

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 20, 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, Johnny Mintah-Mensah "Koo"
 119 Club Drive
 Hartfield, VA 23071
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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
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 Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Come, Christians Join to Sing #560

"Loving and Forgiving" #664

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 20-32

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Prayer of St. Francis #534

Holy: #917

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Lamb of God: #922

Communion: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place #791

Meditation: Behold the Lamb #340

Recessional: Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven #559



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.



August 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-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 24th-No Daily Mass
 August 27th-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 17th: Faith Formation Begins after Mass
 September 24th: Parish Picnic following Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Community Leader

Kevin Hayes

Altar Server

Ray Kstesky

Lectors

Mike Ballato/Louise Petralia

Sacristan Cindy Jessee

August 20, 2023

Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: M. Dorman/J. Ballato

Cup: Dorman/Richardson/Harvey

Music Cantor

TBA

Collection Counters

Harvey/Tutak

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from August 13, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,673
Second Collection:	
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 16,921
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 17,376
Loan Balance	\$ 158,287

Our Second Collection today is for the Catholic Virginian.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
 \$1,683 Diocesan Assessments; \$217 July electric; \$144 credit card; \$128 A/C repair.

LEGACY

When you need a will, it's too late to have one drawn. Don't wait. And, don't forget your church.



Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will?

Are you leaving a legacy of "red tape" for your heirs? A legal will drawn by your attorney will cut out the "red tape" and accomplish what you want to happen following your 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. In September, Adoration will be September 7, 2023 from 9:30am-10:30am.

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

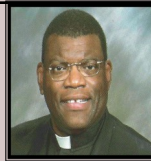
Father Koo will give the Benediction at 10:30am.

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Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca
Charles & Louise Hartz
Jim Angell
Terry Skovera
Don Tyrrell
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson

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

August 20, 2023

All Are Welcome

Last week's Gospel told the dramatic story of Jesus calling out to Peter to join him in walking upon the stormy sea. When Peter takes his focus off Jesus, when he begins to doubt, he starts to sink into the rest-less waters.

The Catechism links that story and today's story of the persistent Canaanite woman:

Just as Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving his gifts, so he teaches filial boldness: "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Such is the power of prayer and of faith that does not doubt: "all things are possible to him who believes." Jesus is as saddened by "the lack of faith" of his own neighbors and the "little faith" of his own disciples as he is struck with admiration at the great faith of the Roman Centurion and the Canaanite woman. (CCC 2610)

In his teaching, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray with a purified heart, with lively and persevering faith, with filial boldness. He calls them to vigilance and invites them to present their petitions to God in his name. Jesus Christ himself answers prayers addressed to him. (CCC 2621)

This term filial boldness used in the Catechism means to pray with a faith that refuses to doubt.

Taking these words apart, we find the term "filial" means "of or due from a son or a daughter" and the term "boldness," in a Biblical context, means "confidence," "fearlessness," and "freedom of speech."

Although Jesus does not answer the woman when she first calls out, he has every intention of granting her request; it is only because of his loving plan for her and for us that he delays. The Lord brought out into the open the greatness of her faith.

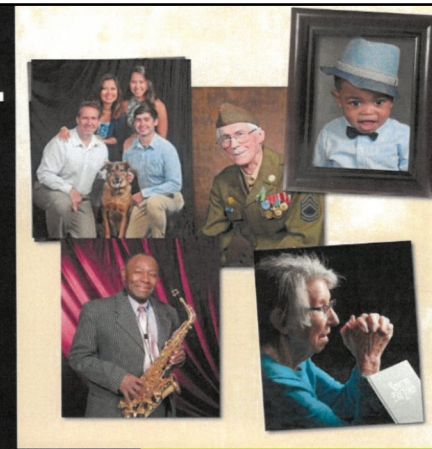
Fearless and confident, the Canaanite woman persists. She approaches Jesus with the same boldness that a son or daughter would approach a parent. Jesus invites all of us to approach him as his children, to ask anything in his name, and he will do it. All are welcome, no one is excluded, "For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56:7)

The Canaanite woman is persistent in prayer. As we reflect on what it means to pray with a faith that refuse to doubt, here is the Question of the Week:

For what do you ask God to give you most often?

**PICTORIAL
Directory**

It's time for our
NEW Parish
Directory! Every
family receives a
FREE 8x10 family
portrait and a
printed directory!



Save The Date!

*It won't be
OUR
directory without
YOU!*



SIGNUP FOR A DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION

It's time for a new parish pictorial directory, and it won't be our directory without you!

In the upcoming weeks, before and after Mass, we will be scheduling parishioners for photo sessions. Photos will be taken on September 19th and 20th, 2023, from 2:30 to 8:30 pm. Appointments will be made on a first come, first served basis, and all parishioners that are photographed will receive a free 8 X 10 photo and a directory. Additional photos will be available for purchase.

Pat Marchant and Helen Linden are available to assist you with scheduling of appointments.

Those who wish to schedule their own appointment should visit the website at

www.ucdir.com or scan this QR Code:
Church code: **va221** Password: **photos**



COV PICNIC

Our talented Parish Life crew met recently to plan our Annual picnic and in accordance with our last successful event after Mass, determined we should do it again, that is, plan an event after Mass. So join us on Sunday, September 24th, after Mass for a late morning picnic. We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, non-alcoholic beverages and games to play such as cornhole, velcro toss, and bingo.

If you have a different game to play, bring it with you. We also ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. Those who prefer alcoholic beverages are free to bring you own.

Save the Date

Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

• Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.

If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

• Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

• Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Directory Committee

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!!

HOMEMADE GIFT

When you plant a garden, plant enough for your family, friends and mother nature. We followed this guidance this spring so please feel free to take home a jar of yellow squash located in the Narthex. The ingredients are attached to the jars. Enjoy, Peggy Williams



THE NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS ARE HERE

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY GUILD BLITZ:

By now all Worthy Grand Knights and all Worthy District Deputies should have received the Pulpit Announcement and the Parish Bulletin blurb for the Father McGivney Guild blitz weekend and hopefully have taken the requested action on both. Realizing our Worthy State Deputy is a numbers guy, here are some numbers for you to consider. According to the census there are approximately 44,500 Catholics in the Arlington Diocese and another approximately 22,000 Catholics in the Richmond Diocese. Regretfully and one of the main reasons for the blitz weekend is of those approximately 66,500 Catholics throughout the state of Virginia only 4,561 or less than 7% belong to guild. Obviously, there is huge potential out there to help our beloved founder achieve Sainthood. Please remember the guild is open to everyone, not just Knights and their families and it is free. Worthy Sirs hopefully you have already planted the seeds via the pulpit announcement and the Parish Bulletin input and on August 12 & 13 you shall harvest many more Guild members. Here is the link; fathermcgivney.org to register as well as a QR code to possibly ease registration.



Thank you,
Al Langer



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 20th
Margaret MacLean, Anne Dunn
& Fritz Sitterding III



Please pray for the following:



PARISHIONERS

Barbara Smith, Annette Marcil, The Hollingsworth family, Don Tyrrell, David Rector, Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Tom & Bea Foley, Jack & Laurie King, Shelley Katsuki, Donna Thompson, Brendan O'Brien, Spike & Becky Nunn, Lois & Skip Krumb, Marianne Krop, Michele Meanley, Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Linda Gray & Pat Reamy, Andrea Moore, Lynn Vajda

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Anthony Pace, Mildred Bair, Mary Levine, Susie Maddrich, Carolyn Harvey, Eric Currie, Mike & Katy Shea, Rhonda Wells, Polly Beall, Dick Patton, Sue and Lisa Ferari, Barbara & Ron Burkhardt, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Shirley Schultz, Dominick Perry.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Karen Armstrong, Kenny Marshall, Ann Chatos, Genie Kauffman, Page Wittkamp, Pattie Sobieski, Cliff Dean, Bill Penfield, Christopher Hutton, Mason Goodrich, Olga Hall, Elizabeth Panzer, Tom Sennott, Gary Campbell, Jim & Inga Peddicord, David Gunn, Hunter Jacobs, Kathy Goyne, Peg Meushaw, Rita Blommel, Linda Cryer, Allen Hines, Tyra Freed.

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. You may offer Mass intentions for the living as well.

BULLETIN ADS

Our target date for new bulletin advertisements is September 3rd. We have available spaces for your or a business friend's ad. Help us grow the Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions please see Tom Hawksworth or Andrea Moore.

EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

We recently received a payment of \$4,523 from the Diocese as part of a pandemic-related settlement for all Diocesan Employees who remained fully employed during the pandemic. We are gracious for the Diocesan's effort to apply for and receive compensation for the reasons indicated.

REGRETS

We were notified last week that parishioner Anne Dunn had died two weeks ago from natural causes. This gracious and thoughtful woman joined our parish in 1989 and was homebound these past few years. She will long be remembered as the person who faithfully watered all our plants and flowers for many years, never letting them go dry. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the fall. When we have more information we will pass it on. Prayers to her family.

MARRIAGE RETREAT!

Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one". How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend, so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstangl1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are the remaining local experiences for 2023:

September 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA
November 17-19 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA



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Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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"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.*



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Tom & Cindy Jessee





Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!
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FOR OUR CHURCH KITTIES
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In Loving Memory of
Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

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John & Carol McCormack

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

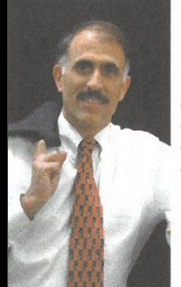


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