

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 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: Glory and Praise to Our God #558

"Loving and Forgiving" #664

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Christians, Let Us Love One Another #486

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 Be In My Head #408

Meditation: How Can I Keep From Singing #446

Recessional: Tell the Good News #378



November Birthdays

1st-Frederic Cabocel, 2nd-Mel Placilla, 6th-David Morrison, 9th-Gary Brown, 10th-Colleen Quinn, 11th-Steve Forte, 16th-Skip Kramb, 18th-Robert Wilson, 19th-Cathy Davenport, 21st-Branch Meanley, 22nd-Lorie Messina, 24th-Dave Filippi, 25th-Quinn Kennedy & Ty Balch, 27th-Lynne Dreelin, Mary Foley & Laurie King, 29th-Bill Brandl, 30th-Andrea Moore

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



November Anniversaries

29th-Aldo & Leisa DeCollibus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: 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
November 26th-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
December 3rd-1st Sunday of Advent
December 7th-Adoration-9:30-10:30am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

THIS 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

Music: C. Powers

Chalice: N. Harvey/D. Marcil/TBD/TBD
Counters: Harriman/McNeil

NEXT WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: November 5, 2023

Sacristy Duty: TBA

Community Leader: J. McCormack

Altar Server: B. Miller

Lectors: M. Ballato/P. DeGroot

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: TBA

Music: M. Meanley

Chalice: TBA
Counters: O'Brien/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 22, 2023

Collection:	\$ 3,278
Second Collection: World Mission	\$ 156
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 43,913
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 42,307
Loan Balance	\$ 155,859

There is no second collection this week.

We signed the following principal checks this week: \$230 Lectors' workbooks; \$155 Printer Leasing.



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/richmondatholicfoundation 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 after Mass today, All are welcome!

RECURRING EVENTS



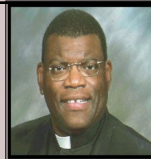
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
Weekly-Thursday 9:30am-Women's Group (Louise Petralia)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (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 29, 2023

Love of neighbor

Bishop Robert Barron tells a story from his time as auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles when he had the opportunity to visit the ranch that President Ronald Reagan specially loved and which he used throughout his presidency. While the natural beauty of the terrain was quite impressive, it seemed that the simplicity of the house would have been appealing to Mrs Reagan, and he assumed that, given her refined taste, she probably didn't much like the ranch. When he mentioned this to a tour guide, the guide smiled and said, "No, on the contrary. She loved it." Puzzled, Bishop Barron said, "Really?" The guide's response was memorable: "She loved it because he loved it, and she loved him."

In today's Gospel, when the Pharisees ask Jesus to name the greatest commandment, he answered the way any pious Jew would, by reciting part of the Sh'ema from the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy: You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. But then he says something new: The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Why would Jesus add this fresh commandment? Well, if we truly love God, then we will love everyone God loves, even those who are, for us, rather unlovable. Had she not fallen in love with Ronald Reagan, Nancy most likely wouldn't have cared for the rustic ranch, but she did fall in love with him and he loved the ranch; so she loved it too. If we haven't fallen in love with God, we will probably find a lot of people not to our liking. But if we do love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, we will love those whom he loves—which means everyone.

To love your neighbor as you might love yourself is to abandon any tendency toward narcissism and to be focused on others in all we say and do. We are called to love others with the same love that impelled Christ to the cross for our sake. Recognizing that this is a lofty bar to clear, this week we ask:

In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We thank the parishioners who ran for election this year and the 84 or so parishioners who submitted a ballot. 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.

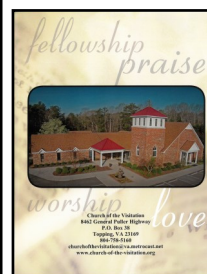


NEW EMAIL ADDRESS



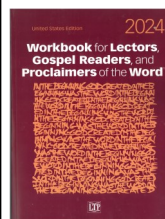
As announced recently, we have a new email address effective last Monday. Our address is office@COVtopping.org

Mail sent to the Church of the Visitation will continue to be forwarded to our new address for an undetermined length of time.



DIRECTORY

Our directory pictures are completed and the bulk of the administrative work lies ahead of us. Individual pictures are due within 4-6 weeks and the directory itself, 4-6 months. We regret that all of our church goers did not participate in the picture taking, but if you did not, and desire to have your family picture included in the final product, you can do so by submitting your desired photo to the office. There is a small fee for inclusion (not our rule). If you have any questions, please contact a member of the directory committee (Pat, Helen, Lynne or Andrea).

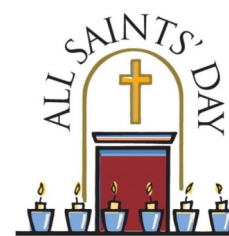


LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector workbooks are labeled and ready for pickup located on the Admin table in the Narthex. If you have any question please see Louise Petralia.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Wednesday, 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 Thursday, November 2nd, we will celebrate Mass at 11am in the cemetery, weather permitting.



As has been our practice in the past during Novembers, we honor our relatives who have passed away. In the Narthex is a receptacle for memorial pictures of your loved ones. 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 Saints 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.

Last week, our study group encountered paragraphs 1356 through 1360 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1356-1360). These paragraphs introduce the Sacramental Sacrifice as Thanksgiving, Memorial and Presence.

If from the beginning Christians have celebrated the Eucharist and in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times and liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the eve of his Passion: "Do this in remembrance of me." (CCC 1356)

We carry out this command of the Lord by celebrating the memorial of his sacrifice. In so doing, we offer to the Father what he has himself given us: the gifts of his creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ, have become the body and blood of Christ. Christ is thus really and mysteriously made present. (CCC 1357)

We must therefore consider the Eucharist as:

- thanksgiving and praise to the Father;
- the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body;
- the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Spirit. (CCC 1358)

The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity. (CCC 1359)

The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving." (CCC 1360)

We can see from the above paragraphs some of the rich language the Church uses in her teaching. Notice especially these groups of three:

- thanksgiving, memorial, presence
- Father, Christ, Spirit
- good, beautiful, just
- creation, redemption, sanctification

PARISH PENCE UPDATE

In the past two week we have helped a couple with lodging, another family with an electric bill and another with rent. Thank you



Please pray for the following:

Harry Sikora, Lil Lloyd, Mac Bridgeforth & Jack Petralia



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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CHURCH FOOTBALL HUMOR

Quarterback Sneak
Church members quietly leaving during the altar call.

Halftime
The period between Sunday School and morning worship when many choose to leave.

Backfield-in-Motion
Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

Two-Minute Warning
The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay
The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Trap
You're called on to pray and are asleep.

End Run
Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

Halfback Options
The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

Blitz
The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer



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:

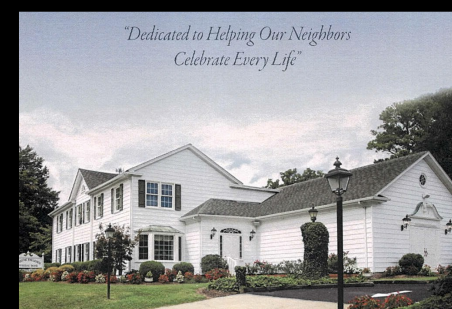
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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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PRAYERS
MEMORIES
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Jerry
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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. 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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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation
Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

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