The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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3rd Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023 Year A

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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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, and the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

PARISH COUNCIL

Steve Forte Kevin Hayes Cindy Jessee-Vice Chair 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: Led By The Spirit #126

Lord Have Mercy #913

Liturgy of the Word

Glory To God #914

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation: Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O Beauty Ever Ancient #517

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: Psalm 42: As The Deer Longs #511

Mediation: Irish Blessing #376

Recessional: This Is The Day God Gives Me #639



<u>March Birthdays</u>

Ist-David Bushey and Melissa Cabocel, 5th-Tommy Lange, & Earlyne Glen, 6th-Sinclair Cabocel, 8th-Sandi Delagrange, 10th-Sarah Wohleking, 15th-Victoria Hollingsworth, & Gloria Matthews, 20th-Gary Richardson & Alex Bushey, 21st-Peggy Williams, 24th-Barbara Hollingsworth, 30th-Michele Meanley & Joe Sychterz.

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



<u>March Anniversaries</u> 13th-Jan & Nathalie Smith, 15th-Frank & Gerri Lohr, 24th-Bill & Johnna Harris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today- March 12th-3rd Sunday of Lent (Social Sunday) March 15th-Soup & Station #3 March 19th-7th Sunday of Lent March 22nd-Soup and Station #4/Lenten Reconciliation 7pm March 26th-5th Sunday of Lent/Pancake Breakfast March 28th-Lenten Reconciliation FdS 6:30pm March 29th-Soup & Station #5 April 2nd-Palm Sunday (Passion of the Lord) 8:45am April 5th-Daily Mass 9am

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

<u>Community Leader</u>		<u>Extraordinary Minister for</u>	
John Clair	March 12, 2023	Holy Communion	
<u>Altar Server</u>		Steve Forte/Dave Marcil	
Joe Sychterz		<u>Music Cantor</u>	
<u>Lectors</u>		Marianne Krop	
John Weidner/Mary Ellen Sherwood		Collection Counters	
<u>Sacristan</u> Noellle Harvey		King/Kirsch/Angell	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from March 5, 2023

Collection:	\$	3,251
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date		85,356
Total Budget Projection:		81,200
Loan Balance:		167,277

Our second collection today is for debt reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$220 Carillon Expenses; \$829 Credit Card Charges for Kitchen Restock Items; \$146 PO Box Rental.

CARILLON REPAIR

Many parishioners have noticed the absence of Carillon music before and after Mass. Our Carillon computer failed and had to be replaced, the amplifier rebuilt and frazzled wiring replaced. It was a time-consuming task, and our thanks go out to Bob Cerullo who singularly took it on. For the past month, Bob has made many trips to Gloucester Point and communicated with the manufacturer continuously, while spending countless hours in the Sacristy setting up the system. Our deepest gratitude go out to him. *Thank you Bob.*

<u>LEGACY</u>

Adult

Faith

Formation

Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary.

Consider naming your church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

Purpo

Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to your church.

MESSAGE FROM DON TYRRELL

I just came home from bypass surgery and want to give a thank you "shout out" to everyone that prayed for me and a special thanks to the shawl club for my shawl. It has been a life saver. Surgery went well, but that doesn't make it hurt any less. I can't drive for 5 weeks, so I guess i'll see you then. Thanks Don Tyrrell

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A small group is scheduled to meet after Mass every other Sunday in the "Comfort Room" during Lent to discuss several lessons in the Journey of Faith series.

This week's lesson is L1: What is Lent?

All are welcome to attend.

Contact John Weidner for additional information.



March 12, 2023

SOURCE OF STRENGTH

For the last two Sundays, we have talked about prayer and fasting, how hunger and thirst can move us to deeper prayer.

Today, we hear that Jesus comes to Jacob's well in Samaria. He is tired and thirsty.

Throughout the Old Testament, we find stories of wells as good places to find a wife. Abraham's servant found a wife, Rebekah, for Isaac at a well (Genesis 24), Jacob met Rachel at a well (Genesis 29:1-20), and Moses met his wife Zipporah at a well (Exodus 2:15-22).

Therefore, when Saint John tells us that Jesus encountered a woman at Jacob's well, we should expect to hear something about a marriage proposal. According to Saint Augustine, the Samaritan woman stands for the Church, which is the Bride of Jesus.

When the Samaritan woman tells Jesus that she is unmarried, Jesus responds: "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband."

Bishop Robert Barron suggests we can think of the five husbands as five errant paths that the woman has taken. She has "married" herself to wealth, pleasure, honor, power, material things, etc. None of these things brings her the joy she seeks.

The point of the story is that Jesus is proposing marriage to the woman, to his Bride the Church. Only in him will the human race find happiness, peace, and the "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

In the Catechism, we find this commentary on our encounter with Christ at the well:

"If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water. Beside the well, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him. (CCC 2560)

Whoever drinks the water that Jesus gives will never thirst. The water Jesus gives becomes in us a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

In thinking about how we have sought various sources of joy in our lives, let us ask:

What "errant paths" have you followed in the past?

Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

SOUP AND STATIONS

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Quart containers for your delicious soups will be provided, and remember to label the containers according to what soup you prepare. Bread bakers are needed as well. Thank you.

ANNUAL APPEAL



In today's Gospel story, the woman at the well meets Jesus. Jesus moves her so much that she goes into the village, no longer abashed by her bad reputation, and tells everyone that she found the Messiah. Dramatic, to be sure.

Others in the town immediately began to believe in Jesus because of her. The Samaritan woman's stark transformation gave her words credibility. Soon after, the townspeople deepened their faith in Jesus by directly encountering him.

Jesus used the Samaritan woman's words to introduce a whole village to him. Our parish can spread faith in the same way through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This Lent, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help meet the mission of our Church and be a light for others through your heartfelt support. Together, we can demonstrate to our local neighborhood how wonderful He truly is. Through our actions, they will believe our word that He is alive. Jesus, lead us!

To date 16 families have donated a total \$2,523 which represents 35% of our goal.



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A Hearty Welcome to our new parishioners.

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REGULATIONS

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal



is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law done not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

SEASON OF LENT

Some facts and practices:

*Last from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday.

- *No flowers on the Altar and Musical instruments should be used only to "give necessary support to the singing " The exception is the 4th Sunday of Lent and on solemnities and feasts.
- *No Gloria is sung. *Marriages and Baptisms may take place. *Holy water remains available to the faithful.
- *On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, The Eucharist is only distributed during the Liturgy, but may be brought to the sick at any convenient hour.
- Funeral Masses are not permitted on Holy Thursday and during the Paschal Triduum.

JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The above mentioned scholarship fund is soliciting applications in March for parishioners and their dependents. The three top priorities for monetary distributions from the fund are: Graduating High School

Seniors, College Students, and Graduate Level Education. The Deadline for submitting an application is mid-March. If you are interested in applying, you can do so by visiting our website https://church-of-the-visitation.org/

> Located under-Documents and Forms > Father John Boddie Scholarship application.



LEGACY EVENT

After Mass today, we will gather at the Legacy Tree for a short ceremony before proceeding into the fellowship hall for Social Sunday.







The Third Sunday of Lent

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The First Reading and the Gospel on this Sunday are about water. The living water! What is this living water? Put simply we could describe this living water as the love of God. The Love of God by which he freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, the same love Jesus shares with us, by dying for us on the cross.

The Love the chosen people of God forgot and begun to complain to Moses.

The first reading for today's Mass, from the Book of Exodus, presents us with the people of Israel in the desert, after crossing the Red Sea, they are on their journey towards the Promised Land.

God had worked miracles and wonders through Moses to save them from being slaves in Egypt, and now they are free! But we hear from the reading that they were sad, depressed, complaining to Moses, they even preferred going back to Egypt! Why? Because they had no Water. That physical need of water made them forget all the love of God who rescued them from the situation of being slaves.

What these people are doing is not strange at all, it is how we human beings behave. An instant of suffering, or when we face some moments of difficulties, and hardship, we just start complaining, we do not remember all the good things, we only see problems, and despair, we think that we will not make it, we lose hope.

We all have our Promised Land. We have dreams of what we want to be or what we want to achieve in life, and that means always looking to the future with hope. The condition in which you find yourself now doesn't have to be the situation in which you'll find yourself in the future. God still has His power and with that power, your life can change. The people of Israel started complaining because they forgot the fact that the God who brought them out of Egypt is still the same.

Today's Gospel encounter is captivating. Tired on his journey, Jesus sits down next to Jacob's Well. Soon a woman arrives to draw water. She belongs to a semi-pagan people, despised by the Jews. Jesus begins a dialogue with her, even though he doe not know her. Jesus does not look down on anyone, he invites all to have a relationship with him. He treats all with deep tenderness. "Woman, give me something to drink". The woman stops and she is shocked for how can he be in contact and talking with a Samaritan? Why does he lower himself to speak with an unknown woman? Jesus' words surprise her all the more: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me something to drink', you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water'. What about us? We too have to go to the well everyday with our jar because we live in the world full of trials and temptations. But Jesus makes the same offer to us as he did to the woman at the well. He gives us the living water. Each of us has the

choice to draw water from the wells this world offers or to accept the living water that Jesus offers us. If we don't receive this living water from Jesus every day, we will look for satisfaction in ways that will never please us. anything that is not from the love of God, will not bringing you real and lasting happiness. Jesus is inviting us to drink the living water he offers, which will become 'a spring of water welling up to eternal life'.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Catherine Wqlsh, William LeCompte, Kathleen Anspach, and Jim Dorman

PARISHIONERS

Don Tyrrell, David Rector, Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Tom & Bea Foley, Jack & Laurie King, Shelley Katsuki, Steve Forte, Donna Thompson, Brendan O'Brien, Spike & Becky Nunn, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Michele Meanley, Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bill & Linda Gray & Pat Reamy, Lynn Vajda.

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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

VISITATION SINGERS ARE BACK!

Anyone who would like to join us to sing at the two nursing homes in Middlesex, please come to church at 9:30am on March

13th. We sing once a month and sing seasonal music. This month is St. Patrick's day music. Come join the fun!

SOCIAL SUNDAY

Today is Social Sunday, please stay after and enjoy some snacks and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MARY'S CHOICE RVA

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent baby bottle campaign for Mary's Choice RVA. We raised \$1149.00 and 100% of your donations go to support the mothers choosing life for their babies.

The maternity home is most grateful for your generosity!

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Do you want to deepen your prayer life, better understand your Catholic faith or read the news from a Catholic perspective? We've compiled a list of resources that will help you do just that. Please click on the link to digitally access this list or pick up a paper copy in the narthex.





Loving Memory Alma and Fritz Sitterding



Supporting Our Youth



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

Jerry McMurtrie



In support of our Youth Scholarship Fund

Richard and Marilyn Cox

SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "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. 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,

We Support The Youth Scholarship John & Carol McCormack



Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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

"Gone but not to be forgotten"



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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





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