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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 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
119 Club Drive
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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the RCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

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Justice & Peace
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Parish Life: Johnna Harris
RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing With All The Saints In Glory #595

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Sing of Mary #697

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: Peace Is Flowing Like A River #541

Mediation: On This Day O Beautiful Mother #702

Recessional: Let There Be Peace On Earth #533



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, 18th-Grace Puleo & Don Delagrang, 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, 12th-Tom and Mary Foley- (50th)
16th-Tony & Annamarie Bonanno

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day/Baptism/Social Sunday
May 17th-Bible Study 9:30am
May 21st-The Ascension of the Lord
May 24th-Bible Study 9:30am
May 28th-Penecost Sunday/Pancake Breakfast
May 31st-Bible Study 9:30am
June 1st-Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am
June 1st-COV was named a Parish in 1983
June 4th-The Most Holy Trinity
June 7th-Bible Study 9:30am
June 11th-The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)



Community Leader

Bill Puttmann

Altar Server

Ray Kostaskey

Lectors

Becky Nunn/Tom Shoemaker

Sacristan Noelle Harvey

Extraordinary Minister for

Holy Communion

Tom Dorman/Eileen O'Brien

Music Cantor

TBA

Collection Counters

King/Kirsch/Angell

May 14, 2023

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from May 7, 2023

Collection:	\$ 3,155
Second Collection Debt Reduction	\$ 498
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 109,311
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 103,878
Loan Amount	\$ 164,894

Our second collection today is for Diocesan Home Missions.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$110 Easter Palms.

LEGACY

Have you ever heard that "wills are for rich people?" That's right! But they are also "for poor people" and for everyone in between. Your will relates to everything God has entrusted with you, and it can be a powerful statement of your Christian stewardship.



Potential
Promise & Purpose

Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything and who cares about what happens to it, everyone who cares about their family, and everyone who wants to include their church's future in their estate planning needs a will.

When was the last time your will had a check-up?
Does it express your desires? Does it include your church which means so much to you?

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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass on May 28th. The menu will be *pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.*

Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.

Donations accepted.

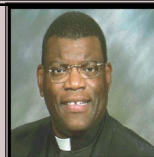


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- Tommy & Donna Lange
- John & Diane Weidner
- Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca
- Dave & Emily Filippi
- Frank & Terry Sisto
- Cynthia & Chuck Taylor
- Charles & Louise Hartz
- Jim Angell
- Lynne McMurtrie
- Terry Skovera
- Don Tyrrell
- Joe Sychterz
- Don & Barbara Ross
- Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
- Richard & Mary Sue Dougherty

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*

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

Take Home Lesson for Sunday

May 14, 2023

The Strength of Faith

In last Sunday's Take Home Lesson, we heard how Jesus assured his followers that even though he was leaving them, they could always call on him when their need was greatest:

"I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:12-14)

Jesus is thus the first advocate, in the sense of an intercessor in heaven.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus continues to reassure his friends at supper on the evening before his death.

Jesus said, "And I will ask the father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

And then, Jesus said, "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you." (John 14:26)

The Greek term for Advocate is Paraclete, which derives from legal terminology for a defense attorney and can mean spokesman, mediator, intercessor, comforter, and consoler. No one of these terms covers the full meaning in John's Gospel.

Jesus is speaking of an Advocate who is a teacher, a witness to Jesus, and a prosecutor of the world, who represents the continued presence on earth of Jesus who has returned to the Father.

Saint Paul writes, "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." (Rom 5:5)

From the Catechism, we hear about the One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son:

When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. To be sure, it is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals him. (CCC 689)

*In Luke's Gospel, the two disciples at Emmaus gained wisdom and strength
from their encounter with the Risen Jesus:*

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us
on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)*

*The Holy Spirit, in our hearts, gives us inner wisdom and strength.
When have you experienced this?*

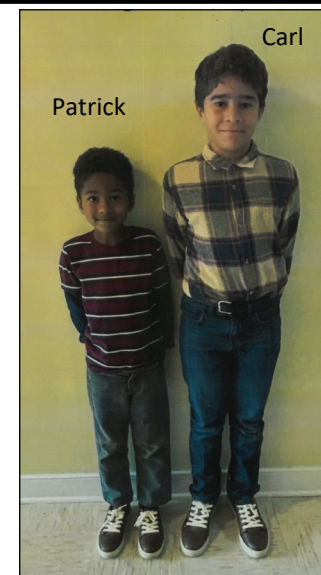
The Church of the Visitation is
proud to announce the Baptism of

Carl Louis Ambrose &
Patrick Leonard Ambrose



On this day, May 14th
Carl and Patrick
will be Baptized
in the name of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

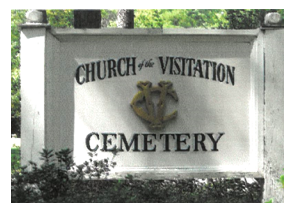
The Godfather is Gary Ambrose
Mother is Nicole Ambrose



Patrick

Carl

CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT



We recently expanded the cemetery by 32 2'x4' plots: they can only be used for Cremains. The fee for assignment of burial rights in these plots is \$400. These burial plots are in the open space directly opposite the stone plaza on both sides.

The 4'x10' plots are the burial plots throughout the cemetery. The fee for assignment of burial rights in these plots is \$700.

Only one caskets may be interred in a single burial plot; two sets of Cremains from one family may be interred in a single plot. "A child's Cremains may be included with parents." *Ed Harriman*

PARISH SHARING ANNOUNCEMENT

We received the following letter this week concerning support for the Diocesan Catholic Schools.

Dear Father Kaggwa,

Thank you so much for your support of our Catholic schools through the Parish Sharing Assessment. As a result of this program during fiscal year 2023 we are able to provide our Catholic schools with over \$2 million in subsidy support and have provided families attending Catholic schools with approximately \$2.2 million in tuition assistance support. This year 3,830 students applied for tuition assistance and the aggregate need was \$18.2 million. Additionally, the Capital Needs Matching Grant Fund, which is funded by the Parish Sharing Assessment, has awarded over \$5.4 million to Catholic Schools as matching grants to fund a portion of projects approved by the Facility Committee of the Diocesan School Board and the Building and Renovation Commission. Each location's assessment is calculated using average taxable receipts adjusted to exclude legacy income and uses rates assigned to each parish based on access to and geographical location from Catholic elementary and high schools. Your assessment amounts for the next two upcoming fiscal years are listed below.

Annual Assessment Monthly Assessment

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Assessment: \$2,300 \$192 monthly

Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Assessment: \$3,274 \$273 monthly

SOCIAL SUNDAY



Today is Social Sunday and we invite you to stay after Mass and celebrate the Baptized pair of brothers, Patrick and Carl. If you are able, we ask you to bring a dish to share.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Saturday two weeks ago we celebrated a Children's Mass with the goal of teaching portions of the Mass and getting our children to participate in all the key roles. It was a major success that uncovered some talented children capable of mature participation in the Mass.

We are proud of them.



Since Easter Sunday, our readings, especially the first reading which is always from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, have been focusing on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News, and how the first communities of believers were formed. Now as we approach the celebration of Ascension and Pentecost the focus is on the promises of Jesus to his disciples, especially his promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Today's readings explain who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives.

The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped Philip to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers. It also explains how the baptized Samaritans received a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands by the apostles Peter and John.

The Samaritans were also looking for the Messiah, but they knew that the Messiah would come through the Jews. This meant that they had no chance of being considered as part of those people the Messiah came for. Because as difficult as it was for the Jews to accept the idea that salvation would be available for the gentiles, the thought that salvation would be offered to the Samaritans was not even considered a remote possibility.

But then Philip arrived in Samaria. He spoke about the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. The Samaritans were open to faith in the Gospel. Through Philip they witnessed the signs of the Messiah being worked right there among them. Cripples walked. Demons came out of people. Everything that the prophets wrote about was taking place not just among the Jewish Christians, but right there among the Samaritans. They accepted Jesus with joy. They were no longer rejects, but one with the people of the New Life of the Risen Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel Has two major points: the condition of those who love Jesus: they keep his Commandments, and the gift Jesus will ask the Father to send, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will live in those who obey His commandments, especially the commandment of love. Thus, Jesus will continue to live in his believers with the indwelling Father and Holy Spirit, so that we will not be left as orphans. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you". The risen Jesus' continued presence in us and in the Church through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in his Name. As our Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will instruct us in all that Jesus taught us and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. In addition, the Holy Spirit will enable us to defend our Faith powerfully as Peter tells us in the second reading and will guide us properly in our practice of true Christian love. Thus, we will be able to recognize Jesus in the in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, and so to become agents of healing and reconciliation in our broken and divided world.

But to achieve all these we need to be open to the Holy Spirit and let him help us see the truth about ourselves by allowing him to point out the obstacles which hinder us from growing in our faith, our love of the Lord and our neighbor. The Holy Spirit also comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions. But because he is our Advocate, he will guide us to the true meaning of faith and how to practice it.



Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa V. F.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Lee Hollingsworth, Larry Gullickson, Tony Meushaw, Lois Gentry & John Harlow



PARISHIONERS

The Hollingsworth & Recupido family, Sal Messina, Ralph Linden, 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 outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.



ANNUAL APPEAL

Our participation in the Appeal to date is encouraging. 43 families have donated \$13,018 which represents 181% 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.



A Hearty Welcome to our new Parishioners Dave and Barb

David & Barbara Morrison
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Deltaville, VA 23043
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davidmorrisonpgkpf@gmail.com
Barb: 540-661-6064
barbaramorrisUSMC@gmail.com



REGRETS

A graveside service was held last Tuesday for our beloved parishioner Lee Hollingsworth who perished in a car accident a week earlier. Our prayers continue for his wife Barbara, daughter Tori, and other family members.



In Loving Memory Of Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren
Your Family
Arlene,
L.C., Faye,
Caitlyn & Courtney

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of "Vinnie Recupido" Barbara Hollingsworth



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

Jerry McMurtrie



Bill MacLean

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For the love and blessings of Christ given through vocations.

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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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!



Emily & Anna

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the best interest."
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Tom & Cindy Jessee

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youth at Church of the
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Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

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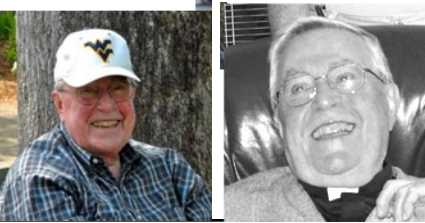
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Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
Thomas R. Shepherd III**

In Loving Memory of
Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

WE SALUTE
THE YOUTH OF OUR
CHURCH AND THEIR
IMPORTANT JOURNEY

Carmen & Joe Brinkley

Eileen N. Wagner



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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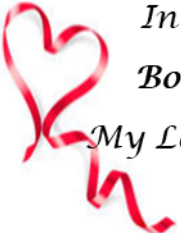
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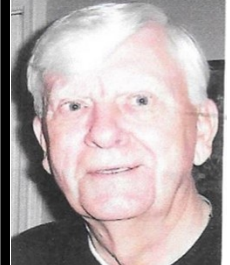
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"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in
thankfulness that he was".

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John & Kevin Walsh

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Memory of
Morgan
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Forever,
Marianne

In Loving Memory

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