

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024 Year B

Mass intention today is for Joseph Gascoigne

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: open
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: All are Welcome #422

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel Acclamation: We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Behold the Lamb #341

Holy: #918

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: #923

Communion: We Are Many Parts #585

Meditation: Here I Am Lord #389

Recessional: Let There Be Peace On Earth #531



January Birthdays

1st-Carol McCormack, 2nd-Evelyn Scott, 3rd-Robert Cerullo,
5th-Lorraine Kirsch & Mike Borzelleca, 7th-Betty Johnson & Tom
Foley, 13th Daniel Peterson, 16th-Christine Hayes, 17th-Anne Wolski,
19th-James Moncure, 20th-Deborah Harriman, 21st-Charles Walsh,
22nd-Clara Suyes, Donna Brandl, Josiah Reffo, & Don Tyrell,
27th-John McCormack, 28th-Jacob Lovejoy, 29th-Michael Dreelin & Robert Seay,
30th-Liberty Bushey, 31st-John King.

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



January Anniversaries

5th-Charles and Louise Hartz, 6th-Thomas and Ivony Kennedy,
24th-John and Laurie King.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17th-Liturgy Meeting 11:00am
January 21st-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27th-Funeral Mass Carmen Brinkley-11:00am
January 28th-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2nd-Groundhog Day
February 3rd-Funeral Mass Eileen Wagner-11:00am/COV
February 4th-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th-6th Sunday on Ordinary Time
February 12th-Visitation Singers

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

January 14, 2024

Sacristy Duty: S. Delagrange Community Leader: B. Puttmann

Altar Server: T. Dorman Lectors: L. Dreelin/J. Weidner

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: A. Wolski

Chalice: D. Marcil/G. Richardson

Music: M. Meanley

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

January 21, 2024

Sacristy Duty: C. Jessee Community Leader: G. Richardson

Altar Server: Miller/Kstesky Lectors: R. Kstesky/P. DeGroot

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: J. Weidner

Chalice: K. Donovan

Music: J. McCormack

Counters: Harris/Davenport

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from December 7, 2023

Collection: \$ 2,572

Second Collection: Parish Pence \$ 547

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 69,424

Total Budget Projection: \$ 65,471

Loan Balance: \$141,334

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$1,017 Pastor and Rectory Expenses for December.



LEGACY

Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary.

Consider naming your church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust.

The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to your church.



Potential
Promise & Purpose

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)

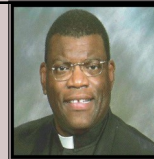
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)

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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 2024**

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

REGRETS



With regret, we announce the death of long time parishioner Carmen Brinkley this past week.

Carmen will be remembered for her faithful commitment to our church at all times.

Her Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS



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PRAYER LIST REFRESH

It is customary to refresh our prayer lists in January each year. We do not change the "Parishioner" list, but ask that you confirm the names you placed on the "Family of Parishioners" and "Friends of Parishioners" lists by the end of January. Send us an email or drop us a note in the office with the names you desire to remain. *Thank you*



EMAIL ADDRESS REMINDERS

Our church email address is:
office@covtopping.org

Our administrator (Ray's) email address is:
admin@covtopping.org

NEW DIRECTORY INFO

We are trying to get the new directory done by the end of January. If you have any changes to your name/address/Phone # or email in the last year please email them to our office at office@covtopping.org before January 22nd.



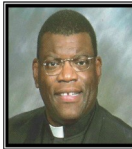
During Social Sunday today please see Pat Marchant, Helen Linden or Lynne Richardson to sign off on "your" information that is going in the new directory. New parishioners as well.

Thank you

THANK YOU FROM ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to all the wonderful people of COV who helped decorate the church for Christmas on Dec. 17th and to those who helped take down and store the Christmas decorations on Jan. 7. Your generosity and willingness to help in ways large and small makes our parish special and for that, Arts & Environment is truly grateful.
Germaine Hayes/Cindy Jessec

FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Anna Moore. She recently received a \$2,500 scholarship grant from the Fr. John Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund in support of her working toward her Masters in Education thru Liberty University's online program during 2024.

We wish her well as she continues her educational goals.

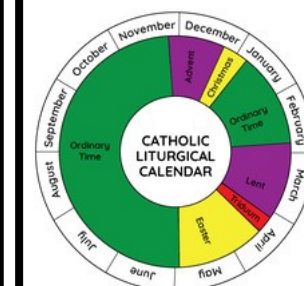
A special thanks goes to all of those who support the Fr. John Boddie Memorial Scholarship fund that makes these grants possible.

ORDINARY TIME

We have returned to the period of the Liturgical Year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major season of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Ordinary Time thus encompasses two difference periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent. Because the term "ordinary" in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.



Take Home Lesson

Come and See

January 14, 2024

Note all of the names used for Jesus in today's Gospel reading: Lamb of God, Rabbi, Teacher, Messiah, Christ. Note especially that the background for the title "Lamb of God" may be the victorious apocalyptic lamb who would destroy evil in the world (Rev 5-7, 17:14); the paschal lamb, whose blood saved Israel (Ex 12); and/or the suffering servant led like a lamb to slaughter as a sin offering (Is 53:7,10).

Naming is of great importance. God calls Samuel by name in today's first reading. In the Gospel reading, when Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus, he immediately receives the nickname Cephas (Peter, meaning "rock"). This new name foreshadows Peter's importance. Later in John's telling of the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd: "...and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." (John 10:4-5)

Scripture scholar Scott Lewis comments that the calling of the first disciples is presented differently in the Gospel according to John. In the Synoptic Gospels it is Jesus who seeks out and calls his disciples, while in John it is the disciples who search for Jesus. When Jesus asks them what they are looking for, they answer Jesus' question with another question: "Where are you staying (menien)?" This identical word is used ten times in John 15:1-11 as Jesus describes the True Vine and the Branches. Jesus promises that the believer who remains or abides (menien) in him will enjoy the indwelling of Jesus and the Father. "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." (John 15:7)

The disciple's question has levels of meaning, and that is confirmed when Jesus invites the two disciples to "come and...see." Verbs of perception in John's Gospel have a deeper meaning than the mere physical. Here they are an invitation to the two disciples as well as John's readers to experience and comprehend where Jesus truly abides - with God.

Scripture scholar Maria Barga adds this commentary: Upon hearing John's words, the two disciples followed Jesus, yet it is Jesus who takes the initiative in turning to them and speaking first, asking, "What are you looking for?" True discipleship flows from Jesus' initiative. He speaks to us first, and then we have a choice in how we respond. The two disciples respond by remaining with him, and then one, Andrew, goes a step further by sharing his encounter with Christ with his brother Simon, who is later known as Peter/Cephas.

Like the disciples, our relationship with God is the result of God's initiative and calling. We can choose whether to heed his call and follow or turn a deaf ear to his voice.

Considering this, we ask:
What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

MASS INTENTIONS

Today our Mass is for Joseph Gascoigne
 Sunday, February 18, 2024 Mass for Elaine Graham

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

If you want to know where the box you packed ended up, check the list on the information table. To see a map of where all our boxes for the past two years have been shipped, visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/COV-OCCmap>

The final tally is in for our 75 OCC shoeboxes packed in 2023. These boxes went to:

Peru	2
Uruguay	7
Hard to Reach	3
Cameroon	1
Honduras	59
Ecuador	1
Columbia	3

As a reminder we are always collecting donations (items and monetary) for the shoeboxes.

This month we will focus on hats, gloves, scarves and socks.

You can place items in the box in the narthex.

ENVELOPES, CALENDARS & TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2024 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Some e-givers have wondered why we printed envelopes for them. It was done to provide, by request, envelopes for the scheduled second collections. Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar.



Please pray for the following:

Buddy Moore, Bob O'Keefe, Carmen Brinkley,
 Marie Suyes and Matthew Moore



PARISHIONERS

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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.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

After a fond farewell for Marge Dembeck last Sunday, we look forwards to Social Sunday today. Please stay after Mass for flavorful snacks, camaraderie, and maybe some juicy gossip. Please bring a snack to share.



Marge Dembeck
 476 Freedom Blvd
 West Brandywine, PA 19320



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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.



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PRAYERS
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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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Thomas R. Shepherd III 11/05/1970 to 3/31/2022

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

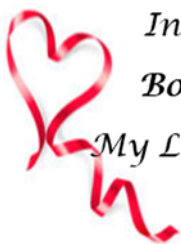
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In Memory of JoAn

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
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Forever,
Marianne




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

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