship Area. Congratulations to the Ballato's daughter Ali and new son-in-law, Jackson Rowady
1	IN HONOR AND REMEMBERANCE



#### 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: tcfrichmond.org Application deadline: Early March 2023

SUPPORTER OF OUR FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP 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	In Loving Memory of Bob and Catherine Borden Fred and Betty Meister	Ad space available
	In memory of <i>Mollie McMurtrie</i> my long time friend. I will miss you. <i>JoAnn Nolte</i>	Ad space available
Don Tyrrell Joe Sychterz Don & Barbara Ross Norbert & Kathryn Bliley Richard & Mary Sue Dougherty	In loving memory of <i>Joseph H. Nolte Jr.</i> Forever, <i>JoAnn</i>	WE SALUTE THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH AND THEIR IMPORTANT JOURNEY <i>Carmen &amp; Joe Brinkley</i>

### 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.

RECYCLABLE CANS: Church of the Visitation recycles cans, with profits going to Church ministries. Bring your aluminum cans to the bin outside, by the yard sale building.

<u>ROSARY MINISTRY:</u> Sunday morning before Mass, 8:30am New Worship Area. No experience necessary. Books & Rosary available.



We will gather for our annual picnic today immediately after Mass in the pavilion area.

**ANNUAL PICNIC** 

We will provide the main dish and nonalcoholic beverages, and ask parishioners to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. We will also need servers, so if you would like to help out in that way, please contact Johnna.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR PARISH **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Several participants in the Synod small group consultations held early this year suggested that additional information should be provided to parishioners about how the parish is organized, including the role of the Parish Council, how it functions and what it has been doing.

Briefly, the primary role of the parish pastoral council is advisory, making recommendations to the pastor about the spiritual well-being of the parish. As a "visionary" council, it concerns itself with where the parish wants to be in three to five years and not with the administrative aspects of running the parish. The parish pastoral council does not run the parish, or supervise its daily work. Ultimately that responsibility falls on the shoulders of the pastor. It should be prophetic, calling the community and its leaders to grow in faith together and to respond to the needs of the people.

There are nine elected members on our parish council who, together with the various ministry committee chairs, meet every other month for prayer and to develop recommendations for the pastor.

Each year, on the third Sunday in October, our parish elects three parishioners to serve a three year term on the

parish council. Information about the nomination and election process will be announced in the coming weeks. For now, please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know should be nominated to serve on our parish council. PARISH COUNC



What does Pope Francis say about grandparents?

We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren.

#### What the Bible says about grandparents?

"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children" (Proverbs 17:6). Although children are proud of their parents, grandchildren are the reward of the grandparent.

# **BEHIND THE SCENES**

The volunteer services of our parishioners are extraordinary and provide the framework for a healthy and strong religious community

Many of you know the ministry heads and observe the persons who each Sunday provide a visible presence of their church and parish commitment. But what about those who do the "behind the scenes" tasks that help enrich our community? Frequently we will highlight these invisible ones for your information.

Today we honor our Pastoral Care Group, headed by Lynne Richardson. She and Donna Brandl, Roseanne Moncure, and Peggy Williams continue to serve our sick and homebound parishioners with care, concern, and the delivery of communion. Pastoral care has long been a hallmark of our parish and its many plusses.



Thank you for your service.

## **REMEMBERING 911**

On this day 2001 19 militants associated with terrorist group Al-Qaeda hijacked 4 planes crashing 3 into buildings and a 4th crashing in Pennsylvania. The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Commemorative events are held at all three sites on the anniversary of the attacks.

A famous quote from 911-"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we Lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

The heart of the mission of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum

remains the annual commemoration ceremony. Family members of 9/11 victims will once again gather on the Memorial plaza to read aloud the names of those killed in the 9/11 attacks and in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.



## **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

On the first Sunday after Labor Day we celebrate National Grandparents Day. Thanks to a federal proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter, Grandparents Day became an official holiday in 1978.

What is the purpose of celebrating Grandparents Day? The proclamation stated three distinct purposes: To honor grandparents; To give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; To help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Why grandparents are important in our life? Grandparents provide unconditional love. Like parents, grandparents love unconditionally, which helps a child feel safe and secure. The benefits go both ways; relationships such as these can help grandparents have happier and longer lives. Grandparents help teach family culture, tradition and history.

# The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is not a cruel, judging, punishing God. He is our loving and forgiving Heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son Jesus. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains in the three parables of today's Gospel.

The first and second readings point to God's patience with his wayward children, and the Gospel parable of the 'prodigal son' demonstrates His festive joy at their return. In today's first reading, taken from Exodus, Moses is imploring a forgiving God to have mercy on the sinful people who have abandoned Him and turned to idol-worship. He reminds God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to show mercy to His unfaithful people. In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy that, although he, Paul, had been the greatest of sinners (as the former persecutor of the Church), God has shown great mercy towards him.

Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, which is today's Gospel, demonstrates the essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially single parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three parable illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the major story of the lost son. These stories remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution.

Jesus reveals to us a God who is not a cruel, judging and punishing, but a loving and forgiving Heavenly Father who wants to save everyone. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as demonstrated in the three parables of today's Gospel. These parables remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution.

Therefore, we need to live every day as forgiven children of a merciful Father. Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend His forgiveness to others. Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness, and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must become forgiving people. Let us pray also for God's Divine mercy on all of us who have fallen away from God's grace. Let us open our eyes to see and ears to hear that Jesus is welcoming us back home!

Today we are called to be like the father who welcomes back the sinning younger son and having thrown a party to celebrate his return, a father who goes out to encourage the elder son to join the celebration. This parable has to continue in our lives. We need to allow the attitudes and love of the Father to take over more and more in our lives.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F

# Please Remember in your Prayers

Ellen Palumbo, Bill Nunn, Taylor Deagle

### PARISHIONERS

Jack King, Shelley Katsuki, Steve Forte, Donna Thompson, James Peddicord, Paul Pearce, Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meanley, Jack & Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Bill & Linda Gray, & Pat Reamy.

# FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Ruth Heunemann, Tom McCormack, Billy Geier, Sarah Gutierrez, Joshua Messina, Coach Paul Webb, Debra & Brittney Sanders, Tristan Blake, Sue & Lisa Ferari, Jennen Palm, Jenifer Anderson, Larry Hersh, Beth Edward Bailey, Shirley Schultz, Judy Kramb, Joseph J. Los, Arnold Fahrman, Ramon Placiente, Jillian Messina, Karen Tatum, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil & Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Michael Reamy, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, Andy Hetzer.

# FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Budzinski family, Margaret Williams, Tabby Mullings, Joseph Parisi, Julie & Harvey Caldwell, Mike Felts, Lynn Gillikin, Cody Braegelmann, Emily Haikin, Verna Masey, Mike McLemore, Dave Gunn, Louise & Jim Shockey, Mindy Miller & Ahmet Anday, Ron & Georgia Beville, George Adams, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Christine & Henry Archuleta, Charles Carter, Pam Sands, Kathy Goyne, William Scott Smith, Eddie Hall, David Smith, Sandy Bruce, Matt & Marianna Parowski, Gene Tunney Walker, Joe McInerney, The Butt Family, Peg Meushaw, Dave Gunn, Chuck Taylor, Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Rita Blommel, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed.

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.

# MEMORABLE DATES AND EVENTS

- August and September provide two months of memorable dates and events.
- <sup>4</sup>August 25th marked the 32nd Anniversary of Father Gerry's ordination as a priest.
- September 8th is the anniversary of the Mass which dedicated phase 1 of our building expansion. Retired Bishop Sullivan was the chief celebrant with Father Boddie assisting.
- \*Shortly thereafter on September 21st, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the parish.





Supporting Our Youth

Dedicated to Helping Our Neighbor

Celebrate Every Life





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

Jerry McMurtrie

Bill MacLean

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"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 anvwav

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.





Loving Memory o Bobby Warren

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

"Gone but not to be forgotten"



# SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S





In Loving Memory of

"Vinnie Recupido"

Barbara Hollingsworth

**TO SUPPORT** OUR YOUTH, THEIR DREAMS, & OUR FUTURE.

Lynne & Gary Richardson

For the love and blessings of Christ given through vocations.

> Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

# 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



