

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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, Johnny Mintah-Mensah "Koo"

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.

### 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 Kostaskey

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### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Lord of All Hopefulness #410

"Loving and Forgiving"

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 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 Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Earthen Vessels #419

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: I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light #599

Mediation: Seek Ye First #445

Recessional: Let There Be Peace On Earth #533



### August Birthdays

1st-Ed Harriman & Carol Walsh, 3rd-Germaine Hayes, 4th-Nicole Kennedy, 5th-Patricia Paul, 6th-Grace Anderson & James Davenport, 7th-Mary Hess, 8th-Ralph Linden & Pat Marchant, 10th-Al Langer, 11th-Marysue Dougherty & Patrick Ambrose, 12th-Donna Thompson, Thomas Kennedy & Steve Kirsch, 15th-Aldo DeCollibus & Ashley Holthouse, 19th-Bob Puleo, Dave Marcil, Monty McNeil, 21st-Roseanne Moncure, 22nd-Paula Wilson, 23rd-Robert Wilson, 24th-Richard Dougherty, 26th-John Matthews, 29th-Bill Puttmann.

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



### July Anniversaries

2nd-Spike & Becky Nunn, 3rd-Charlie & Margaret Hock, 8th-Tom & Cindy Jessee and Don & Marla Tyrrell, 10th-Skip & Lois Kramb, 11th-Sal & Lorie Messina, 18th-Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca, 19th-John & Carol McCormack, 25th-Bill & Michelle Puttmann and Mike & Angela Pycha.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-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 (Holy Day)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Community Leader

Bill Puttmann

Altar Server

Barbara Smith

Lectors

Becky Nunn/John Weidner

Sacristan Noelle Harvey

### Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: Dorman/M. Sychterz

Cup: Marcil/Seay/Harvey

Music Cantor

Marianne Krop

Collection Counters

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July 30, 2023

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 23, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,097

Second Collection: Faith Formation \$ 380

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 10,067

Total Budget Projection: \$ 10,262

Loan Balance \$ 158,287

There will be no second collection today.

We signed the following checks this week:

\$364 June Electric; \$248 Copier Usage; \$207 June Telephone.

### LEGACY

It's true, whether we want to believe it or not: we can't take our possessions with us at death. There's no trailer on the back of a hearse!

That's why it's important, while we are able, to decide and name the recipients of our possessions before our earthly life ends. This allows us to remember the people and causes important to us. It lets us determine guardianship for any minor children.

And it's one way to make a gift to the Church of the Visitation. There's many ways to do this. Some provide better tax advantages than others. There are also ways you can receive a stream of income for life with the church getting the remainder at death.



### 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 except in July.

August 3, 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.



### VISITATION SINGERS

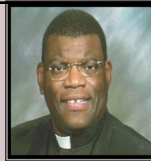
Monday, August 14th, we will see you at the Church of the Visitation at 9:30 for a short practice before we start singing at 10:30 at Dockside and 11:15 at Riverside. Bring a friend.

SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Vera & John England  
Christine & Peggy Williams  
Kathy Kauffman  
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](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 30, 2023

COMMITMENT

The mystery of the Kingdom of God is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. It was such an important part of what Jesus wanted to communicate during his time on earth that there are over forty parables about the Kingdom in the Gospels.

In the Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a merchant searching for fine pearls. "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." (Matthew 46)

The merchant knows this one pearl of enormous value is worth more than everything else he owns combined. He sells it all to obtain this extraordinary item.

A five-year-old had been working with "Pearl of Great Price" materials when her catechist commented, "I wonder why Jesus told us that parable about His Kingdom. Who is the merchant? What is the pearl?" The child walked away silently, but came back to the catechist several times to share her thoughts:

- "The merchant is Jesus and the pearl is Jesus as a baby."

"Actually, the merchant is us and the pearl is God."

"The pearl is Jesus."

"The pearl is joy."

"The pearl is peace."

"The pearl is hope."

"The pearl is the lamb."

"The pearl is the three gifts of the magi."

"The pearl is the cross."

"The pearl is everything God made."

The genius of a parable is that the truth is hidden under the surface image of the story. As listeners, we gain knowledge of the truth by undertaking personal meditation the way this child has done. Hiding the truth in a parable causes us as listeners to work through the hidden layers of meaning, to work out true knowledge that is deep and personal.

In both the Treasure in the Field and the Pearl of Great Price parables, there is recognition that everything one possesses must be exchanged to obtain the great treasure. The shedding of previous possessions is hardly a loss. Gaining the greater treasure, gaining the Kingdom of Heaven, is a cause for great joy.

Pondering the hidden lessons of these parables about the Kingdom of Heaven, here is the Take Home Question for this week:

**What would be a pearl for which it was worth selling all you had?**

**2023 WORK CAMP**

JUNE 17 - 23, 2023 IN HAMPTON ROADS, VA



Last month, the Diocese of Richmond hosted Work Camp in Williamsburg and Newport News. High school students and adult chaperones from 14 parishes worked on 19 projects: repairing homes for residents in Highland Park, assisting local parishes, and packaging meals at the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. Teens repaired and replaced ramps, handrails, doors, and windows, replaced and painted roof fascia, drywalled ceilings and walls, and loaded over 17,000 pounds of food.

In total, our 101 participants gave 2,777 hours of work and Christian witness. Each of these projects made an impact and improved the day-to-day life of the people we served. In the midst of rainy weather, good work was accomplished, and our participants were able to grow closer to Christ as they lived and worked in community.

Thanks should be given to all those who donate to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, which helped to fund this year's Work Camp experience.



**TO THE LADIES OF THE PARISH:**

A group of women have just started meeting for mutual support and spiritual growth.

We meet at church on Thursdays at 9:45 am.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

For more information please call Louise Petralia @ 804-435-9027.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Many Catholic Christians do not necessarily recollect or ponder the miraculous event in Christ's earthly life known as the Transfiguration. Even with a liturgical celebration every Aug. 6, the day often slips by with limited attention; yet, it is an episode that proclaims Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah.

Properly called the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the feast day originated in the fifth century Eastern Church and spread to the West five centuries later. The celebration was added to the universal Roman Church calendar in 1457 by Pope Callixtus III (r. 1455-58). It is a designated feast day, meaning that on the liturgical calendar, it is of lesser rank than a solemnity but above a memorial.

The term transfiguration comes from Latin meaning, "to change or transform." A transformation involving our Savior takes place on a mountaintop — an event that glorifies the divine person of Jesus, one that is recorded in the three synoptic Gospels and by St. Peter in 2 Peter, 1:16-20.

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT

To fully comprehend the importance of this event, it is helpful to understand the context. The timeframe is in the summer of A.D. 29, probably in what we call August. Just a few months earlier at Capernaum, Jesus had described himself as the bread of life come down from heaven (cf. Jn 6:41). Further, he has said that those who eat his body and drink his blood will attain eternal life (cf. Jn 6:54).

A large number of those listening to him could not accept the idea that he came down from heaven; wasn't he "the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?" (Jn 6:42). They failed to believe that it was necessary to eat his body and drink his blood to gain eternal salvation; upon hearing his words, many went away.

The apostles, however, stayed with him, and later at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks them: "Who do you say that I am?" The apostles had been living in his presence, following him, listening to his teachings, seeing his miracles, and Peter responds to the question saying that Jesus is "The Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). Jesus acknowledges that Peter's response could only be prompted by the Father and designates Peter as the leader of the Church. Next, he astounds those present saying he will soon go to Jerusalem where he will be killed and then rise on the third day.

His followers couldn't grasp that such events could possibly happen if he was truly the Messiah; in fact, Peter argues, "No such thing could ever happen to you." Jesus offers a stern response: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Mt 16:22-23).

At the same time, Jesus recognizes the confusion among his followers. He is the bread of life, the Son of God; yet, he says he will be killed by the Jews and then rise. Anyone hearing these conversations would be confused, because we "are not thinking

### MASS INTENTIONS

In the past, our Mass intentions have primarily been for deceased persons. We desire to expand our Mass intentions for the living. Accordingly, if you wish to ask for Mass Intentions for anyone, living or dead, please contact the office.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 30th-Morgan Wells,  
James Farrell & Father Bob Nash  
Wednesday, August 2nd-Tom Dundon  
Thursday, August 3rd-Mike Lokie  
Sunday, August 6th-Eleanor Alter



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Mass today.

The menu will be *pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.*

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



### Please remember in your prayers the following:

#### PARISHIONERS

Annette Marcil, The Hollingsworth 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, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Linda Gray & Pat Reamy, Lynn Vajda.

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*If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office. Remember to put family or friend by their name.*



In Loving Memory Of  
*Alma and Fritz Sitterding*  
Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of  
*Bobby Warren*  
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L.C., Faye,  
Caitlyn & Courtney

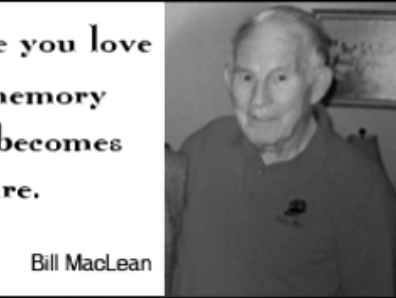
*"Gone but not to be forgotten"*

*In Loving Memory of  
"Vinnie Recupido"  
Barbara Hollingsworth*



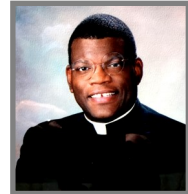
When someone you love  
becomes a memory  
the memory becomes  
a treasure.

Jerry McMurtrie



Bill MacLean

*TO SUPPORT  
OUR YOUTH,  
THEIR DREAMS,  
& OUR FUTURE.  
Lynne & Gary Richardson*



### 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. We are in the process of gathering ads for the bulletin and will have them ready to publish in September.

### 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. week 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.



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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


### We Support The Youth Scholarship

*John & Carol McCormack*



Thanks for always  
supporting us in  
everything we do!  
*Emily & Anna*

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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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knowledge pays  
the best interest."  
-Benjamin Franklin

Tom & Cindy Jessee

Best wishes to all the  
youth at Church of the  
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Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

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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 Memory of  
Lavonne Pearce  
1st Secretary of COV  
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In Memory of  
**Bob Hartman**  
My Love of My Life





Jenny

In loving  
memory of  
Marty  
Hawksworth



Tom & Sharon

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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

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