The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023 Year A

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Life: Johnna Harris

FINANCE COUNCIL

Ray Kostesky-Chairman

John Charbeneau

Debby Harriman

Fritz Sitterding

Lisa Forte

Justice & Peace

Worship/Liturgy: Germaine Hayes

Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking

RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner

Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson

Administration, Ray Kostesky

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 COUNCIL

Kevin Hayes Cindy Jessee-Vice Chair Steve Kirsch Helen Linden Roseanne Moncure-Secretary Cindy Powers Kathy Swinehart Mary Sychterz John Weidner-Chair

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Lift Up Your Hearts #568 "Loving and Forgiving" #664

Penitential Act: page 4 Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

<u>Liturgy of the Eucharist</u>

Offertory: What Wondrous Love Is This #484

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: Unless A Grain Of wheat #504

Meditation: O God, You Search Me #441

Recessional: Tell The Good News #378

<u>October Birthdays</u>

Ist-Mary Ellen Sherwood, Kevin Hayes, Anne Baltrusaitis, Nora Putney & Dottie Edwards, 3rd-Bryan & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jen Kostesky, 6th-Cathie Sobieski, 8th-Bill Campbell, 12th-Diane Weidner, 13th-Marilynne Cerullo, 15th-Father Gerry Kaggwa, 18th-Fredrick Johnson, 19th-To Jessee, 20th-Len Swinehart & Maggie Gerdts, 23rd-Becky Nunn & John Donner24th-Maura Puleo & Tony Robusto, 25th-Noelle Harvey, 27th-Tom Dorma & Jan Smith, 29th-Nathalie Smith & Helen Linden, 30th-JoAnn Nolte.

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

October Anniversaries



5th-Kevin & Germaine Hayes, Mike & Joyce Ballato, 10th-John Andrea Moore, 19th-Gary & Joe Brown, 25th-James & Cathy Daver port & John & Jen Clair, 27th Steve & Lisa Forte.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> Today-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOU CALENDAN

October 5th-Euchristic Adoration 9:30am-10:30am October 7th-KOC Italian Feast October 8th-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (No Social Sunday) October 9th-Visitation Singers October 12th-Directory Photos October 15th-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Parish Council Electior October 22nd-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	THIS WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: October 1, 2023
	Sacristy Duty: S. DelagrangeCommunity Leader: J. McCormackAltar Server: Baylen MillerLectors: R. Kostesky/E. O'Brien
	Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: P DeGroot/A Wolski Chalice: D Tyrrell/D Marcil/B Plunkert/N Harvey
	Music: John McCormack Counters: O'Brien/Harvey
	NEXT WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: October 8, 2023
	Sacristy Duty: N. Harvey Community Leader: B. Puttmann Altar Server: Ray Kostesky Lectors: M.E. Sherwood/T. Shoemaker Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: B Smith/L Dreelin Chalice: K Donovan/T Dorman/S Seay/B Plunkert
	Music: Marianne Krop Counters: King/Kirsch/Angell
	OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 24, 2023 Collection: \$ 2,485
	Second Collection:
	Total Offertory Collection Year to Date\$ 33,042Total Budget Projection:\$ 33,200
	Loan Balance \$ 156,685
	Today's second collection is for debt reduction. We signed the following principal checks this week:\$1,683 Dioce-
	san Assessments; \$791 Pastor and Rectory expenses for August.
	LEGACY
	Seven out of 10 of us DO NOT have a will!! What are we thinking? No will? Do we not care what happens to those assets we will leave behind? Did you know:
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PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

A parish pastoral council is advisory, making recommendations to the pastor about the spiritual well-being of the parish. As a "visionary" council, it concerns itself with where the parish wants to be in three to five years and not with the administrative aspects of running the parish. The role of the parish council is described in detail in the Diocesan guidelines contained in the booklet "Called to Serve".

There are nine elected members on our parish council who, together with the various ministry committee chairs, meet every other month for prayer and to develop recommendations for the pastor. Each year, in October, we elect three parishioners to serve a three year term on the council.

Kevin Hayes, Kathy Swinehart and Mary Sychterz will be completing their three year terms at the end of this year. If nominated, all three are eligible to stand for re-election.

Nomination forms were collected through September 27th. See below for the list. If you are nominated and wish not to serve please cross your name off the list in Narthex.

We will announce the final list of nominees at Mass on October 10th.

We plan to collect ballots at Mass on Sunday, October 15th and will accept ballots at the church office beginning Tuesday, October 10th through Wednesday, October 18th. As with nominations, you are welcome to email your vote to the church office.

Questions about parish council nomination and election process can be directed to John Weidner, Parish Council Chair or Ray Kostesky, Church Administrator.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024

John Clair Kari Lee Donovan Mary Dorman Tom Dorman Kevin Hayes Tom Jessee Shelley Katsuki Donna Lange Dave Marcil Bill Puttmann Mary Ellen Sherwood Barbara Smith Jan Smith Kathy Swinehart Mary Sychterz Peggy Williams

ST. PADRE PIO RELIC TOUR VISITS ST. BEDE PARISH

You are invited for one day only to encounter and join the St. Bede parish community in Williamsburg for public veneration of the holy relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietreclina on Friday October 6th. The all day veneration begins with Mass at 9:00 am and will conclude at 6:45 pm with closing prayers. In all, five relics of St. Padre Pio will be available, including a firstclass relic. St. Bede is the only Virginia parish in 2023 where the relics will be displayed. Devotional items will be available to purchase.

Don't miss this unique opportunity for a spiritual encounter with one of the most venerated of the modern Saints in the Catholic Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

During October and November, some parishioners will be meeting in small groups to study our most holy and perfect sacrament. Even if you are not able to participate in this study, please continue to watch this space for questions with answers, reflections and commentary about the Eucharist.

Question: What does it mean to say that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life"? What do we mean by "source" and what do we mean by "summit"? (Refer to CCC 1324-1327)

One authoritative answer: To say that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of Christian life" means that all of our being and activity as Christian people finds its starting point and its ultimate conclusion in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ, and we know that Christ established a community of people and made himself present through the Eucharistic consecration and celebration. Therefore, the Church begins with Christ and is directed toward Christ, who is entirely present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In addition, as a sacramental gift from Christ, our fullest experience of him on earth and our anticipation of deep union with him in eternal life is experienced through participation in the Eucharistic banquet. (Source: Eucharist Small Group Study Leader Guide)

On the first page of the preface of his book This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Robert Barron states that the Second Vatican Council clearly taught that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."

This idea of "source and summit" was expressed in the following way in Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, which was published as an outcome of Vatican II:

"Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life, they (the faithful) offer the Divine Victim of God, and offer themselves along with It."

In the Eucharist, Jesus is really, truly and substantially present under the signs or appearances of bread and wine. This central and crucial reality is the beginning and the end of Christianity

This week's Question: What is the meaning of the word "eucharist"? (Refer to CCC 1328, 1359-1361)

Please pray for the following:

Arthur Sundeen, Virginia Banks, Bill Heeke & Charles O'Shaughnessy

PARISHIONERS

Lynne McMurtrie, 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

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Bianca Daley, John & Debbie Stockhorst, Becky Pattarozzi, Joanne Ferari, Jill Shores, John Gahagan, Todd Bowmam, Diane Petralia, 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 Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Shirley Schultz, Dominick Perry.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Carroll Brown, Robin Brown, Boyd Newhouse, Bill Benson, Mike McCullean, Delores Barry, Jim Durburo, Richard & Sharon Fitts, Karen Armstrong, Kenny Marshall, Ann Chatos, Genie Kauffman, Page Wittkamp, Pattie Sobieski, Cliff Dean, 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 intensions for the living as well.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We will continue to accept donations and pledge cards for the Catholic Schools this week. If you took an envelope home, please drop it in the collection basket during Mass. Of you need an envelope, please pick one up from the ushers.

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 to enhance financial aid. Although it has been successful, the campaign is still short of the original goal. As a result, Bishop Knestout requested a special collection to support our Catholic Schools. Thank you for your support.





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.

Donations support:

Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR) Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need, Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and The Father John Boddie Scholarship Fund.

Activities that provide funding:

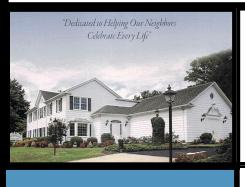
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament. We are active participants in many ministries to include Alter servers, Choir members, Collection counter, Community Leaders, Eucharistic

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.

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



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In memory of Lillian M. Reiffel,

Teacher

"The Retirement Plan Of Christ

Was His Passion.

Is Yours The Same?"



PRAYERS MEMORIES LOVE Jerry McMurtrie

Exhale Peace.



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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. f 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

Breathe in Love,



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

David E. Brinkley

In Loving Memory of

Vincent "Poppy" & Vinnie Recupido

The Recupido & Hollingsworth Families

TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH. THEIR DREAMS, & OUR FUTURE.

Lynne & Gary Richardson



