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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 June 11, 2023
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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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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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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Beautiful Savior #196

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people; the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: The Kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Summons #387

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: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place #682

Mediation: On Eagle's Wings #440

Recessional: Faith Of Our Father's #515



June Birthdays

1st-Fritz Sitterding, 2nd-Walter Donovan, 7th-Michelle Puttmann,
 13th-Charles Hartz, 14th-Johnna Harris & Marge Dembeck, 16th-Tom
 Foley, 17th-Arlene Warren, 21st-Marla Bury, 24th-Gerri Lohr, 25th-Zaida
 Wohleking, 27th-Sharon Hawksworth & Carl Ambrose, 28th-Baylen Miller.

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



June Anniversaries

1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Gary & Lynne Richardson,
 21st-Dave & Emily Filippi & Scott & Kathy Kauffman, 25th-Ray &
 Jean Kostaskey, 27-Don & Sandi Delagrange, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR!

Today-11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25th-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (No pancake breakfast)

Farewell reception for Fr. Gerry from 4-6pm

June 29th-Parish Council Meeting 9:30am

July 1st-COV named a parish in 1983

"A Hearty Welcome to Father Koo" 1st Mass @COV

July 2nd-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Father Koo/Fr. Johnny"

July 6th-Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-10:30am

July 9th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Community Leader

John McCormack

Altar Server

Baylen Miller

Lectors

Lynne Dreelin/John Weidner

Sacristan Sandi Delagrange

Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: Tom & Mary Dorman

Cup: G. Richardson/K. Donovan/D. Harriman

Music Cantor

Frank Lohr

Collection Counters

Tutak/Harvey

June 18, 2023

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 11, 2023

Collection:	\$ 3,033
Second Collection:	
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 121,984
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 117,168
Loan Balance	\$ 159,104

Our second collection today is for the Catholic Virginian.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
 \$348 May Electricity; \$1,510 Diocesan Assessments;
 \$138 Parish Life Expenses.

LEGACY

By creating a legal will or living trust, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won't face the daunting task of making decisions that you could have made.

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

July 6, 2023 from 9:30am-10:30am.

You can come in any time during this hour and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Koo will give the Benediction at 10:30am.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Because we scheduled a farewell reception for Father on June 25th we will not be having our regular scheduled pancake breakfast.

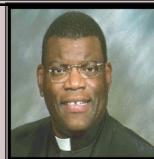


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FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

June 18, 2023

The Compassion of Jesus

Scripture scholar Stephen Wilbricht comments that today's Gospel of the sending out of the apostles is motivated by Jesus discovering that the people in the countryside are in desperate need of spiritual leadership. Matthew states quite clearly that Jesus "was moved with pity" for the people because they were "like sheep without a shepherd."

Jesus gives the apostles authority over unclean spirits and sends them out to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" with these instructions:

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." (Matthew 10:7-8)

Jesus instructs his apostles to minister without charge so that the poor are not excluded. This also allows the apostles to proclaim the Gospel with integrity, since the message cannot be modified and sold to the comfortable and well off.

In the work of this first sending is limited to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," it is only the beginning of the work of the kingdom. This work of ministering to "lost sheep" is still going on today as we take up the Christian mission and give in abundance without expecting to be repaid.

Bishop Robert Barron comments that one enters into a "loop of grace" when one is giving away that which one is receiving.

"The constant command of the Bible is this: what you have received as a gift, give as a gift - and you will find the original gift multiplied and enhanced. God's grace, precisely because it is grace, cannot be held on to; rather, it is had only in the measure that it remains grace - that is to say, a gift given away." (Eucharist, p.30)

This cycle of giving is central to what the Catechism teaches about Love For The Poor:

God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay." It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is a sign of Christ's presence. (CCC 2443)

In thinking of the many ways that we have been blessed by God and have received more than those who are less fortunate, whether they are lacking material things or are lacking in spiritual well being, let us ask:

What responsibility do you have to the less fortunate, and how actively are you meeting it?

ORDINARY TIME

We have now re-entered the period of the Liturgical Year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Because of the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast is green. Green vestments of the priest and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.



YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



The "Y" has asked us to publicize their annual Bright Beginnings program which ensures that Middlesex children in need have the necessary clothes, shoes, and school supplies for next school year.

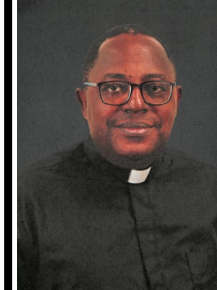
We will make a donation, but you may want to as well. You can sponsor a child for \$200, collect school supplies and shop them off at the "Y", and/or become a shopping buddy and partner with a child to shop on Thursday August 10th at the Williamsburg Target. For more information see the admin bulletin board in the Narthex.

MARGE SAYS "THANKS"

Marge Dembeck sent her fondest thanks to us this week for sharing her 99th Birthday with her last Sunday and celebrating with a birthday cake at Social Sunday.



FR. JOHNNY MINTAH MENSAH



The following information was received from the Diocese last week about our new pastor: Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah is a priest from the Archdiocese of Accra, Ghana where he's been a priest for 28 years. Fr. Johnny came to the Diocese of Richmond last year and has served as Parochial Vicar of Saint Catherine of Siena, Clarksville, Saint Paschal Baylon, South Boston, and Good Shepherd, South Hill.

Fr. Johnny holds a master's degree and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Ghana. He was on the faculty of two seminaries in Ghana and he is experienced in pastoral ministry and vocation formation. Additionally, Fr. Johnny has served as Dean of the Kaneshie Deanery, he was a member of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests as well as a Chaplain for Accra West Grand, Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of St. John International.

Fr. Johnny is known as a wonderful and very gifted person with a great personality who engages with people very well. His hobbies include reading and listening to music.

We are very happy to welcome Fr. Johnny to the Church of the Visitation!

FATHER JOHNNY'S VISIT

Despite caring for three parishes while the Senior Priest is gone, Father Johnny slipped away for a quick visit Thursday a week ago, showing up to co-celebrate Daily Mass with Father Gerry. He toured our facility, met briefly with our office staff, visited the rectory (beautiful, he said) and toured FdS before returning here for a quick lunch.

What did we learn? He's a gregarious and humorous person; he can be called Father Koo (pronounced Ko), a Ghanian name given to him at birth; looking forward to coming here; similar in appearance and stature to Father Gerry; speaks English understandably.

To help his transition, when he arrives here, we will prepare a briefing schedule for all ministries and councils to familiarize him with their functions and operations. We will publish it when a firm arrival date is established.

DAILY CHAPEL NAMING

Last week Father Gerry named the Daily Mass Chapel "Jack Petralia Daily Chapel." He did so to recognize the countless contributions Jack made to the church from the moment he joined the church with wife Louise in 1995 until his death in 2022.

His contributions to the parish truly embodied the three "T's" Time, Talent and Treasure. He gave his time to many projects, secular and non-secular; he gave his talent to planning and repairing things; and he gave his treasure to support the church in its financial endeavors. He was a daily Mass attendee, doing the readings, so it is only fitting and appropriate that the Daily Mass Chapel be named after him. Bless you Jack.



In the Scripture readings for this Sunday, the first reading present the People of Israel encamped before Mount Sinai. God tells Moses, "Remind the people of my care for them, how I defeated the Egyptians and brought you here to myself. Paul in the second reading reminds the Romans of God's special care for his people when he tells them and us that Jesus died for us, so that we, who were sinners, might be reconciled with God. Jesus, the just man died not just for good people, but even and especially for sinner. The Gospel reading presents the Lord filled with grief when he saw how much the crowds need him and how he needed many people to continue his work. Jesus then begins the Apostolic Church. He calls the Twelve apostles to carry his presence to the world. And we know that the work of evangelizing is for everyone, all the baptized, without exemption we are all preachers and carriers of the Good News.

Today we are called upon to present Jesus to the World. Jesus continues to be active in our lives through the Bible and the Sacraments. In addition, the Lord God gives us the Holy Spirit, the One Who teaches us, and reminds us of all that Jesus has said to us. We are invited to become one with Jesus, and to let the Holy Spirit work through us. We are asked to perform the works of Jesus, and through these works to reveal the power and character of God to the world. If we accept this invitation and live it out wholeheartedly, with God's grace people will see the face of Jesus in us, his followers.

We are invited to be healers in the world. People are sick in body, soul, and as well as mind. As Christians sharing Jesus' mission, we can bring healing and wholeness to people with whom we come into contact. Although we cannot raise the dead, we can help people to recover interest and a zest for living. People can be physically alive but dead in many other respects. "Cleansing the lepers" means rehabilitating and bringing back fully into our communities all those who, for one reason or another, are marginalized, rejected, despised, and ostracized on the basis of race, nationality, marital status, religion, or gender. We have to help casting out from our people the demons who possess them, first by getting ourselves liberated and then helping others to get liberated from their evil ways and addictions.

Jesus says in the Gospel, "As you go, make this proclamation: The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons". In so many ways the Church through her ministers and all the baptized continue to carry out this mission of proclaiming the Kingdom of God and healing.

The apostles worked many miracles. In our days miracles may not be as frequent or as evident but the power is there in the Church. Every Christian is called upon to be an influence for good in society. The presence of the kingdom is announced, Christ's mission is continued and extended when we bring the compassion of Jesus into the lives of others. Through our ordinary daily contact with people, especially with the lonely and rejects, we can and ought to be instruments of acceptance, reconciliation, and healing. We don't have to go on foreign missions in order to do that. For most Christians the home, the parish, the workplace are the mission territories where we have to spread the Gospel message as best we can.



Very Reverend Gerry Kagwa V. F.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

Please Remember in your Prayers



Bernie Bernhardt, Rollin Cowles, & Mike Lockie

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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.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER GERRY

We have scheduled a farewell reception for Father Gerry for Sunday afternoon June 25th from 4-6pm.

It will be our last opportunity to say "Good-bye" and shed tears.

In response to questions we have received about a parting gift and since Father may have undetermined needs, we believe a cash gift would benefit him most. If you agree and desire to give him a gift, you can drop it off at the church or give it to Ray or Andrea at church. A note of sentiment is just as appropriate, and we are certain that he would appreciate that as well.



FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Committee met this week to finalize plans for the solicitation of donation for this coming fiscal year. We plan to hand out donation request letters to parishioners at Mass shortly and solicit by mail all other potential donors. Be on the lookout for the solicitation request.



In Loving Memory Of Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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In Loving Memory of "Vinnie Recupido" Barbara Hollingsworth



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Jerry McMurtrie



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For the love and blessings of Christ given through vocations. Thank You Lord Art & Carol Smith

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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 "Vincent Recupido" Dolores



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

In Loving Memory of
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CHURCH AND THEIR
IMPORTANT JOURNEY

Carmen & Joe Brinkley



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Lavonne Pearce
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My Love of My Life
Jenny



In loving
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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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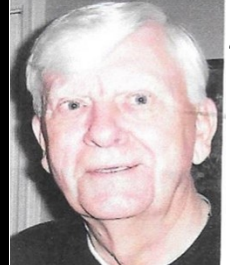


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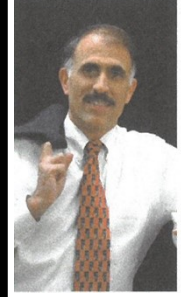
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