

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 July 23, 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

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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.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Germaine Hayes  
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 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: Gather The People #301

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Unless a Grain of Wheat \$504

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: Christ Before Us #412

Mediation: Shelter Me

Recessional: Blest Be The Lord #447



### July Birthdays

1st-Kim Rector & Yvelisse Cabocel, 2nd-Kathy Kauffman, 4th-Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus, 9th-John Charbeneau, 11th-Brendan O'Brien & John Clair, 12th-Annamarie Boanno, 13th-Bill Plunkert, 15th-John Weidner, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina, 20th-Betty Hodge & Andrew Bury, 21st-Kathy Swinehart, 24th-Laurie Mears, 27th-Jo Brown & Ingrid Borden, 29th-Chris Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris.

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



### July Anniversaries

7th-Bill & Georgia Campbell, 16th-Tom & Bea Foley.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 July 30th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 August 3rd-Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30am  
 August 6th-The Transfiguration of the Lord  
 August 13th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 August 14th-Visitation Singers  
 August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 August 20th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Community Leader

John McCormack

Altar Server

Ray Kstesky

Lectors

Lynne Dreelin/Tom Shoemaker

Sacristan Sandi Delagrange

July 23, 2023

### Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: Smith/Donovan

Cup: Wolski's/Plunkert

Music Cantor

Jan Smith

Collection Counters

Harris/Gray

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 16, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,958
Second Collection: Parish Pence	\$ 433
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 7,970
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 7,848
Loan Balance	\$ 158,287

Our second collection today is for Faith Formation. We signed the following checks this week: \$1,510 Diocesan Assessments; \$395 Lawn Care.

### LEGACY

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have - in both material and non-material things - have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, consider a charitable bequest to our church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Disciples to worship, serve others and continue the vital ministries of the church.



### 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.



Please remember to keep the office informed of address, family, email, and phone number changes.

If any of these items has changed in the last few months, please inform us, and if you are doubtful about telling us about a change that occurred last year, give us a call to verify if we have the right information.

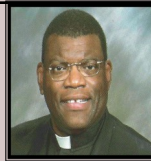
Or if you are not seeing your name in the Birthday/Anniversary list and would like to, that would be an update as well.

SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

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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](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**

Take Home Lesson for Sunday

July 23, 2023

Overcoming Weakness

In today's second reading, Saint Paul talks of how God helps us with our prayers.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

Here is related teaching from the Catechism: Are we convinced that "we do not know how to pray as we ought"? Are we asking God for "what is good for us"? Our Father knows what we need before we ask him, but he awaits our petition because the dignity of his children lies in their freedom. We must pray, then, with his Spirit of freedom, to be able to truly know what he wants. (CCC 2736)

At a workshop in Richmond last week, Professor John Cuddeback of Christendom College suggested that what God wants is a relationship of friendship with us. He cited this commentary from Pope Saint John Paul II related to strengthening our friendship with the Lord:

"We have to learn to pray, as if learning anew from the lips of the Divine Master himself, like the first disciples: "Lord, teach us to pray!" (Luke 11:1) Prayer develops that conversation with Christ which makes us his intimate friends: "Abide in me and I in you" (John 15:4). This reciprocity is the very substance and soul of the Christian life. Wrought in us by the Holy Spirit, this reciprocity opens us, through Christ and in Christ, to contemplation of the Father's face."

While at supper with his apostles on the night before his death, Jesus promised them that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in his name, "And he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you." (John 14:26)

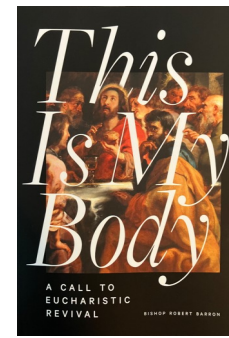
And then, Jesus tells his apostles that he no longer calls them servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but, "I have called you friends, for all I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)

From the Father to the Son, then taught by the Holy Spirit, we are all invited into a relationship of friendship. A rich understanding of friendship can help us to understand our weaknesses, to understand sin. God has a problem with sin because it gets in the way of friendship.

Thinking about how our weaknesses and sinfulness get in the way of our friendship with God, here is the Take Home Questions for this week:

**What weakness can the power of the Holy Spirit help you overcome?**

SUMMER READING FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



For the last several months, the Pastoral Parish Council has been reading and discussing the book entitled Eucharist, in which Bishop Robert Barron analyzes the source and summit of the Christian life according to the categories of sacred meal, sacrifice and Real Presence.

Bishop Barron's text from Eucharist has been adapted into a slightly condensed book written specifically for the Eucharistic Revival entitled *This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*.

We have received our initial stockpile of books and invite interested parishioners to add this book to their summer reading collection. Please pick up a copy after Mass from John Weidner or stop by the church office during the week.

As you read through this short (110 pages) book, please consider highlighting or marking up those parts that especially move you or might inspire you to share what you read with another parishioner.

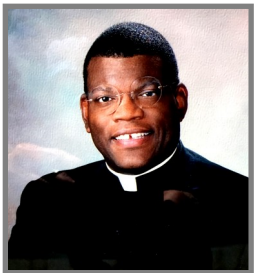
Later this fall, parishioners will be invited to participate in a number of revival activities, including small group discussions, a guest speaker presentation, a movie night and other opportunities for fellowship centered on The Eucharist. We expect these activities will be more productive if attendees have already read through this short book.

FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Annually we solicit donations for this scholarship fund, designed to help parishioners with higher education and the parish itself with on-going adult education.

The donations purchase an add in our bulletin for one year. This Sunday after Mass we will hand out donation request letters to parishioners. By mail we will solicit donations from local businesses and former donors unaffiliated with the parish.

The scholarship committee met recently to approve changes to the applications designed to simplify them and the process. In review, scholarships are available from the fund for high school seniors entering college, higher and post-graduate education, continuing education, and special adult education. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the office.



WATER DAMAGE UPDATE

As you are aware, several weeks ago we suffered major damage to the admin and daily chapel wing from a clogged drainage pipe and overflowing toilet.

Servpro accomplished the water mitigation and has settled with our insurance carrier. Two weeks and a half ago, Mill End carpeting laid new carpet in the Daily Chapel, the Pastor's Office and Admin Office. The installation of the new baseboards was completed this past Tuesday. Unfortunately, we detected new damage to three desks which had become waterlogged and need to be fixed.

We need to seek an estimate of repair for the desks and proceed accordingly. We are insured through the Diocese and have met their \$1,000 deductible requirement.

The Diocese risk management office has been extremely helpful in this situation with advice and the processing of claims.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass on July 30th.

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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GRANT APPROVAL

The Home Mission Grant Committee recently awarded us a \$3,500 grant for the purchase and installation of security cameras, an idea suggested by our former Pastor, Father Gerry.

**UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH CALENDAR Part 3**

**MEMORIALS**

The third category of celebrations and those most representative of what we call "feast days" are properly known as memorials. Memorials are identified as either obligatory, those that must be celebrated universally on an assigned day, or optional, meaning it is up to the celebrant as to whether that particular saint is celebrated. All memorials are fixed on the annual calendar. Memorials most often honor and focus us on the pious life of a saint. If Scripture mentions the particular saint, then the Mass readings on that day are taken from the applicable Scripture, such as, on the obligatory memorial of St. Martha the readings are from John (chapter 11) or Luke (chapter 10). If the saint is not mentioned in Scripture, then the readings are the ordinary, or normal, readings assigned for that day.

Optional memorials often identify a saint special or familiar to a particular location or religious order, but are often those not necessarily well known throughout the worldwide Church. For example, Sept. 19 is the optional memorial to St. Januarius, the patron saint of Naples, Italy. While the people of Naples and the surrounding area may well remember and acknowledge Januarius, a parish in another part of the world may not. The local parish priest normally decides about recognizing optional memorials.

As every country honors her founding fathers, her national heroes, independence day, and other national events, so does the Church celebrate the great sacred mysteries — the life of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, the saints and the martyrs who died for the faith. The Church classifies each celebration according to its importance and ranks them on the annual liturgical calendar as a solemnity, a feast or a memorial.

D.D. Emmons writes from Mount Joy, Pa.

**FERIAL DAYS**

If we look carefully at the Church liturgical calendar, there are some days that have no celebration assigned; no solemnity, no feast, no memorial. Such days are known as a "ferial" days, from a Latin word meaning free. In ancient Rome the term referred to a holiday, especially for slaves.

On the liturgical calendar, a ferial day is always on a weekday, Monday through Friday, and occurs during Ordinary Time. On that day the priest has the option of celebrating the previous Sunday Mass, a votive Mass or a Mass acknowledging any saint he desires. The celebrant may select the readings or use those appointed in the Lectionary for that day.

If you missed part 1 of "Understanding the Church Calendar" visit our website under bulletins "14th Sunday in Ordinary Time."

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*Please Remember in your Prayers*



*Marguerite Hock, Minn Tassone & Jackie Moore*

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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.*

**VISITATION SINGERS**

Thank you to all who sang with us this morning. We had many singing residents, flag waving, and lots of smiles.

Thank you to Morey Alexander, and the Mathews American Legion Post 83 for the flags, which we donated to each resident.

Cindy is singing with "Junkyard" who is celebrating his 71st birthday!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNKYARD.



Our next Visitation Singing is Monday, August 14th.

*"All are Welcome"*



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In Loving Memory of  
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**Barbara Hollingsworth**



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

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Christ given through  
vocations.

Thank You Lord  
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*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  
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"God will make a way  
When there seems to be no way  
God works in ways I can not see  
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-Benjamin Franklin

Tom & Cindy Jessee

Best wishes to all the  
youth at Church of the  
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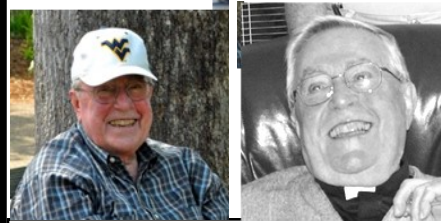
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and  
Thomas R. Shepherd III**

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

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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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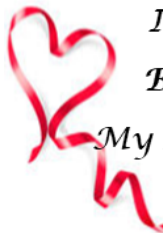
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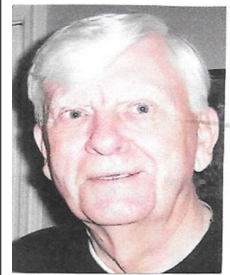
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memory of  
Marty  
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Kenneth Anderson



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





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Marianne

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