

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 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
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Lift Up Your Hearts #566

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Second Reading: Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation: Christ took away our infirmities and bore our disease.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In the Breaking of the Bread #181

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: Take and Eat #364

Meditation: All is Well With My Soul #473

Recessional: Stand By Me #399

February Birthdays



2nd-Monique Donner; 4th-Dimitri Angell; 5th-Marisa Bonanno;
7th-Jen Clair; 9th-Bea Foley; 12th-Kari Lee Donavon;
13th-Robert Borden; 17th-Loretta Borostovik, Felicity-Hartlove and
Gina Putney; 19th-Robert Smith; 25th-Brennan Williams;
26th-Barbara Smith, Gretchen Borzelleca and
Annabel Clair.

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



February Anniversaries

4th-Gene & Anne Wolski; 14th-Joseph and Mary Sychterz;
15th-Donna and Thomas Lange; 25th-Michael and Lynn Dreelin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4th-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7th-Special Parish Council Meeting 3pm "All are welcome"

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

February 19th-Presidents Day

February 21st-#1 Stations and Soup

February 25th-2nd Sunday of Lent

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

February 4, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: D. Harriman

Altar Server: J. Sychterz

Lectors: O'Brien/Dorman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: DeGroot

Chalice: Donovan/Sychterz/Weidner

Music: J. Smith

Counters: O'Brien/Smith

February 11, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: K. Hayes

Altar Server: Kstesky

Lectors: DeGroot/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Marcel/G. Richardson

Music: F. Lohr

Counters: King/Kirsch/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 28, 2024

Collection: \$ 1,733

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 76,507

Total Budget Projection: \$ 72,143

Loan Balance: \$ 141,330



Today's second collection is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$371 Credit Card Charges \$211 Telephone December.

LEGACY

Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your Church? If not, amend your documents now.



Did you know that over 50% of all people at the time of their death do not have a will or living trust?

Do you know who your heirs will be? Is your Church included in your will? Without a will, State law will determine who receives your estate and no charity will receive a gift from your estate. Be sure your estate planning is up-to-date and expresses your wishes.

RECURRING EVENTS



Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)

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 Shawl Ministry

(Sandi Delagrange)

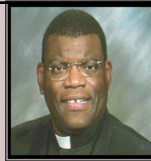
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45-
COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

**SUPPORTER OF
OUR SCHOLARSHIP**

Vera & John England
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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

A THANK YOU FROM THE BRINKLEYS

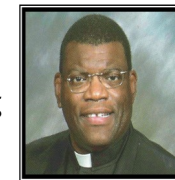
Father Koo and all the church of the Visitation, Thank you so much for a phenomenal Mass and Reception in remembrance of my beautiful and dear wife Carmen. All of you helped me make a difficult situation easier to cope with, I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. *Joe Brinkley Sr. and family.*

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will hold a special meeting on February 7th @ 3pm to discuss the results of the survey and plan Liturgy events for the first half of year. All are welcome to attend.

**APPROACHING DEADLINE FOR
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

The deadline for anyone interested in applying for a Father John Boddie Scholarship for post high school education is early March, 2024.



The Website for the scholarship application can be found at www.church-of-the-visitation.org.

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. For those parishioners who requested statements, your statements are located on the admin table in the Narthex.



HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

A parishioner has inquired about the possibility of having a system for those who would like to have a daily phone call to check on them.

If you would like to receive a daily call from a parishioner and then call another parishioner to check on them, please call or email the Church office by February 15th.



THANK YOU FROM PARISH LIFE

Our parishioners are always helpful especially when needed. Thanks to all the people who donated food for Carmen's funeral. Many of Carmen's family members were very thankful and appreciative of the Mass and reception. COV is a special community, and Thank you again for stepping up. We are grateful for the many parishioners who donate their time and talent to make it so. *Johnna Harris*

**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. *Thank You.*

**LOOKING AHEAD TO THE
LENTEN SEASON**

Lent begins early this year with Ash Wednesday falling on February 14th. The First Sunday of Lent will be February 18th. To supplement our devotional activities we will have the Black Books featuring 10 minutes of daily readings during Lent available in the coming weeks.

2024 APPEAL



As mentioned in the announcement of the Lenten Season, the Annual Appeal's in-pew process will take place on February 18th & 25th during Mass.

We will have pledge cards and envelopes for your use if needed. Last year we benefitted from the Appeal in several ways. The Diocese returned to us 50% of the monies we donated because we are a mission church.

Additionally, we received grants from the Fuel and Hunger Fund for our Parish Pence program and the Home Mission Fund for the purchase of security cameras.

The appeal comes at a critical opportunity for us to empower the next generation, provide for those in need, and strengthen Catholic Communities.

Our Parish goal has increased by 13% this year and is \$8,120. We will provide you with updates as the campaign progresses.

Take Home Lesson

February 4, 2024

Healing Touch of Jesus

This week's lesson is based upon scripture scholar Maria Barga's commentary on today's Gospel that appears in our Workbook for Lector, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word.

Today's Gospel conveys a sense of immediacy and urgency in Jesus' ministry. The people's need for the Good News is great, and there is no time to waste in proclaiming and witnessing to it. This resonates with Paul's compulsion to preach the Gospel in the second reading.

Jesus' ministry of prayer, healing, preaching, and exorcising is displayed in this reading. While in last week's Gospel Jesus' power is manifested through his words, today we see Jesus' power revealed by his touch alone. When he takes Simon's mother-in-law by the hand, the fever departs, and she begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. In serving them, she confirms the healing and presents a model of true discipleship which consists of humble service to others.

We also see Jesus going off to a deserted place to pray. Here we see the theme of the desert as a place to pray and connect with God. This passage also draws the connection between prayer and ministry. Jesus constantly prays throughout his ministry, and teaches his disciples how to pray by example and through instruction.

The Gospel today presents a model for our own Christian ministry, which we are all called to live out in our daily lives and in our own unique way. First, we are reminded of the urgency to preach the Good News and not put it off for a more convenient time or occasion. Next, we see that our sharing of the Good News should be manifested in our service to others, as Simon's mother-in-law demonstrated. And, finally, our whole Christian life and ministry is rooted in constant prayer.

Recall that Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law by taking her by the hand. This miraculous healing takes place through the very human, very personal encounter of two people holding hands. When we encounter Jesus personally in our lives, when we allow him to take us by hand, we too can rise up from whatever troubles us and turn our attention toward service to others.

Do you have an experience in encountering Jesus that led to service?



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 18, 2024 Mass for Elaine Graham

COV GALS ARE MEETING WEEKLY



We have started a group of women who share thoughts and ideas. We read and discuss the Sunday Mass readings and have a book discussion. Right now, we are reading The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr.

We welcome anyone to join us and to add ideas about what women want and need to help and support each other.

We meet every week on Thursdays after the daily Mass in the teen room near the kitchen about 9:45. Since there is adoration on the first Thursday of the month, we meet that week on Friday morning at 9:00 am. If you are interested in joining, please see any one of the following:

- Pat DeGroot Mary Ellen Sherwood Lynn Dreelein
- Terry Skovera Louise Petralia Eileen O'Brien

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Thank you to the 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 Delagrange will be coordinating this group. You can reach out to her if you have questions or are interested in joining.

WHAT IS ADORATION?

When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory", respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications." (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



Adoration is the first Thursday of the month, 9:30-



Please pray for the following:

Eileen Wagner, Tom Foley, Matt Ponish, Natalia Nakafecero & Carmen Brinkley



PARISHIONERS

Walt & Kari Lee Donovan, Peggy Williams, Paula Wilson, John & Carol McCormack, Lynne McMurtrie, Barbara Smith, The Hollingsworth family, Don Tyrrell, David Rector, Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Bea Foley, Jack & Laurie King, 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

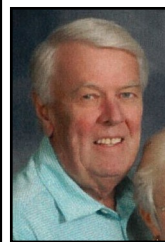
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If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.

REGRETS



With regrets, we announce the death of parishioner Tom Foley of Locust Hill on Friday, January 19. Tom and wife Bea joined the parish in 2008 and were regular churchgoers until his health prevented him from doing so. Tom was buried in PA this past week.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Steve & Colleen DeLuca
92 Stoney Drive
Hardyville, VA 23070

Steve 301-904-5063
Shared email: vnoxprs@comcast.net
Colleen 202-680-8262



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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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 &
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"The Retirement Plan Of Christ
Was His Passion.
Is Yours The Same?"

Josiah Reffo



In
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Of

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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

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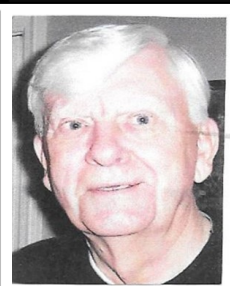

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In Memory of JoAn


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



Lewis Forte


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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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