

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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  
Justice & Peace  
Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking  
Parish Life: Johnna Harris  
RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner  
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson  
Administration, Ray Kostaskey

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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Cindy Powers  
Kathy Swinehart  
Mary Sychterz  
John Weidner-Chair

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore  
Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing to the Mountains #544

"Loving and Forgiving" #664

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #913

Glory To God #914

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful: Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Parable #691

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: In the Breaking of the Bread #321

Meditation: If I Can Help Somebody

Recessional: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #732

### 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 Gerdts, 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-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (No Social Sunday)  
October 9th-Visitation Singers  
October 11th & 12th-No Daily Masses  
October 12th-Directory Photos  
October 15th-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Parish Council Elections  
October 22nd-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 29th-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Pancake Breakfast  
November 1st-All Saints Day 9am  
November 2nd-All Souls Day/Adoration-9:30-10:30/11:00 Cemetery Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### THIS WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: October 8, 2023

Sacristy Duty: N. Harvey Community Leader: B. Puttmann  
Altar Server: Ray Kostaskey Lectors: M. 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

### NEXT WEEKS ASSIGNMENTS: October 15, 2023

Sacristy Duty: C. Jessee Community Leader: J. Clair  
Altar Server: T. Dorman/B. Miller  
Lectors: L. Dreelin/B. Nunn  
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBA/Chalice: TBA  
Music: J. Smith Counters: Tutak/Harvey

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 1, 2023

Collection:	\$ 2,789
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 559
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 35,831
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 35,843
Loan Balance	\$ 156,685

There will be no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$1,132 Credit Charges; \$178 Parish Life Expenses.

### LEGACY



Did you know that the laws of the State where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your Church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

When you need a will, it's too late to have one drawn. Don't wait. And don't forget your Church.

### PRIEST CONVOCATION

Father will be absent next week attending the Priest Convocation; therefore, there will be no Daily Masses on October 11th & 12th.



### 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)

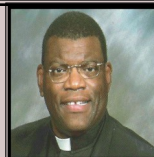


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**FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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](http://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 8, 2023

**Command to Remember**

Father Paul Scalia of Arlington writes that the parable of the wicked tenants from today's Gospel presents Israel's tragic failure to remember. The parable's landowner represents God, and the vineyard he built is Jerusalem, or Israel in general. The tenants - Israel's leaders - fail to remember that he was the One who made their vineyard. They had, as Isaiah warned, forgotten the God of their salvation.

We face the same danger as the wicked tenants. When forgetfulness creeps in - when we forget that it is he who made us and redeemed us - we begin to view ourselves as independent from him. We fall into a false sense of self-sufficiency. We grow to resent his commands as inconveniences, intrusions, and violations of our autonomy. His messengers become annoying to us, and we dismiss them.

The Church constantly guards us against forgetfulness. As a good Mother she forever reminds us of the Lord, his works, and his law. Through her priests and bishops she puts our Lord's teachings before us always. She point stop what he has already accomplished, reminding us that it was he who established us in his vineyard. At the same time she looks to the future and makes us "remember" that moment when he will come again and gather his harvest.

Mother Church fulfills this apostolate to the memory most especially in the liturgy. In the cycle of the liturgical year she walks us through the life of Christ. Year after year she causes us to remember his Incarnation, birth, life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We revisit his words and deeds over and over again. During the Mass, she does not just recall or recollect the Lord's sacrifice on the cross. Rather, she makes his sacrifice truly present so we can conform our lives to it. And she does this in obedience to his own command: Do this in memory of me.

God commands his people, among other things, to remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8) Recalling those times that the Lord's commands may have been inconvenient or intrusive, the question for this week is:

**What positive things have you done recently to remember God's gifts and to express gratitude for receiving them?**

**ONE DATE LEFT FOR OUR DIRECTORY PHOTOS**

We need you to participate in our church directory. If you have not signed up for your directory photo we have one more date available, October 12th. For those who wish to schedule their own appointment, visit the website at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and under "schedule an appointment" use the Church code: **va221** Password: **photos**. If you need help you can call the office, or see Pat Marchant, Lynne Richardson or Helen Linden.

**FREE FLU SHOTS**

Free, drive-up flu shots, regular and senior doses, are being offered by the Cryer Center and the doses are given by the Middlesex Health Department.



October 10th @ Cryer Center from 10am to 4pm.

All are welcome to participate. You do not need to be a member of the Cryer Center to take advantage of this opportunity.



**PARISH PICNIC**

Parish picnic was a smashing success! On Sunday two weeks ago, the parish picnic went off without a hitch thanks to all the help from the parishioners. A big shout out to the Knights of Columbus for cooking the hot dogs and burgers; to Tom and Mary Dorman and Debbie and Monty McNeil for running the Bingo; and to Walt and Kari Lee Donovan for handling the 50/50 drawing. And were thankful for all the donation of sides and desserts. A big thank you to the amazing kitchen crew for helping with set up and clean up too.



**PREPARING AND VOTING AS VIRGINIA CATHOLICS**

In a joint letter this past week, the Bishops of Arlington and Richmond emphasized the importance of the upcoming elections for Virginians and reminded us that it's the sacred duty of each voter to form his/her conscience and participate in these critical decisions.

They reiterated that three foundational principles are essential to forming conscience and evaluating candidates:

- Many issues are important;
- Not all issues have equal moral weight;
- Protecting life is paramount.



They further went on to say that addressing the tragedy of abortion is the "preeminent priority because it attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." The full letter may be viewed on the Admin Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

**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. All three are eligible to stand for re-election and have been nominated again.

The final list of nominees is posted in the Narthex. If you are on it and do not wish to serve, please cross your name off this weekend.

We will collect ballots at Mass on Sunday, October 15th, and will accept ballots at the church office beginning Tuesday, October 10th through Wednesday, October 18th. 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 Kostas, Church Administrator.

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2024**

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

**ST. NOA SCHOOL PROJECT**



Our roots go deep in this project and because its related facilities, we will continue to support through special collections, one of which is continued support of the project.



**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 is the meaning of the word “eucharist”?**  
(Refer to CCC 1328, 1359-1361)

One authoritative answer:

“Eucharist” comes from the Greek word meaning “thanksgiving.” It expresses, through sacrifice, our thanksgiving for the work of creation and the gifts of God the Father to us, his people. By recalling and re-presenting the perfectly redemptive action of Christ’s death and Resurrection in the Eucharistic celebration, we can participate with Christ in offering this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God. (Source: Eucharist Small Group Study Leader Guide)

On the page 34 of his book *This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*, Bishop Robert Barron relates that Thomas Aquinas said that the sacrament has three names, each corresponding to one of the dimensions of time. As we look to the past, we call the sacrament *sacrificium* (sacrifice), for it embodies the self-immolation of Christ on the cross. As we look to the present, we call it *communio* (communion) since it realizes the coming together of the Body of Christ here and now. As we look to the future, we call it *Eucharista* (Eucharist), since it anticipates the great thanksgiving that will take place in heaven when we are in the company of the holy ones, at the eschatological banquet.

The Catechism teaches that the sacrament is named Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogies* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. (CCC - 1328)

This week’s Question:

**What are some other common names for the Eucharist?**  
(Refer to CCC 1329-1332)

**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. If you need an envelope, please pick one up from the ushers.  
Thank you for your support.



...se we (FdS & COV) built the school and support its operating, and other expenses scheduled for next week. Father Koo agrees fully with our



Please pray for the following:

Mary Jacobs & Joseph Smith



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

**Operation Christmas Child**

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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:

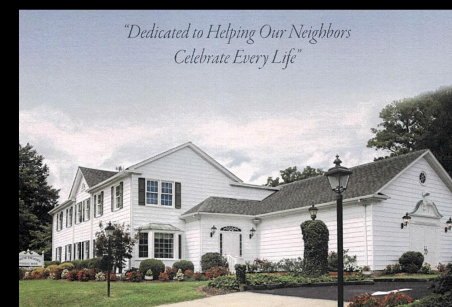
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat’s Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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.**



In memory of  
*Lillian M. Reiffel,*  
Teacher



PRAYERS  
MEMORIES  
LOVE  
Jerry  
McMurtrie

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

Josiah Reffo



In  
Loving Memory  
Of  
*Alma and Fritz Sitterding*  
Supporting Our Youth

**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  
*Bobby Warren*  
Your Family  
Arlene,  
L.C., Faye,  
Caitlyn & Courtlyn

*“Gone but not to be forgotten”*

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Memory Of  
*David E. Brinkley*

In Loving Memory of  
*Vincent “Poppy” & Vinnie Recupido*  
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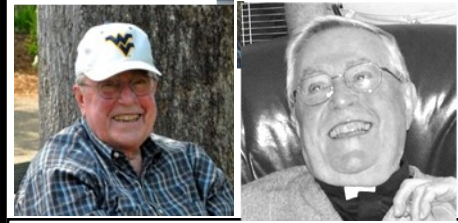
In Loving Memory of  
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Fred and Betty Meister

We Support The Youth Scholarship  
**John & Carol McCormack**



In Memory of  
Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr. 8/28/1943 to 3/18/2020  
Thomas R. Shepherd III 11/05/1970 to 3/31/2022

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash




In Loving Memory of  
"Lee Hollingsworth"  
We love and miss you!  
Barb & Tori

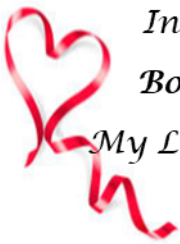


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"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was".




Lewis Forte



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

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