

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024 Year B

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

Worship/Liturgy: Germaine Hayes
Justice & Peace: open
Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kostaskey

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing A New Song #554

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation: The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Eye Has Not Seen #475

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: I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light #597

Meditation: Christ Before Us #416

Recessional: God Has Chosen Me #388

January 21, 2024

Sacristy Duty: C. Jessee

Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Miller/Kostaskey

Lectors: Kostaskey/DeGroot

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: J. Weidner

Chalice: K. Donovan

Music: McCormack

Counters: Harris/Davenport

January 28, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: Shoemaker/Sherwood

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Harriman

Music: Krop

Counters: Harriman/Hock

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 14, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,660
Second Collection:	
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 72,084
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 67,822
Loan Balance:	\$ 141,334

Today's second collection is for Respect for Life.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$395 for Lawn Care; \$1,150 for December Electricity.



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-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/Social Sunday
February 12th-Visitation Singers
February 14th-Ash Wednesday/Valentines Day
February 18th-1st Sunday of Lent

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

LEGACY

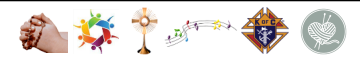
Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary.



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.

RECURRING EVENTS



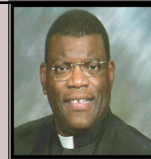
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
Weekly-Thursday 9:30am-Women's Group (Louise Petralia)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00pm (Sandi Delagrange)

**SUPPORTER OF
OUR SCHOLARSHIP**

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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

Take Home Lesson

January 21, 2024

REPENT AND BELIEVE

In today's first reading from Jonah, we hear a prophecy of doom and destruction, but it is not meant to be the final word. Instead, the prophecy is an invitation to the recipients to change they lives and reorient toward God. We see the Ninevites accept this invitation as they believed God, repented, and turned from doing evil.

The theme of repentance is heard again in today's Gospel reading from Mark. Jesus' words calling for repentance remind us of Jonah's proclamation to Ninevah, but Jesus goes further and speaks of the kingdom of God and the need to believe in the Gospel, the good news of God's salvation for all. Jesus' message demands a change in one's attitude and life.

Father Gabrielle Amarth offer this meditation in Magnificat magazine: At the beginning of the Gospel of Mark there are four phrases that summarize the entire work of the Lord and that nurture and give meaning to our existence:

***"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe the Gospel."* (Mark 1:15)**

Analyzing these four phrases, we shall understand the sense of the Incarnation and the Resurrection of Jesus. The first phrase tells us that the time for waiting is finished: from the moment when Jesus is born on earth, he becomes contemporaneously the center of all human history.

Here is the substance of the second phrase: heaven, which had been closed because of sin, is now open, in virtue of the transfigured flesh of Christ in his Resurrection. By now his kingdom of justice and peace has definitely arrived.... The doors of paradise have been thrown open, and the dazzling light of Christ, raised and living, includes the resting place of all the redeemed.

The third phrase reveals to us that in order to enjoy eternal beatitude, we must change our way of thinking and therefore our life in a total and radical way. We have been called to a continuous metanoia, a conversion, a reformulation of the priority of life, so that this reality can also be fully realized in our own existence.

Finally, the fourth phrase tells us how to work this conversion: by living the Gospel. There we have all that is necessary. The Gospel, in turn, summarizes what Jesus commands his disciples: ***Love one another, even as I have loved you. (John 13:34)***

If, as Father Amorth says, Jesus' call to repent is a call to change our thinking and our way of life in a total and radical way, then we should start with this question:

What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

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

The deadline for submitting changes to your name/address/Phone # or email is **TODAY, January 21**. Please email any changes to our office at office@covtopping.org before January 22nd. This includes new parishioners as well.



THANK YOU FROM ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

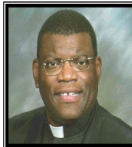
Thank you to all the wonderful people of COV who helped decorate the church for Christmas on Dec. 17th and to those who helped take down and store the Christmas decorations on Jan. 7. Your generosity and willingness to help in ways large and small makes our parish special and for that, Arts & Environment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

TWO GALLON BEVERAGE DISPENSER MISSING

The kitchen is missing a 2 gallon beverage dispenser that is needed to meet the Parish Life needs of COV. It seems to have disappeared around the beginning of October. If we don't find it, we will need to purchase a replacement. If you happened to borrow it for the holidays, please return it to the Church.

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.

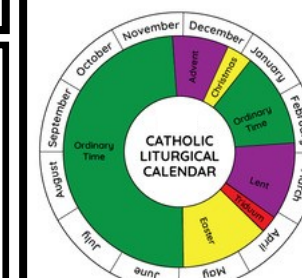
ORDINARY TIME

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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.

TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2023

If you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located on the table in the Narthex.

FUNERAL REMINDERS


A reminder that on successive Saturdays, one on January 27th, at 11:00 am, and the other on February 3rd, at 11:00 am, we will celebrate a Mass of Resurrection for two of our beloved long time parishioners, Carmen Brinkley and Eileen Wagner.

Carmen's Mass will occur on the 27th and Eileen's, on the 3rd. Receptions will follow each Mass, and we ask parishioners to bring a dish to share with others on those days.



Marge Dembeck
476 Freedom Blvd
West Brandywine, PA
19320



Please pray for the following:  *Dolores Powers, Tom Mangrum, Wayne Cameron and Lewis Forte*

PARISHIONERS

Peggy Williams, Paula Wilson, 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 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

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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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 

Thank you to the 12 women who responded to the call for help for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The initial meeting was emotional for all, running from tears as we met each other and spoke of our reasons for joining, to excitement as we worked with the yarn and needles used to create these special gifts.

The ministry will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 1:00 pm at the Church. All are welcome to join, or donate money for yarn. Sandi Delagrang will be coordinating this group. You can reach out to her if you have questions or are interested in joining.

FUEL AND HUNGER GRANT

This week, the Diocese informed us we had been awarded a \$3,000 Grant from the Fuel and Hunger fund for the use of our Parish Pence fund. This is the eight consecutive year we have received an award, and we are blessed to be a recipient. As a point of interest, they Fuel and Hunger Fund is supported by the Annual Appeal and is a reason in itself to consider donating to the appeal. Thank you Ray for submitting for the grant. 



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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"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In memory of

Lillian M. Reiffel,

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

"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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Lewis Forte

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In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne



In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes

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

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