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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 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
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: O Bless The Lord My Soul #563

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Homily: Father Gerry Kaggwa

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Christians, Let Us Love One Another #486

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: Taste And See #335

Mediation: If I Can Help Somebody

Recessional: Tell The Good News #378



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-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Scholarship handouts"
No Social Sunday.

July 13th-Adoration 9:30-10:30am

July 16th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23rd-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6th-The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 13th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Community Leader

Kevin Hays

Altar Server

Barbara Smith

Lectors

Tom Dorman/Pat DeGroot

Sacristan Sandi Delagrane

Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: D. Harriman/L. Dreelin

Cup: Donovan/Shoemaker/Harvey

Music Cantor

John McCormack

Collection Counters

King/Kirsch/Angell

July 9, 2023

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 2, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,327
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 595
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 2,327
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 3,018
Loan Balance	\$ 159,104

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$442 Credit Card purchases.

LEGACY

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall never be invaded and that income is paid out to support a designated cause through your church, then your gift is "forever."

Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church in the future. You may set up the trust now and keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church will receive the property after that. There are special tax benefits for these kinds of trusts.

Charitable Remainder Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church while retaining income from the gifted asset during your lifetime (and that of your spouse). If the trust is funded with appreciated property, capital gains taxes may be avoided. There will also be a significant current income tax deduction at the time the trust is created.



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.

July 13, 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.



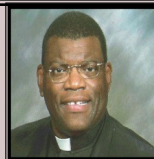
Because of summer travel and vacations we will not observe Social Sunday on July 9th. We will resume Social Sunday on August 13th.

SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

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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

July 7, 2023

LAYING DOWN YOUR BURDENS

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites those who are oppressed by the yoke of sin, suffering, economic distress and hard physical labor to take upon themselves his yoke.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Scripture scholar Barbara Reid comments that Jesus is using a wisdom teaching (similar to Sirach 51:23-30) that would be familiar to his audience. God's "yoke" is study of and obedience of Torah. Jesus' yoke is not a lax interpretation of Torah, but actually has more stringent demands that will paradoxically lead to liberation from all that oppresses.

Bishop Robert Barron observes that Jesus wants us to imagine ourselves as pack animals. It seems rather demeaning, but this is what submission to Christ's lordship looks like: we serve his purposes and go where he wants us to go.

Is Christ commanding your life in every detail? Of your recreational life? Of your professional life? Of your sexuality? Of your friendships? Are you totally given over to him, to his lordship?

Remember, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." When we surrender to the path of love which he has laid out for us, our lives become lighter, easier, more joyful, for we are moving with the divine purpose.

"Learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

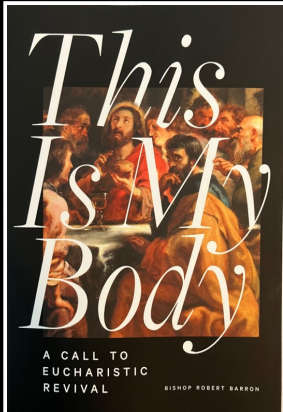
Our Lord is pleased to sum up in these words, humility of heart and meekness, the whole Christian life and the whole of perfection. There is a very profound reason for this: humility is the root of all Christian virtues, and meekness is its flower.

We will find "rest" knowing that all the created order is in right relationship, and the believing community delights in its goodness, as God did on the seventh day. (Genesis 2:1-3)

In thinking about what it means to say that Jesus' yoke is easy and his burden is light, here is the Take Home Question for this week:

What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

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.

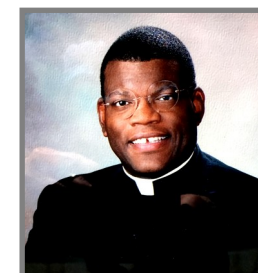
Later this fall, parishioners will be invited to participate in a number of revival activities, including small group discussions, a guest speaker presentation, a movie night and other opportunities for fellowship centered on The Eucharist. We expect these activities will be more productive if attendees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

FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

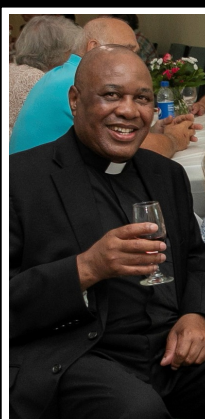
Annually we solicit donations for this scholarship fund, designed to help parishioners with higher education and the parish itself with on-going adult education.

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.



FATHER'S FAREWELL



How can we thank enough Roseanne Moncure and her helpers for a loving and warm farewell reception for Father Gerry. Roseanne planned it to perfection with deep thought and insight. The food display was tasteful, plenty, and inviting. The slide show brought back poignant memories of our seven years together with Father Gerry, and the parting words were on track.

Many helped to make it a success and lasting memory.

Those that helped were:

Kari Lee Donovan, Tom Dorman, Lynne & Mike Dreelin, Dottie Edwards, Lisa Forte, Debbie & Ed Harriman, Johnna Harris, Al Langer, Donna Lange, Helen Linden, John McCormack, Michele Meanley, Lynne Richardson, Mary Ellen Sherwood, and Peggy Williams.

DEPARTURES

Not only did we say goodbye to Father last Sunday, but we also said farewell to the Forte's, a bedrock family to the parish since their arrival ten years ago. Lisa was heavily involved in the Legacy Committee, Fundraising, Finance Council and Church Environment. Steve was a Eucharistic Minister, an Altar Server, a floral designer and a member of the Parish Council. They will be sorely missed & our Blessings for future success go with them.



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UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH CALENDAR

D.D. EMMONS

Except for such widely known celebrations as Easter, Christmas and Pentecost, most lay Catholics lump all Church celebrations under the term feast or feast days.

While the terminology is not necessarily incorrect, feasts are only one of the three categories of such celebrations in the Church year; the other two are solemnities and memorials. But what's the difference? The Church has always provided the faithful people of God with externally expressed devotions, festivals and celebrations through which they may pay homage to the Creator. These holy activities are not merely random events, but follow a seasonal, regulated schedule established by the Church's liturgical calendar. The day-to-day events of the annual Church year are primarily catalogued as a solemnity, a feast or a memorial.

In the fourth century, Emperor Constantine ended the Roman persecution of all religious factions and claimed Christianity to be the state religion of the Roman Empire. As the Church and Christian faith expanded, the number of religious celebrations subsequently increased. Unfortunately, for centuries there was no centralized control over the observance of the many celebrations. Every diocese had its own calendar, therefore rituals differed, celebrations honoring the mysteries of sacred Scriptures competed with honoring a saint, feast days overlapped, and almost every Sunday liturgy was pre-empted by a special occasion. This all led to confusion and abuses that continued until the reforms of the Council of Trent (1545-1563) and the eventual development of a universal calendar.

A churchwide calendar prompted the need to effectively organize the numerous holidays in a manner applicable to every diocese. A most challenging aspect of this effort was the standardization of the rituals used during the different ceremonies and, further, the sorting out and assigning of common dates or time frames to each event. A well-organized liturgical calendar did not happen overnight, but has evolved over the past 450 years. While the methods of categorizing the various festivals have varied, the Church has been consistent in her effort to arrange the events according to importance. The birth of Jesus is considered more important than the birth of John the Baptist; the birth of the Baptist more important than the dedication of St. John Lateran church; the life of the Blessed Mother outranks that of St. Francis of Assisi; and so on. The hierarchal process used as recently as the 20th century rank, or order, Church celebrations by calling them doubles of the first class, doubles of the second class, greater doubles, lesser doubles, simples and commemorations. In 1962, they were called first class, second class, third class and commemorations. The Second Vatican Council simplified the classifications to solemnities, feasts and memorials.

Part 1

Please Remember in your Prayers



Anne Dreelin Shephard, Beryl O'Connor, Julian Alter,
Lee Paul & Jenny Johnson Ramey

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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.

WELCOME ABOARD



Today we welcome aboard our new Pastor Father Johnny Koo. A priest for 28 years, Father Johnny joins us from South Hill, VA where he has been the assistant Pastor for three churches.

He built a reputation there for developing a successful program for the sick and homebound which should fit nicely with our present program. Because of a prior commitment, Father departed last Tuesday to fulfill an obligation in Texas and will return Mass with us.

The ensuing week, July 10th-14th we have scheduled briefings for him on Wednesday and Thursday by various committees and ministries These will continue during the week of July 17th-21st and July 24th-25th.

Father Johnny; again we welcome you to a loving community of caring persons with open arms.

VISITATION SINGERS

Monday, July 10th, we'll be singing mostly patriotic songs and giving out flags donated by the Mathews American Legion. See you at Visitation at 9:30 for a short practice before we start singing at 10:30 at Docksides and 11:15 at Riverside. Bring a friend.



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When someone you love
becomes a memory
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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"
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When there seems to be no way
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God will make a way for me"

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Best wishes to all the
youth at Church of the
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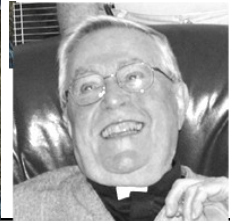
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Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

WE SALUTE
THE YOUTH OF OUR
CHURCH AND THEIR
IMPORTANT JOURNEY

Carmen & Joe Brinkley

Eileen N. Wagner

**In Memory of
Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
Thomas R. Shepherd III**

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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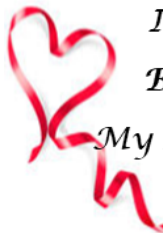
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"Say not in grief 'he is no more'
but in thankfulness that he was".

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