

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2023

Year A

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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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

Pastor, Gerald Kaggwa  
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## MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Mary's Song #700

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm: May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation: In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: What Child Is This #96

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: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear #98

Mediation: Christmas Hallelujah

Recessional: Go Tell It On The Mountain #100



## January Birthdays



1st-Carol McCormack, 3rd-Bob Cerullo, 5th-Lorraine Kirsch & Mike Borzelleca, 7th-Betty Johnson, 14th-Benton Miller, 16th-Christine Hayes, 19th-James Moncure, 20th-Debbie Harriman, 21st-Chuck Walsh, 22nd-Josiah Reffo, Donna Brandl, Don Tyrrell & Clara Suyes, 27th-John McCormack, 29th-Mike Dreelin, 31st-Jack King, 30th-Simone Moss.

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



## January 2023

5th-Charles and Louise Hartz, 24th-John and Laurie King

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
January 8th-Epiphany of the Lord  
January 15th-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



## ANGEL TREE

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED & HELPED OUT. Although we never get to meet these children & see their happy faces when they open your gifts, we can feel their love & thankfulness in our hearts. What you do to the least of these, you do unto Me.

## Community Leader

Debbie Harriman

January 1, 2023

## Altar Server

Barbara Smith

## Lectors

Mike Ballato/Lynne Dreelin

## Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Tom & Mary Dorman

## Music Cantor

John McCormack

## Collection Counters

O'Brien/Smith

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION from December 25, 2022

Collection:	\$ 2,805
Second Collection:	\$ 514
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 62,279
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 60,659

Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction to begin the new year.

We signed the following principal check this week: \$205 November Phone.



## 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.

## ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2023 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Some e-givers have wondered why we printed envelopes for them. It was done to provide, by request, envelopes for the scheduled second collections.

Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar.

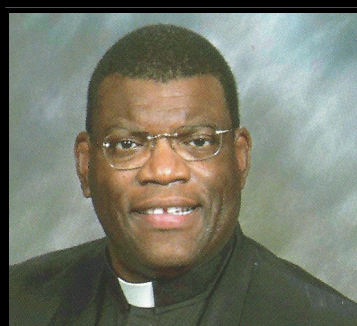
## INVITATION FROM FdS

The St. Francis de Sales community of Mathews has initiated the first Friday Sacred Heart Devotion and the first Saturday Fatima Devotion on a monthly basis. On Friday, January 6th Mass will be held at 9am followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. On Saturday, January 7th, we will honor the Fatima Devotion starting with the Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10am.

All are welcome. Please join us. For more information call

Joan Dawson (804)725-8400 or

Mary Flaherty (718) 309-2459



### 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](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org) Application deadline: Early March 2023

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**JoAnn**

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*Carmen & Joe Brinkley*

#### 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.

**BAPTISM/MARRIAGE:** 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.

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

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

We close out the Christmas octave-the eight days following the birth of Christ-with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God.

*Take time to read about the Mother of God today.*

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, meaning that Mass attendance is required (though the Mass obligation is sometimes waived by the bishop for various reasons; when in doubt, check with your parish.)

The use of the word "solemnity" here is not a statement about Mary's personality. It is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical (church-based) calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her role in the life of Christ.

Though New Year's Day may seem more like a day for football and hangovers than for Mary, there's a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating her during the heart of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (Luke 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."



#### FELLOWSHIP HALL USAGE

At the recommendation of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen Committee, and with approval of the Finance Council and Father, we have developed a set of practices for the use of the fellowship hall.

The practices are different for church ministries, parishioners, and outside organizations. They also differ when use of the kitchen is involved. A stumbling block for many may be the Diocesan requirement for insurance coverage for non-church sponsored activities.

For more information about the usage of the fellowship hall please consult with the office. We also thank the Hall and Kitchen Committee for their thoughtful development of the basic document.

#### E-GIVING INFORMATION

Two years 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](http://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.*



Photo by Carol McCormack

#### CHILDRENS PAGEANT

Our utmost thanks to the participants in the children's pageant, which helped to make our Christmas Eve Celebration so special in many ways.

Our thanks also to the parents who produced these budding thespians and those that organized the pageant.

Bless you all.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God January 1, 2023

In spite of everything, we start this new year of 2023 with high hopes, looking to God with a sense of gratefulness and trust. Yes, the last was not easy and was painful to some of you especially those who lost their loved ones. Again, we are still facing COVID-19 and all its effects, the economy is not good, the political environment in the country is not the best we hope for. Hate and anger towards each other, divisions between people are getting wider, mass shootings in schools, place of work and in places of worship. And yet we look to the new year with confident faith in our God, we may not know what the future holds for us, but we are sure, and trust in God's love that he will provide us what is good.

We are very happy today to begin the year by celebrating the Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of God. The title "Mother of God" is one of the first titles given to Our Lady. We call her mother of God, because she gave birth to Jesus who is both God and man. The title Mother of God reminds us that Jesus is both divine and human. This is the perfect time to celebrate Mary as Mother of God, reminding us just after we celebrate the human birth of Jesus that Jesus is also divine.

As we reflect on Mary as the Mother of God, we remember that she is not just the mother of God but she became the spiritual mother of each of us, she is the mother of all those who follow her Jesus, and she is the mother of all humanity. We celebrate her because of her special place in the history of our salvation. She was chosen by God, and she accepted freely to take up this role of becoming the Mother of God's Son. Because of her faith and trust, she allowed Jesus, the Son of God, to enter into the World in a human form through her. St. Paul in the second reading today says that God sent his Son born of a woman. So, Jesus came as a human being, not an angel, born just like you and me to underline for us our capacity to become children of God and heirs to the kingdom of heaven. All this was made possible by Mary.

Mary didn't know all the answers especially what the future was going to be for her. In the gospel today we are told that "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." She also at another moment heard some very disturbing words from Simeon in the Temple that 'a sword would pierce her own heart'. So, Mary like us, as a woman of faith, had to trust God for whatever would happen in the future. Believing implies a journey and some deep inner searching of our hearts. Mary had to make her own journey of faith and this is why she ponders in her heart what was happening around her in the various circumstances of daily life. For us too faith is a process in which we have our ups and downs, periods of light and darkness. Mary will surely help us if we ask her as her own witness shows us how to move forward on the path to the God of our hope.

May this new year be a fruitful one for all of us especially in our growth in faith and trust of God who alone knows what is good for his people. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.F.

*Please Remember in your Prayers*

Helen Tyrrell, Mary Jane Paul, Mary Borden,  
Buddy Moore & Bob O'Keefe



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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.*

ADDRESS OF PAST PARSHIONER

Barbara Zimmerman has made it to her new home in Alabama. She is happy and healthy and it was wonderful to hear from her this past week. If you would like to send her a note, card or just to keep in touch....her new address is:

29 Cottage Circle  
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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  
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Thanks for always  
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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

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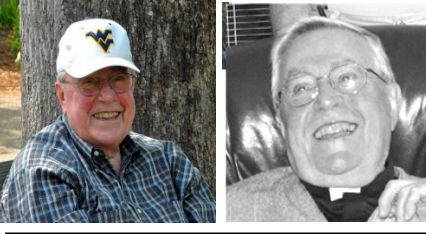

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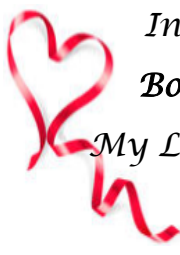
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