

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 11, 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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #553

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation: A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O Beauty Ever Ancient #517

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: Bread For the World #325

Meditation: Love Goes On #488

Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia #175



## 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

Today-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  
February 28th-#2 Stations and Soup-KOC meeting  
March 5th-Confirmation (St Bede)  
March 7th-Adoration 9:30-10:30am

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

February 11, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: K. Hayes

Altar Server: Kostaskey

Lectors: J. Sychterz/L. Dreelin

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Marcel/G. Richardson

Music: F. Lohr

Counters: King/Kirsch/Angell

February 18, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: G. Richardson

Altar Server: Miller/Smith

Lectors: P. DeGroot/M. Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hosts: Harvey

Chalice: Donovan

Music: L. Mears

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from February 4, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,296
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 722
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 78,803
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 74,507
Loan Balance:	\$ 141,330



There will be no second collection today;  
There will be a collection on Ash Wednesday.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$395 Lawn Care.

## LEGACY

A Gift Anyone Can Make

Want to support your parish but think you can't afford to give? There are ways to give today while still preserving your retirement assets. If you are 72 or over, a gift of Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to the parish helps the parish and may provide you with tax benefits. Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor.



## RECURRING EVENTS



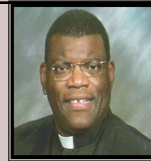
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)  
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)  
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)  
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)  
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at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

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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 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**

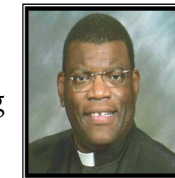
Father Koo and all the church of the Visitation, Thank you so much for a phenomenal Mass and Reception in remembrance of my beautiful and dear wife Carmen. All of you helped me make a difficult situation easier to cope with, I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. *Joe Brinkley Sr. and family.*



**CONGRADULATIONS**  
Molly Weston, granddaughter of Mary Ellen Sherwood, and former Faith Formation participant recently graduated for the RCC Nursing Program. She received the Catherine Courtney Award.  
Congratulations Molly!

**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](http://www.church-of-the-visitation.org).

**SURVEY**

Attached to the bulletin email was a summarization of the survey responses. We thank chair person Debbie McNeil, Pul Dubicki, Terry Skovera and Bill Puttmann for their efforts in compiling the results. Please give us your comments and reactions to the survey report. You may email your comments to the office, or pick up a form after Mass from the podium at the entrance to the Narthex and give us your response.

*Thank you*

**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.



**ANGEL TREE THANK YOUS'**

This week we received the thank you notes from the Middle Peninsula Regional Security center and from some of the clients children hat received Christmas gifts. You can find the thank you notes from the children on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The thank you note from the Security Center is attached to the email of the bulletin.

**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*

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all who sent prayers & kind messages of condolences following my brother's passing December 28th. Father Gerry graciously agreed to officiate @ his service @ the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Suffolk.

*With Gratitude, Lynn Vajda*

**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. Your support of the Appeal will provide for 22 distinct ministries of our Catholic Church such as food and shelter for families, support young men as they study as they study to become future priests, faith formation for youth and young adults, and so much more.

We will have pledge cards and envelopes for your use if needed, or you can enroll using the QR code included below. 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.



**Catholic  
Community  
Foundation**  
*of the Diocese of Richmond*  
2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

"Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to *Share His Love with Others.*"

— Most Reverend  
Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond



Take Home Lesson

February 11, 2024

**Models of Christ**

This week's lesson once again builds upon commentary by scripture scholar Maria Barga that appears in our Workbook for Lector, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word.

As seen in today's first reading, chronic skin disease resulted in the afflicted person's marginalization from the rest of the community. While chronic disorders were seen as punishment for sin, it was also clear that the cure of such a disease was a divine prerogative, like raising the dead.

Jesus demonstrates that he has this prerogative in his healing of the leper. Not only does he go against Levitical purity laws by touching the leper, he cures him through the power of his word and touch. Last Sunday, Jesus healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law by taking her by the hand. Two weeks ago, Jesus used the power of spoken words alone to cast out the demon.

In today's Gospel, Jesus combines in one healing event both word and deed.

After the healing of this leper, Jesus follows Levitical legislation, telling the former leper to show himself to the priest and offer sacrifice as prescribed by religious law.

As in today's second reading, there is a concern for following the letter of the law. However, the overriding concern here is reintegrating the marginalized into the community that they, too, might be saved. By the end of this reading, the healed man is not only restored to health and society, he also participates in Jesus' ministry by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

One of our parishioners can be counted upon at some point during the course of an adult Bible study to remind us of one of his favorite guiding principles: "Proclaim the Gospel; use words if necessary."

Such is Saint Paul's message to the Corinthians: "...whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God...Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." Paul imitates Christ so that all that the people see is Christ and not Paul. Paul encourages believers to imitate Christ so only Christ is seen in them.

Saint Paul, a man of great faith, encourages the Corinthians to follow his example, as he is following the example of our Lord, in both word and deed. With that in mind, here is our question of the week:

*Are you confident enough in your faith to invite others to follow your Christlike living?*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, February 18, 2024 Mass for Elaine Graham

**SOUP AND STATIONS COMING SOON**

Lenten Soup and Stations will be held on Wednesdays starting on February 21. Below is a description of the weekly events.

February 21—Regular Stations with soup and bread sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

February 28—Stations from Mary’s View with soup and bread sponsored by the Extraordinary Ministers (Noelle Harvey will coordinate)

March 6—Stations for the Children (all are invited). Sign up sheets for bread and soup are in the Narthex.

March 13—Regular Stations. Sign up sheets for bread and soup are in the Narthex. Quart containers for your delicious soups will be provided. Please remember to label the containers according to what soup you prepare. Thank you for participating!

**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, 9:30-10:30am.



**THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. The First Sunday of Lent will be February 18th.

We have the Little Black Books for Adults, and Little Purple Books for Children, available today in the Narthex. These publications feature 10 minutes of daily readings or activities to guide us during the Lenten season. Rice Bowls are also available in the Narthex for those that wish to participate.



Please pray for the following:

Rose Langer, Cindy Simmons, Larry Tewey, and Johanna Langer

**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.

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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.

**THANK YOU FROM THE WAGNER FAMILY**

Thank you so much for making everything work seamlessly with the Memorial Service on Saturday.

Andy Wagner

**TODAY IS SOCIAL SUNDAY**



Join us today for Social Sunday after Mass. Enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie, story-telling, and good food! Please bring a dish to share if you can.

**A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

Gil & Nina Stephan  
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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

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


  
In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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Jenny

In loving memory of  
Marty Hawksworth  
Tom & Sharon  


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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

Thank you for supporting our education  
Michael, Colin, Kathryn, John & Kevin Walsh

Frank & Gerrie Lohr  
Supporting Higher Education

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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