

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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

Phone: 804-286-9271

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: Zaida Wohleking
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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Administration, Ray Kostaskey

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: All Are Welcome #421

"Loving and Forgiving" #664

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: You are Near #439

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: Table of Plenty #311

Meditation: Seek Ye First #445

Recessional: God Has Chosen Me #389



September Birthdays

4th-Larry Miller, 8th-Henry & Lucas Clair, 9th-Mary Sychterz, 10th-Eileen O'Brien, 11th-Christopher Kirsch, 13th-Terry Hess, Pamela Seay & Donna Plunkert, 14th-Linda Peterson, 15th-Cindy Jessee, 20th-Shelley Katsuki, 21st-Alan Richardson, Terry Hess & Emily Filippi, 22nd-Joyce Ballato.

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



September Anniversaries

8th-John & Diane Weidner, 10th-Steve & Loraine Kirsch, 12th-Bryan & Jennifer Miller, 17th-Genje & Shelley Katsuki, 30th-Dan & Linda Peterson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10th-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/No Social Sunday

September 11th-Visitation Singers

September 12th-Office Closed for the day

September 14th-Parish Council Meeting 3pm

September 17th-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/FF starts

September 19th-Directory Photos (Day 1)

September 20th-Directory Photos (Day 2)

September 24th-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Parish Picnic

October 1st-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THIS WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: September 10, 2023

Sacristy Duty: Sandi Delagrange Community Leader: John Clair

Altar Server: Barbara Smith Lectors: Petralia/Dreelin

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBA/K. Donovan

Chalice: Shoemaker/T. Dorman/G. Richardson

Music: Frank Lohr

Counters: King/Kirsch/Angell

NEXT WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: September 17, 2023

Sacristy Duty: Sandi Delagrange Community Leader: G. Richardson

Altar Server: Kaylee Lector: T. Dorman/J. Sychterz

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: B. Smith/M. Sychterz

Chalice: Harvey/T. Shoemaker/A. Wolski

Music: Cindy Powers

Counters: Tutak/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 3, 2023

Collection: \$ 3,474

Second Collection: Debt Reduction \$ 1,684

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 25,855

Total Budget Projection: \$ 25,086

Loan Balance \$ 156,685

There is no second collection this week.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$200 for rescue squad donation.

LEGACY

A good estate plan provides security for a spouse and/or family. Every adult should prepare a will. Be sure to include your parish or school.



Potential Promise & Purpose

Who will take your place as a generous benefactor? A memorial gift in your will could continue your generosity after death. Make that gift through a bequest in your will.

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled our parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will.



NEW PARISHIONERS

Joseph & Una Kerrigan

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RECURING EVENTS



Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)

Weekly-Thursday 9:30am-Women's Group (Louise Petralia)

2nd-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)

2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)

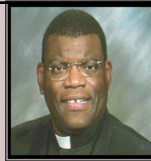
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)

**SUPPORTER OF
OUR SCHOLARSHIP**

Vera & John England
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Tommy & Donna Lange
John & Diane Weidner
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Charles & Louise Hartz
Jim Angell
Terry Skovera
Don Tyrrell
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson
Frank & Terry Sisto
Gene & Anne Wolski

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

September 10, 2023

United in Love, Helping Others Grow

Pope Benedict XVI writes that theme of brotherly love in the community of believers stands out in today's scripture readings. The source of this love lies in the communion of the Trinity. The Apostle Paul says that the whole Law of God finds fullness in love, so that in our relationships with others the Ten Commandments and every other precept are summed up in these words: *Love your neighbor as yourself.*

The Gospel text on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and, first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has done or said is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal correction": it is not a reaction to the offense suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren. Saint Augustine comments: "Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted serious injury upon himself; and would you not care for a brother's injury?...You must forget the offense you have received but not the injury of one of your brethren." We are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life. Each person, aware of his limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service.

Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: *If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* Personal prayer is important, even indispensable. But the Lord guarantees his presence to the community which is united and in agreement, because this reflects the very reality of the Triune God, perfect communion of love. We should practice both fraternal correction - which demands deep humility and simplicity of heart - and prayer so that it may rise to God from a community truly united in Christ.

Monsignor Charles Pope comments that fraternal correction is central to healthy families, a healthy church, and a healthy culture. In recent times we have done very poorly with this on every level. Our lack of charitable and clear correction goes a long way in explaining the moral confusion and darkness of our time. All of us need to recover a healthy respect for this act of charity toward the sinner and justice toward the wider community. In addition, all of us need to be more open to correction ourselves. With this in mind, our Question of the Week asks:

How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

**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!



SIGN UP TODAY FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Photos for the Parish Directory will be taken on September 19, September 20, and October 12 from 2:30 to 8:30 pm each day. We currently have approximately 80 families/individuals scheduled, and we would like to sign up many more! Please make certain you are included in our directory by scheduling your appointment either online at www.udcir.com, or by seeing Pat Marchant, Helen Linden, or Lynne Richardson after Mass today, or call the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays for help.

Those who wish to schedule their own appointment should visit the website at udcir.com or scan this QR code:

Church code: va221 Password: photos



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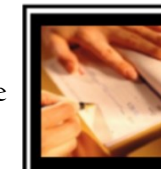


Please plan to join us for a late morning picnic on Sunday, September 24th immediately following Mass. The parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and non-alcoholic beverages. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. We'll have games to play such as cornhole, velcro toss, and bingo. If you have a different game to share, please bring it with you. Those who prefer alcoholic beverages are free to bring you own.

Please contact Johnna Harris if you are willing to help with set-up or clean-up.

PARISH PENCE

As we indicated last week, the call of the needy has increased dramatically these past few months. In the past two weeks, we have helped three families with electric bills.



PARENTS' WORKSHOP

The Diocese is offering an evening workshop on Thursday, September 14th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for parents to hear from an expert and get an overview of the history of modern gender ideology while receiving guidance for pastorally navigating questions of gender while remaining faithful to the teachings of the Church. The workshop will be at the Pastoral Center and will be presented by Dr. Theresa Farmer of the Catholic Women's Forum Advisory Council. Registration ends today. If you desire to go, you may register for it at evangelizerichmond.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We are all aware of the importance of Catholic Schools and their importance to the future of our religion. Several years ago the Diocese launched a "Learn to Lead" campaign to fund local priorities at its 23 schools, and enhance financial aid. Although it has been successful, the campaign is still short of the original goal. As a result, Bishop Knestout is requesting a special collection to support our Catholic Schools during the last weekend of September.

The process will be similar to the Annual Appeal (pledge card will be handed out during Mass). We will conduct our special collection on September 24th. The importance of Catholic Schools cannot be underestimated. We trust you will recognize this and donate accordingly.

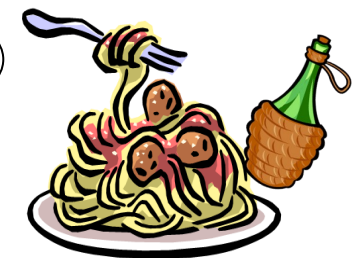


**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
14th Annual Italian Feast**

Church of the Visitation
Rt. 3, Topping, VA

Saturday, October 7, 2023 - Seating at 5:00PM

I'M ROSE. THIS IS MY HUSBAND, JOE, AND THIS IS MY RECIPE



Menu

Salad, Pasta
Homemade Meatballs
(made with Pork, Beef and Veal)
Sweet Italian Sausages
Bread and Desserts
Red and White Wine
Coffee and Iced Tea

\$30.00 per person Children under 12 \$5.00
(Children under 5 eat free)

Reservations Requested by September 27th

Call: 804-725-1656 or 804-776-0078
Email: jmc399@gmail.com

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
SMALL GROUP STUDY**

Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

One of the outcomes from the Synod consultations held early last year was a need for additional education about fundamental teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church, especially the church's teaching on the Sacrament of Communion.

As part of our efforts to address this need, and since we are in the Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival, Adult Faith Formation is planning a small group study entitled "Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence" to be held in October and November.

This study will examine in more detail the themes addressed by Bishop Robert Barron in his short book, *This Is My Body - A Call to Eucharistic Revival*, which many of us have been reading this summer. Some folks have had difficulty reading through some of Bishop Barron's academic and philosophical prose. Other folks may have enjoyed reading the material, but have not yet taken the initiative to share what they have learned. Perhaps joining this small group study will give us a chance to learn together and learn from each other.

During each session of the small group study, we will watch and listen to a short (less than 25 minutes) DVD presentation and then break out into smaller groups for discussion. Each participant will have a study guide that has commentary, questions for understanding and questions for application. There are some additional short readings from scripture and the Catechism.

We are planning to offer each session twice weekly, on Monday evening, starting at 6:00 and on Wednesday morning after Mass at 9:45. Each session goes about an hour, maybe a little longer. Our working schedule for the study is:

Session 1: Introduction - Mon, Oct 9 and Wed, Oct 11

Session 2: Sacred Meal - Mon, Oct 16 and Wed, Oct 18

Session 3: Sacrifice - Mon, Oct 30 and Wed, Nov 1

Session 4: Real Presence - Part I Mon, Nov 6 and Wed, Nov 8

Session 5: Real Presence, Part II - Mon, Nov 13 and Wed, Nov 15

We are suggesting a donation of \$10 per participant to cover a portion of the cost of the study guides. You can sign up for the study after Mass in the Narthex. You may also contact John Weidner directly at 240-780-1872 or jaweidnerl@verizon.net to join the study or if you have any questions.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION AND OUTING

Registrations are still being accepted, but they need to be submitted quickly in order to order teaching materials.

We plan to go as a group to Busch Gardens on Saturday, October 7th in celebration of Catholic Day at Busch Gardens.



The office will handle the ticket order, Please notify it quickly of the number of adult and children tickets you need.



Please pray for the following:

Mary Pinchbeck, Ellen Palumbo, Bill Nunn & Taylor Deagle



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 Kramb, 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

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We received a request from the ASSE International Students Exchange program to publish a need for hosts for exchange students. The students are all active members in their church back home and lead active lives in their schools.

Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States.

If you are interested, please contact the office.



OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL 11210 OF MATHEWS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

K of C is a not-for-profit organization whose principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

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Activities that provide funding:

Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

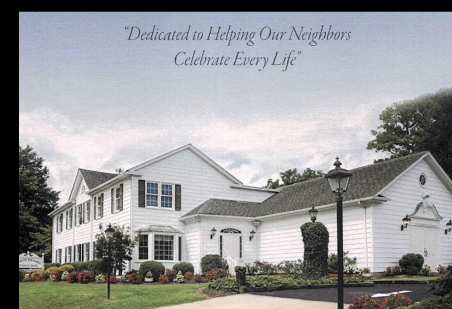
We are active participants in many ministries to include Alter servers, Choir members, Collection counter, Community Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Council Members and Ushers.

The KOC meet at 5:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church of the Visitation. We start with the Rosary.

All are welcome! Any questions call Our Grand Knight-Al Langer at 804-815-1328.

***Sept. 22nd-Dave Marchant Golf Tournament @ Piankatank River Golf Club.**

***October-7th Italian Feast @COV must purchase tickets in advance.**



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**In memory of
Lillian M. Reiffel,
Teacher**



PRAYERS
MEMORIES
LOVE
Jerry
McMurtric

**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 "Poppy" &
Vinnie Recupido
The Recupido &
Hollingsworth Families**

**"The Retirement Plan Of Christ
Was His Passion.
Is Yours The Same?"**

Josiah Reffo



**In
Loving Memory
Of
Alma and Fritz Sitterding**


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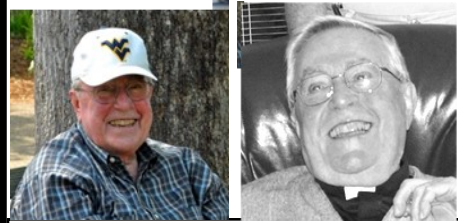
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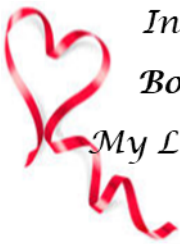
In Memory of
Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr.
and
Thomas R. Shepherd III



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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In Memory of JoAn


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



Lewis Forte


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Michael, Colin, Kathryn, John & Kevin Walsh

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In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne



In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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

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