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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 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

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Lord of All Hopefulness #410
"Loving and Forgiving" #664

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word on fire.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: There is a Longing #405

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: God's Holy Gifts #344

Meditation: Turn to Me #583

Recessional: We Belong to You #646



October Birthdays

1st- Kevin Hayes, Anne Baltrusaitis, Nora Putney & Dottie Edwards, 3rd- Bryan & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jean Kostaskey, 6th-Cathie Sobieski, 8th-Bill Campbell, 12th-Diane Weidner, 13th-Marilynne Cerullo, 15th-Father Gerry Kaggwa, 18th-Fredrick Johnson, 19th-Tom Jessee, 20th-Len Swinehart & Maggie Gerds, 23rd-Becky Nunn & John Donner 24th-Maura Puleo & Tony Robusto, 25th-Noelle Harvey, 26th-Mary Ellen Sherwood 27th-Tom Dorman & 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 office.



October Anniversaries

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: October 22nd-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29th-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Pancake Breakfast
November 1st-All Saints Day 9am Mass
November 2nd-Adoration-9:30-10:30/All Souls Day Mass 11:00am Cemetery
November 3rd-Oyster Festival Weekend
November 5th-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 9th-Parish Council 3pm
November 12th-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Social Sunday
November 13th-Visitation Singers
November 19th-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 23rd -Thanksgiving Day Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THIS WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: October 22, 2023

Sacristy Duty: S. Delagrang Community Leader: K. Hayes
Altar Server: K. Kirsch/B. Smith Lectors: M. Ballato/J. Sychterz
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: C. Jessee
Chalice: TBA/S. Seay/J. Ballato/G. Richardson
Music: F. Lohr Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

NEXT WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: October 29, 2023

Sacristy Duty: N. Harvey Community Leader: G. Richardson
Altar Server: B. Smith Lectors: J. Weidner/L. Petralia
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: D. Harriman
Chalice: N. Harvey/D. Marcil/TBD/TBD
Music: C. Powers Counters: Harriman

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 15, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,380
Second Collection: St Noa School \$ 753
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 40,635
Total Budget Projection: \$ 40,153
Loan Balance \$ 155,859

Today's second collection is for World Missions.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$398 September Electric Bill.



LEGACY

October 17-23 was National Estate Planning Awareness week. Through a partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese, free will is free for anyone to use to create a will. A 2023 survey indicated that 67% of adult Americans do not have a will in place. Creating a will is an act of love for family.

The foundation's online tool will help you create a legal will free of charge. The online solution also can make it easy for you to create important estate planning documents so you are prepared for the future. Get started at freewill.com/richmondcatholicfoundation the average time it takes a user to complete their will is 20 minutes.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast will be held the last Sunday of this month, October 29th. All are welcome!

RECURRING EVENTS

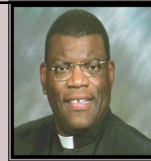
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
Weekly-Thursday 9:30am-Women's Group (Louise Petralia)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)

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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

October 22, 2023

Returning to God

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked by the Pharisees and Herodians whether it is lawful for Jews to pay taxes to the emperor. The Herodians would support paying the tax, while the Pharisees would not be in favor of paying the tax, so Jesus would appear to be trapped if he responds one way or the other. Jesus calls them out as hypocrites and asks them to show him a coin used for paying the tax. This coin, a Roman denarius, would have the image of the emperor and would have inscribed something like "Tiberius Caesar, Augustus, son of divine Augustus." Strict observers of Jewish law would not admit to possessing such a coin, because they believed there was no god except the God of Israel. The fellow who shows the coin would have been quite embarrassed, and Jesus has correctly called his opponents a hypocrites.

Scripture scholar Barbara Reid explains that Jesus' clever response - "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" - can be understood in one of three ways: (1) one should pay nothing to Caesar because everything belongs to God; (2) one should pay the emperor because he is God's representative; (3) one can pay Caesar but recognize that his authority is relative and that loyalty to God takes precedence. This last is the most likely meaning, and it moves the discussion from payment of worldly taxes to considering what you owe to God. Caesar's coin belongs to the world, but you belong to God, so give to God what belongs to God, and that is you!

Magnificat magazine weaves all three of today's readings together in this way: Christ's response to the false dilemma put to him by his opponents reveals that, though we owe obedience to just laws and rightful authority, we must also give to God what belongs to God. And what does belong to God? Our very lives. The effects of original sin entice us to withhold some part of ourselves from God, but Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading: "You were chosen by God our Father." And the Lord says in the first reading: "I have called you by your name, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other." Thus, the one to whom we owe everything is not a tyrannical ruler, but our Creator who loves us.

Recognizing that we should return to the Lord the undeserved gift of love that has been bestowed upon us through his grace, this week we ask:

How will you offer yourself to God this week as repayment for the many gifts he has given you?

**Operation
Christmas
Child**

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT UNTIL NATIONAL SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK. WE NEED YOUR HELP COLLECTING ITEMS TO FILL THE SHOEBOXES



Scan Operation Christmas for the shopping list. Financial donations are also welcome. ←

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Pastoral Care Ministry is short on PYX. If you have one not being used please return to Lynne Richardson or sacristy.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



We thank the parishioners who ran for election this year and the 84 or so parishioners who submitted a ballot. In the closest election we have encountered in several years, the three persons who received the most votes were, in alphabetical order: Kevin Hayes, Tom Jessee and Shelley Katsuki. They will assume their positions in January, 2024.

SEEKING BREAD BAKERS & SELLERS FOR OYSTERFEST BOOTH

A reminder that the Oyster Festival is Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, October 4th. COV will again be selling home made breads. All breads need to be delivered to COV on Tuesday, October 31st, Wednesday, November 1st, or Thursday, November 2nd during office hours (9:00 am to 2:00 pm).

Please deliver with the ingredient paperwork and nametag (kind of bread). Peggy Williams will decorate each bread for sale.

Our booth will also need workers to staff it for 2-3 hour shifts.

We have sign-up sheets for both bread bakers and workers in the Narthex.



Thank you all for your participation to make this another successful COV booth.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



What is World Mission Sunday?

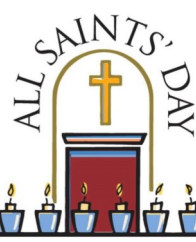
World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration within the Catholic Church, observed on the second to last Sunday of October. This special day is dedicated to the support of the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifices.

Why Do We Celebrate it?

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for every Church community worldwide to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters living in mission territories.

The collection supports mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY



Tuesday a week from now, November 1st, is all Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, and we will celebrate Mass here at COV at 9am, with a 6:30pm Mass at FdS. The next day, on Wednesday, November 2nd, we will celebrate Mass at 11am in the cemetery, weather permitting. As has been our practice in the past during November, we honor our relatives who have passed away. In the Narthex is a receptacle for memorial pictures of your loved ones. Beginning this Sunday you may bring your pictures which will be placed on a Memorial table. At that time, you can also fill a purple slip of paper with the names of the individuals you want remembered and place them in the decorative basket which will be placed on the Altar for all Masses in November.

A saint is someone who is in heaven-it is as simple as that. While "saint" as a title is reserved to those whose lives the Church has thoroughly investigated (typically through whose intercession two miracles can be demonstrated to have occurred), the term applies to anyone in Heaven.

Everyone from your saintly grandmother to the martyrs facing death for Christ: They are all part of the communion of saints. The Church commemorates all these saints on All Saints' Day.

All Saint' Day is recognized as one of the most important feasts on the liturgical calendar. However, the celebration of Halloween typically overshadows the commemoration of All Saints' Day.

Most of us realize that Halloween is in reality the vigil of All Saints' ("Allhallows Eve" or "Hallow E'en"), but All Saints' Day itself has become a bit of an afterthought.

It shouldn't be this way! The saints are our friends, our intercessors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. They care deeply for us, and their lives are recognized by the Church as exemplary, as models to follow.

All Soul' Day commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity, this day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some churches of the Anglican Communion and the Old Catholic Churches also celebrate it. The Eastern Orthodox churches observe several All Soul's Days during the year. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This is the reason why All Souls' Day is on 2 November after All Saints' Day, 1 November, which commemorates the departed who have attained the beatific vision, the Saints.



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.

This week, our study group discussed paragraph 1345 from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1345). Around the year 155, Saint Justin Martyr wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius, explaining what Christians did. You cannot help but notice that the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration have stayed the same until our own day.

Saint Justin writes: On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place.

The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.

Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves . . . and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.

Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.' When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.

Take note of the challenge to imitate the prophets, the prayers for all others, and the prayers of thanksgiving. Here is recognition that we should return to the Lord the gift of love that has been bestowed upon us gratuitously through his grace.

ITALIAN FEAST

The Knights received many verbal compliments about the Italian Feast. The following was received via email. We enjoyed the pasta, meatballs, and sausage very much... "Olive Garden" style salad was delicious and the desserts were over the top. Thank you to the parishioners of Church of the Visitation for preparing such a wonderful Italian Feast for the community year after year. Trish

Again thank you to the Knights of Columbus for another Italian Feast on the books. Well done!



Please pray for the following:

Ruth Gascoigne, William Melvin & Paul Krop



PARISHIONERS

John & Carol McCormack, Lynne McMurtrie, Barbara Smith, 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

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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.

HEADS UP

The Diocesan Office of Technology is in the process of migrating all churches' email systems into the Diocesan system. The advantages are many, to include increased cyber security. What this means is we will be getting a new email address. The transition will take place on Monday, October 24th. Our new email address will be office@COVtopping.org. For a period of time, emails to the old address will be forwarded to our new one.



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.



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Teacher



PRAYERS MEMORIES LOVE Jerry McMurtrie

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

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Josiah Reffo



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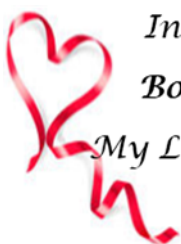

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Kenneth Anderson

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


Lewis Forte


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Forever,
Marianne




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