### The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023 Year A

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Germaine Hayes Justice & Peace: Eileen Wagner Religious Education: Eileen O'Brien Parish Life: Johnna Harris Adult Formation: John Weidner 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 Helen Linden Roseanne Moncure-Secretary Steve Kirsch Cindy Powers Kathy Swinehart Mary Sychterz John Weidner-Chair

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: All are Welcome #421

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

#### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel Acclamation**: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

Gospel: John 1:29-34 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #599

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: We Are Many Parts #587

Mediation: Here I Am Lord #395

Recessional: Stand By Me #396

#### January Birthdays

Ist-Carol McCormack, 3rd-Bob Cerullo, 5th-Lorraine Kirsch & Mike Borzelleca, 7th-Betty Johnson, 14th-Benton Miller, 16th-Christine Hayes19th-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

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Today-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22-Thrid Sunday in Ordinary Time/Pancake Breakfast January 29th-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5th-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12th-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Social Sunday February 19th-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22nd-Ash Wednesday February 26th-1st Sunday of Lent/Pancake Breakfast (NWA Dedication in 2022) March 5th-2nd Sunday of Lent <u>Community Leader</u> Debby Harriman Altar Server

Tom Dorman/Pat DeGroot

<u>Allar Server</u> Ray Kostesky

Lectors

January 15, 2023

Extraordinary Minister for <u>Holy Communion</u> Noelle Harvey/Cindy Jessee <u>Music Cantor</u> Jan Smith <u>Collection Counters</u> Tutak/Harvey

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 8, 2023

Collection:	\$	2,432
Second Collection:		
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date		66,598
Total Budget Projection:		64,868

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$840 Pastor and Rectory expense for Dec; \$212 copier and printing.

#### 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.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NEW KNITTERS/CROCHETERS!

This loving ministry makes prayer shawls to demonstrate the physical support of the parish for those experiencing illness, grief or other difficulties, and for celebrating new life. Help can be provided for those wanting to learn and participate in this ministry. Please contact Lynne Richardson 571-239-0980 for more information.

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A small group is scheduled to meet after Mass each Sunday in the "Comfort Room" (Blue room) during January and February to discuss several lessons in the Journey of Faith series. All are welcome to attend. Contact John Weidner for additional information.



#### 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

<u>SUPPORTER OF OUR FATHER</u> JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP Vera & John England Christine & Peggy Williams Kathy Kauffman Tommy & Donna Lange John & Diane Weidner	In Loving Memory of Bob and Catherine Borden Fred and Betty Meister	Ad space available
Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca Dave & Emily Filippi Frank & Terry Sisto Cynthia & Chuck Taylor Charles & Louise Hartz Jim Angell Lynne McMurtrie Terry Skovera	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 Joseph H. Nolte Jr. Forever, JoAnn	WE SALUTE THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH AND THEIR IMPORTANT JOURNEY 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

<u>CATECHUMENS</u>: 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 yard sale building.

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

#### UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH CALENDAR

This is the first installment of the series of understanding the Church calendar. Except for such widely known celebrations as Easter, Christmas and Pentecost, most lay Catholics lump all Church celebrations under the term feast or feast days.

While the terminology is not necessarily incorrect, feasts are only one of the three categories of such celebrations in the Church year; the other two are solemnities and memorials. But what's the difference? The Church has always provided the faithful people of God with externally expressed devotions, festivals and celebrations through which they may pay homage to the Creator. These holy activities are not merely random events, but follow a seasonal, regulated schedule established by the Church's liturgical calendar. The day-to-day events of the annual Church year are primarily catalogued as a solemnity, a feast or a memorial.

In the fourth century, Emperor Constantine ended the Roman persecution of all religious factions and claimed Christianity to be the state religion of the Roman Empire. As the Church and Christian faith expanded, the number of religious celebrations subsequently increased. Unfortunately, for centuries there was no centralized control over the observance of the many celebrations. Every diocese had its own calendar, therefore rituals differed, celebrations honoring the mysteries of sacred Scriptures competed with honoring a saint, feast days overlapped, and almost every Sunday liturgy was pre-empted by a special occasion. This all led to confusion and abuses that continued until the reforms of the Council of Trent (1545-1563) and the eventual development of a universal calendar.

A churchwide calendar prompted the need to effectively organize the numerous holidays in a manner applicable to every diocese. A most challenging aspect of this effort was the standardization of the rituals used during the different ceremonies and, further, the sorting out and assigning of common dates or time frames to each event. A well-organized liturgical calendar did not happen overnight, but has evolved over the past 450 years. While the methods of categorizing the various festivals have varied, the Church has been consistent in her effort to arrange the events according to importance. The birth of Jesus is considered more important than the birth of John the Baptist; the birth of the Baptist more important than the dedication of St. John Lateran church; the life of the Blessed Mother outranks that of St. Francis of Assisi; and so on. The hierarchal process used as recently as the 20th century rank, or order, Church celebrations by calling them doubles of the first class, doubles of the second class, greater doubles, lesser doubles, simples and commemorations. In 1962, they were called first class, second class, third class and commemorations. The Second Vatican Council simplified the classifications to solemnities, feasts and memorials.

#### HOLY DAY (S) OF OBLIGATION FOR 2023 (6)

On December 13, 1991 the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the USA made the following general decree concerning holy day. of obligation for Latin Rite Catholics: In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the USA, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

\*January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

\*Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the solemnity of the Ascension

\*August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary \*November 1, the solemnity of All Saints

\*December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

\*December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15th the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1st, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

It is customary to refresh our prayer lists in January each year. We do not change the "Parishioner" list, but ask that you confirm the names you placed on the "Family of Parishioners" and "Friends of Parishioners" lists by the end of January. Send us an email or drop a note in the office with the names you desire to remain. Thank you

#### (UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH CALENDAR CONTINUED) **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/Memorials/Ferial Days to follow.



#### PRAYER LIST REFRESH

#### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 'A" January 15, 2023

In this Sunday's gospel John the Baptist points to Jesus and says, "Behold the Lam b of God. This is the one who takes away the sins of the world." The expression John uses is so familiar to us, for every time that we prepare for communion, we hear the priest say, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." What does this mean and signify?

When John the Baptist said "Behold, the Lamb of God', the people would have understood that he was making an explicit link with the hundreds of lambs sacrificed for sins in the Temple and also the many more lambs sacrificed on the night of the Passover Feast. That This man Jesus, is now taking their place.

John is pointing out that Jesus is "The New Lamb", the one who is coming to free the people from their sins. That they will not need to sacrifice lambs every day in the Temple for their sins, because Jesus has come to be that Lamb which will be sacrificed. He is the one who takes away our sins in his final sacrifice on the Cross.

Therefore, we begin this Ordinary Time of the Church, right at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry but we do so with an eye on the end of the story. Because already Jesus is being proclaimed as the one who will be sacrificed for our sins. The action of John the Baptist pointing out Jesus as The Lamb of God, points to His principal task, that is, "to take away the sins of the world" which he accomplished by dying on the cross. This is the reason he has come among us, this is His true purpose, this is something in which the whole world can rejoice and be thankful.

John The Baptist when he receives this revelation and come to recognize that Iesus was the one who had come from God to save us from our sins. he immediately does the thing that he was destined to do, the one thing that for his whole life he had been preparing, he identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God. And shows Him to the World. So important is this incident that the Church explicitly refers to it every time we celebrate the Eucharist when the priest holds up the host and the chalice and says, 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.'

We have to seek that personal encounter with Jesus in our lives, because if we encounter Jesus and recognize him as our Savior, then, and only then can we show him to others. To those we meet.

This is our task; this is the role we have been given by our baptism, by becoming Christians: to make Jesus known. And we are to convey not just that he existed but precisely who He is, that he is the Son of God, that he is our Savior, that he loves us and wants us to live with him for all eternity in heaven.

Brothers and Sisters, let us become John the Baptist for our World, for the Society of today. By bringing and showing the Lamb of God Who Comes to take away our sins to all people we encounter in our daily lives. John the Baptist shows us the path to follow, he accomplishes the mission which was entrusted to him to be the instrument of Christ, the

mediator through whom the Messiah will be revealed to the people. This is our entire mission during our life on earth as a Church. To be the witnesses of Christ, Savior of humanity. So, let us not hesitate to tell all the men and women in the world that Jesus is the Lamb of God. Let us testify to our faith in the living God. John the Baptist is the model of the Church, a Church called to point out to the World that Jesus is, the Son of God who came to save us.



Verv Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.

#### Please Remember in your Prayers

Carole McPherson, Marie Suyes, Matthew Moore

#### PARISHIONERS

Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Tom & Bea Foley, Jack King, Shelley Katsuki, Steve Forte, Donna Thompson, Brendan O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Michele Meanley, 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

Lynn Messina, Bill & Lynda Fishbourne, Barbara Guerrein, Bridgie Graham-Smith, Patton family, Tony & Sandy Alter, Vicky Hogge, Ruth Heunemann, Sarah Gutierrez, 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, 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, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, Andy Hetzer.

#### FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Gary Campbell, Karen Armstrong, Jim & Inga Peddicord, Hunter Jacobs, Audrey Grimes, Reece Kain, 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, Allen Hines, 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.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass on January 22nd. The menu will b pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners. Donations accepted.

#### CHRISTMAS SEASON CLEANUP

Thanks to all who stayed after church last Sunday and help clean up from the Christmas Season. Many hands make light work.





Supporting Our Youth

Celebrate Every Life





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

Jerry McMurtrie

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## In support of our Youth Scholarship Fund

Richard and Marilyn Cox

"ANYWAY PRAYER" People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. f you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway f you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. f 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. f 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,

We Support The Youth Scholarship John & Carol McCormack





1 Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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

"Gone but not to be forgotten"



### SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S

Exhale Peace.



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



