

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023  
Year A

### 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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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 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  
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### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You #555

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-47

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel Acclamation: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Lord Is My Hope #469

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: Eat This Bread #325

Mediation: Turn To Me #660

Recessional: The King Of Love My Shepherd Is #468



### May Birthdays

1st-Pat DeGroot, 2nd-Cynthia Taylor, 3rd-Scott Kauffman,  
6th-Camdyn Putney & Matt Sherwood, 8th-Donna Lange, 9th-Denise  
Miller, 10th-Terry Skovera, 13th-Mike Harvey, 14th-Nick Wohleking, 15th-Niki  
Ambrose, 17th-Lee Hollingsworth, 18th-Grace Puleo, & Don Delagrange,  
22nd-Spike Nunn, 24th-Jennifer Miller 27th-Lynne Richardson,  
28th-Tim Wohleking, 29th-Charlie Hock,

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



### May Anniversaries

11th-Bob & Maura Puleo, 16th-Tony & Annamarie Bonanno

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-4th Sunday of Easter  
May 3rd-Bible Study 9:30am  
May 4th-Adoration 9:30am  
May 4th-Office closed-there will be daily Mass  
May 7th-5th Sunday of Easter  
May 8th-Visitation Singers  
May 10th-Bible Study 9:30am  
May 11th-Parish Council-3pm  
May 14th-6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day/Baptism/Social Sunday



### Community Leader

Kevin Hayes

Altar Server

Baylen Miller

Lectors

Mary Ellen Sherwood/Tom Dorman

Sacristan Sandi Delagrange

### Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

D. Harriman/B. Smith

Music Cantor

Frank Lohr

Collection Counters

Harriman/Hock

April 30, 2023

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 23, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,314

Second Collection

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 104,534

Total Budget Projection: \$ 98,942

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$204 Monthly phone bill.

### LEGACY

There are so many legacies from which we draw. Parents oftentimes leave us with a powerful set of values and a strong legacy of service and acceptance of others. Even our faith creates in us a legacy of strong biblical knowledge and curiosity and humility.



Potential  
Promise & Purpose

As we focus on all the blessings left us by others, by our church and by our life experiences, we must ask ourselves: What legacy will I leave?

Hopefully this legacy will include the hope of a strong faith, the enduring power of nonjudgmental love, and perhaps even the desire to make a difference in the world.

### 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.*



### SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A Spring Adult Bible Study of The Gospel According to Matthew began on Wednesday, April 19. The study is

nine lessons, so it will run through June 14.

We are planning to meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30. We are also planning to repeat each lesson on Sunday after Mass with a smaller group.

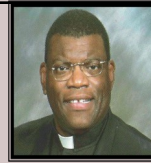
Contact John Weidner at jaweidner1@verizon.net or 240.780.1872 if you would like to join our study groups or if you would like additional information.

SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

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John & Diane Weidner  
Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca  
Dave & Emily Filippi  
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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*

In memory of  
*Mollie McMurtrie*  
my long time friend.  
I will miss you.  
*JoAnn Nolte*

In loving memory of  
*Joseph H. Nolte Jr.*



Forever,  
*JoAnn*

SUNDAY'S SOCIAL WELCOME

We are truly pleased two Sunday's ago at our turnout of new parishioners for their recognition. How Blessed we are for your presence and the many others who contributed goodies to share with fellow parishioners. Our thanks go out specifically to Lynne Richardson who spearheaded the event, Johnna Harris for her social expertise, Lynne Dreelin who assisted in both areas, and Kathy Swinehart, our EMCEE. To add to the pleasantry and success that occurred last Sunday, we were honored to receive the following email on Monday morning.

Good morning,

I visited your church on 4/16/23 while camping at Grey's Point. Being a cradle Catholic I wanted to write and say how impressed I was with the welcome I received. I have attended mass in many different parishes in my life and have never received a warmer welcome. To be honest I think more people greeted and spoke with me then do at my home parish where I know them. It was truly a wonderful experience. Thank you and God Bless. *Martha*

FEEDBACK REQUESTED



In late January, Father Gerry introduced the concept of short "take home lessons" presented at the end of Mass, with an extended version printed in the bulletin, to help us expand our Adult Faith Formation effort. The lessons usually end with a question to take home, something to think about.

While most of these lessons have been related to the scripture readings for that Sunday's Mass, a few have dealt with significant feasts in the week ahead, such as the Conversion of Paul, The Presentation, and the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.

Going forward, we hope that some of the presentations will help us deal with observed, specific shortfalls that many of us have in our understanding of our faith.

To make these lessons even more worthwhile, we need your input and feedback. Are they too long? Not long enough? Not relevant? Too simple?

Most importantly, if you have a specific topic that you would like to see addressed in these presentations, please let us know. You can give feedback directly to John Weidner or Father Gerry, or you can always send an email to the church office.

*Thank you*

Take Home Lesson

April 30, 2023

Called to be shepherds

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus opened up the Scriptures for the two wayward disciples on the way to Emmaus and how they return like lost sheep to the flock in Jerusalem.

In this Sunday's Gospel of the Good Shepherd, we hear that the shepherd calls his own sheep by name; he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:3-4)

The Catechism explains that the word "Church" means a convocation or assembly. It comes from the Latin ecclesia which means "an assembly of those summoned." In the Church, God is "calling together" his people from all the ends of the earth. "The Church" is the People that God gathers in the whole world. (CCC 751, 752)

The first image presented in the Catechism in the section entitled "Symbols of the Church" comes from today's Gospel:

"The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep." (CCC 754)

One instance of how God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd is found in Chapter 34 of Ezekiel, which includes a warning to bad shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not the shepherds pasture the flock?" (Ezek 34:2)

These self-centered, selfish shepherds are contrasted with how God shepherds His People. "For thus says the Lord God: Look! I myself will search for my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of the dark clouds. I will gather them from the lands. In good pastures I will pasture them. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal." (Ezek 34:11-16)

In thinking about how we ought to follow the examples of the divine shepherd in Ezekiel and of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, let us ask ourselves:

How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

What will you do this week to show you love those around you?



Our new parishioners from 2020 to 2023.

PARISH MINISRIES

Are you looking to get more involved at COV?  
Look no further, we have many opportunities for you!

*Lectors, Community Leaders, Music, Cantors, Collection Counters, Parish Life, Shawl Ministry, Right To Life, Altar Server, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Religious Education-Adult & Children, Bible Study, Ground Upkeep, Prison Ministry and Pastoral Care-just to name a few.*

Many hands make light work...  
as the saying goes.

Call the office or head contact  
person for more information.

The ministry list is located on the  
bulletin board in the Narthex.



*We want you on  
our team.*

"FLAT TONE" EVENT

Please join parishioners Michele Meanley, Gloria Mathews & Donna Lange, members of the "Flat Tones", at their performance Saturday, April 26th from 6-8pm at the Maritime Museum in Deltaville. This is the first of the Grooving in the park series. outdoor casual setting!

Many of you saw the band at the KOC St. Patrick's Day dance at COV. They are oldies playing oldies and guarantee a shout out to COV fans. Please see the admin bulletin board in the Narthex for additional information.



Eucharistic Adoration will take place the first  
Thursday of every month.

May 4, 2023 from 9:30am-10:30am.

The 4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

“Good Shepherd Sunday”

Traditionally this Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Today’s gospel considers the relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the sheep he cares for and protects. The imagery is old, but the message is always new. It is relevant to us and to the vibrancy and viability of our faith. Our relationship with Jesus is a deeply personal one, but it is a force in our life that we are invited to share with others.

In order to be real disciples, we need to listen to Jesus our Shepherd, and follow him. We attune our minds to the sound of his voice and let him lead us in the path he has shown. We are in good hands, since God has entrusted us to his Son, our shepherd and savior.

Sometimes it may cost a great amount if we try to listen and follow Jesus’ voice. Because in our world today there are many voices calling out to be heard. Either on television or radio, by advertising, on the Internet, pressure from well-meaning friends, peer pressure etc. But in all this, there is also the voice of God calling us. It is up to us, which voices will we listen to? ‘the sheep hear the voice of their shepherd’, says Jesus. It is a relationship we have with Jesus that will make us hear his voice.

Jesus continues to say in the gospel that the sheep that belong to him recognize his voice. They follow their shepherd. So, in belonging to Jesus, he belongs to us and we know from experience that our belonging to him means that he does all he can to care and love us if we follow him. Very often we don’t. We stray away and follow other voices. Yet he keeps inviting us back to the true path that alone gives real peace and joy. This is the Good News.

He says also in this gospel: ‘I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly’. This doesn’t just mean life after death. Rather it involves the beginning of eternal life now, that is, a quality of life which gives peace, freedom, joy. It is especially about our relationship with God which begins here and continues into eternity.

In spite of our weaknesses Jesus gives us the great promise that as his brothers and sisters no one can steal us from him because the Father who is greater than anyone will not allow this. Like any true shepherd Jesus will stop at nothing to love and care for us. He does this especially through the friends and other disciples he gives us to care for us now.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church asks us to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps the need to do this has never been greater. We need priests, deacons, and religious people whose hearts are in it, who are truly good shepherds to the people God has entrusted to them. I feel that I am particularly blessed by God because I really enjoy being a priest and love all the people God has given serve and to share my faith with.

We are also called today to reflect on our own vocations as good shepherd in whatever life God called in. Parents are asked to be shepherds of the family God has given them. It is the same for teachers, doctors, civil leaders, lawyers, etc. All of us, our primary concern should be to care for and help others to a better quality of life. Whatever we do must be for the good of others not centered on us only. That is the meaning of a good shepherd.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V. F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Frank Koehler, Lee Reamy & Jim 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 outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.



ANNUAL APPEAL

Our participation in the Appeal to date is encouraging, 41 families have donated \$12,768 which represents 178% of our goal. We continue to hope and pray that our participation will exceed 50 families and reach 200% of goal, last year’s achievement.

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus gave us the comforting news that we can securely follow his voice. In today’s Gospel, he explains where he’s taking us: “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places” (John 14:2).

What security to know that the good shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since he’s already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve his kingdom first.

Even more exciting is that he gave us power in his service: “Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these” (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out his works here. Please give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through it, we can do His works!

He gave us the power to draw souls into his eternal family through Baptism. He gave us the ability to offer forgiveness through Confession. He gave us the power to fill souls with peace, warmth, and strength through the Eucharist.

Please help us continue to accomplish these works by supporting our Annual Appeal. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will thank you in this life or the next. Let’s get to work!



In Loving Memory Of Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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

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In Loving Memory of “Vinnie Recupido” Barbara Hollingsworth



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

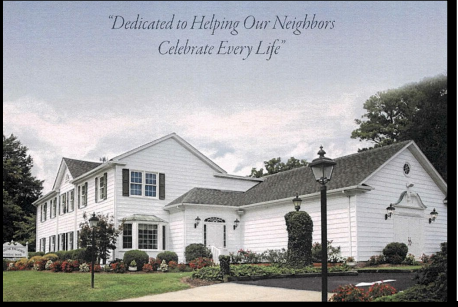
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Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

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. 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 “Vincent Recupido” Dolores




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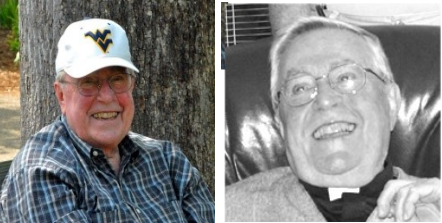
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and  
Thomas R. Shepherd III**



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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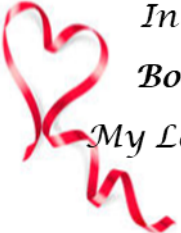
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"Say not in grief 'he is no more'  
but in thankfulness that he was".




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1st Secretary of COV  
Volunteer

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Bob Hartman  
My Love of My Life



Jenny

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