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The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 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

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
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: God we Praise You #208

"Loving and Forgiving"

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Acclamation: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Be Still and Know That I Am God #463

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: Dwelling Place #513

Mediation: Open My Eyes #406

Recessional: Sing to the Mountains #544



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.



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-The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 10th-No Daily Mass

August 13th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14th-Visitation Singers

August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)

Mass offered 9am here @COV

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Community Leader

John Clair

Altar Server

Baylen Miller

Lectors

Tom Dorman/ Pat DeGroot

Sacristan Sandi Delagrance

August 6, 2023

Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion

Bread: M. Sychterz/Seay

Cup: Marcil/Donovan/Petralia

Music Cantor

Cindy Powers

Collection Counters

O'Brien/Smith's

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 30, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,097

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 11,966

Total Budget Projection: \$ 12,073

Loan Balance \$ 158,287

Today the second collection will be for debt reduction.

We did not sign any checks this week.

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.

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.

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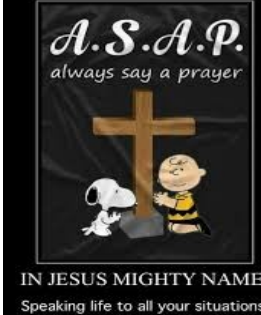
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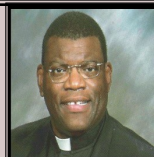


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FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 August 6, 2023

LISTENING TO JESUS

In Matthew's account of the mysterious Transfiguration, the voice from heaven reaffirms the message heard at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Same voice, same message at both events. But, at the Transfiguration, this instruction is added: "Listen to him."

Pope Francis sees this as a very important "invitation from the Father":

"We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to his voice and take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must be close to him, to follow him, like the crowd in the Gospel who chase him through the streets of Palestine. Follow Jesus in order to listen to him. But also let us listen to Jesus in his written Word, in the Gospel. Let the Gospel be with us always, because it is the Word of Jesus in order for us to be able to listen to him."

"When we hear the Word of Jesus, when we listen to the Word of Jesus and carry it in our heart, this Word grows. The Word of Christ grows in us when we proclaim it, when we give it to others. This is the mission of the whole Church, for all the baptized, for all of us: listen to Jesus and offer him to others."

Peter, James and John were also transformed on top of the mountain. They were at first stunned when they caught a glimpse of their friend and teacher, transfigured in all his glory. They were then very much afraid when they heard the voice from the cloud. With a reassuring touch, Jesus told these three key leaders of the early church, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

We today have the entire Church and all of her teaching to strengthen our spirits, to give us joy at seeing the face of Jesus in our neighbors, to help us rise and not be afraid.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. (CCC 556)

Until He comes again, we can be transformed as we listen to the Word, take it to our hearts, and then grow the Word by proclaiming it to others.

Reflecting on the invitation from the Father about his beloved Son, here is the Question of the Week:

When was the last time you listened closely to Jesus and then gave the Word to someone else?

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, dry-walled 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 to all those who donate to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, which helped to fund this year's Work Camp experience.



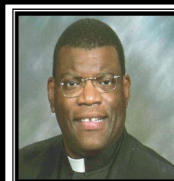
TO THE LADIES OF THE PARISH:

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!!



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 ad 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.

THIS SUNDAY WE 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 as God does." But the tomb will not confine Jesus. He will be resurrected, ascend to the Father and be glorified.

SOCIAL SUNDAY



Reminder: Next Sunday, August 13, 2023, is Social Sunday. Please stay after Mass to enjoy refreshments and conversation.

If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We are seeking parishioners that are interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion. If you are interested please attend the training session scheduled for August 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Noelle Harvey if you have any questions .

COMING SOON— OUR NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

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

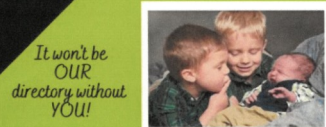
Photos will be taken for the directory on September 19th and 20th. Please save the date.

All parishioners that are photographed will receive a free 8 /12 X 11 print.

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!

Photos of parishioners enjoying the recent Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 6th-Eleanor Alter
 Wednesday, August 9th-Tom Dundon
 Thursday, August 10th- No Daily Mass
 Sunday, August 13th- David Hetzer, Mollie McMurtrie, Lucy Walker & Bob Nielsen



Please pray for the following:



PARISHIONERS

Barbara Smith, Annette Marcil, The Hollingsworth family, Sal Messina, 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.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

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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.



In Loving Memory Of
Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In Loving Memory of
Bobby Warren

Your Family
 Arlene,
 L.C., Faye,
 Caitlyn & Courtlyn

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of
 "Vinnie Recupido"
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When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure.

Jerry McMurtrie



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Thank You Lord
Art & Carol Smith

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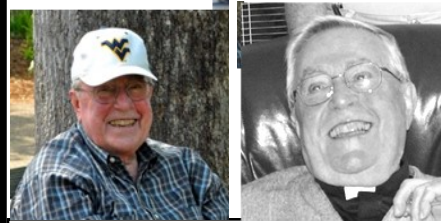
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Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
Thomas R. Shepherd III**

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

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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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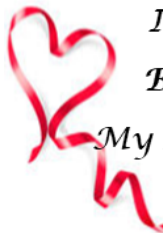
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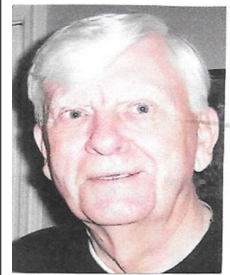
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Kenneth Anderson



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



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