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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 Year B

Mass intention today is for Spike Nunn

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
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RCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Ye Sons and Daughters #176

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Gospel: Luke 24; 35-48

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Two Were Bound For Emmaus #167

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: Gift of Finest Wheat #344

Meditation: In the Breaking of the Bread #355

Recessional: We Belong To You #642

April Birthdays



1st-Suzanne Sitterding, 4th-Blaise Katsuki & Marianne Krop, 2nd-Emily Puleo, 6th-Ray Kostaskey & Father Koo; 8th-Pat Reamy & Annette Marcil, 12th-Nancy Wirth, 17th-Caroline Puleo & Margaret Hock, 23rd-Kaylee Kirsch, 28th-Louise Hartz.

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



April Anniversaries

3rd-Brendan & Eileen O'Brien, 9th-Tom & Sharon Hawksworth, 17th-Mike & Noelle Harvey, 20th-David & Barbara Morrison- 60 years!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-3rd Sunday of Easter/Social Sunday

April 17th-No Daily Mass

April 21st-4th Sunday of Easter

April 28th-5th Sunday of Easter; KOC Pancake Breakfast

May 2nd-Adoration 9:30-10:30am

May 5th-6th Sunday of Easter

May 9th-Parish Council Meeting 3pm

May 12th-The Ascension of the Lord/Social Sunday

May 13th-Visitation Singers

May 19th-Pentecost Sunday/First Communion

May 26th-The Most Holy Trinity/KOC Pancake Breakfast

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

APRIL 14, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrang

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Ann Wolski

Chalice: Shoemaker/Marcil/Donovan Ballato

Music: Lange

Counters: King/Angel

APRIL 21, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrang

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Sychterz

Lectors: DeGroot/Dorman

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Sychterz

Chalice: Harriman/Richardson/Dreelein/TBA

Music: Filippi

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 7, 2024

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| Collection: | \$ 3,297 |
| Second Collection: Debt Reduction | \$ 680 |
| Total Offertory Collection Year to Date | \$ 101,341 |
| Total Budget Projection: | \$ 95,084 |
| Loan Balance: | \$ 134,650 |



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$1683 Diocesan Assessments; \$7716 Pastor and Rectory Expenses for February & March \$560 Altar account reimbursements.

LEGACY

Everyone, during their lifetime, accumulates "things." Personal property such as vehicles, jewelry, real estate, and savings or other financial accounts all make up the "stuff" we gather during our lifetimes.



But what happens to those things at our deaths? Who decides where these things go? You can, if you act to create a will or other trust document. This allows you to distribute your assets to the people and causes you select; otherwise the legal system will determine the distribution - at a cost.

Through your will, you can designate a gift to our church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

RECURRING EVENTS

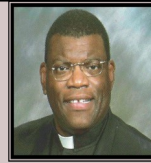
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00 pm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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Repent and Be Converted

This week's reflection is adapted from scripture scholar Stephen Lampe's commentary from our Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

The Gospels of the first weeks of Easter Time focus on the appearances of the resurrected Lord to his disciples. When it comes to such appearances, however, the four Gospels reflect two different traditions. Matthew and Mark point to his appearance to the disciples in Galilee; Luke and John focus on appearances in Jerusalem. Today's Gospel is Luke's version of Jesus' appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem.

When the two disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus return to Jerusalem to share the Good News with the other disciples, Jesus appears in their midst. In spite of his greeting of peace, they experience mixed emotions: terror, fright, doubt, and disbelief, but also joy and amazement. Elements such as touching his wounds and eating fish may appear to emphasize the physical, but Luke is carefully differentiating Jesus' new mode of existence from his former presence. This is resurrection, not resuscitation!

Even more important in Luke's account is how Jesus serves as the model interpreter. Just as he "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," showing them that all that had happened is, in fact, a fulfillment of the law and the prophets, the disciples, who "are witnesses of these things," will be charged to do the same. Their message will be grounded in his message and his manner of interpretation. They too are to open the minds of future believers so that all nations will know that Jesus' suffering and resurrection lead to repentance and forgiveness of sins. This reading, coming toward the end of the Gospel of Luke, describes and justifies the mission the disciples will undertake in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles.

Indeed, in today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles, Peter delivers this message to his fellow Jews: "God has brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Considering Peter's message to his fellow Jews, this week we ask:

In what areas of your life do you need to repent and experience conversion?

WHAT IS EASTER?

March 31, 2024 - May 19, 2024



The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world.

The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)

THANK YOU FROM FATHER BROWNELL

We received the following words this week from Fr. Brownell: I want to thank you for my warm welcome last Sunday and the support I received from the ushers, eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, altar server, community leader, and the choir. I couldn't get over how warm and inviting your church is.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

We are blessed to have a group of artisans to react on for repair work that cannot be done by our talented facility team. One of these individuals is plumber Michael Johnson. Last week we developed a water heater leak. Michael was here in a half hour, isolated the leak temporarily, and replaced the heater the next day. It's another example of the superior service he has given our parish through the years.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the rosary every Sunday before Mass. We begin at 8:30 am in the new worship area & we welcome all to join in this beautiful devotional prayer.

No experience necessary!
We have books and rosary beads available for use.
If you have any questions please see Cindy Jessee.



ALTAR SERVER REQUESTS

We are looking for people willing to be altar servers. You only need to be a practicing Catholic who has had first communion and be willing to serve.

All are welcome to join in this ministry.
Please see Tom Dorman, any altar server or contact the church office.



SOCIAL SUNDAY

Today is Social Sunday after Mass, Please plan to stay and enjoy the opportunity for camaraderie, story-telling, and good food! Please bring a dish to share if you can.



HOLY WEEK CUDOS

As we still cherish a week of inspiration and reward, there are many individuals and groups that deserve our warmest thanks and praise, starting with the choir and ending with the children's Easter Egg Hunt.

How can we ever forget the majestic music that came with every Mass or Service?

How can we forever praise the Liturgy Committee and the meticulous planning that was required of our Worship Planners for every Mass or Service?

How can we always remember the outside appearance of our church and its grounds and the interior environment that continually enriched our religious experience.

God has blessed us with a group of devoted parishioners who step up when needed, go the extra mile in his name, and contribute their time and energy for the greater good of the Church of the Visitation.

When we began the long and arduous journey of building a new worship area, Father Gerry remarked "Build it and they will come" 261 persons attended Easter Sunday Mass in fulfillment of his prediction.

The Holy Week schedule demanded much from many. In fear of missing someone, we did not list the names of those "many".

To "you" we offer our heartfelt thanks and praise, and to the many who attended the Holy Week Masses and Services, we thank you for participating in a sincere expression of your faith and religion.



Please pray for the following:

Spike Nunn, Donald Crotteau,
Betty Hodge and Joe Evans



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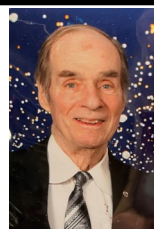
MASS INTENTIONS

Today- April 14, 2024
Spike Nunn

From Denise & Larry Miller

REGRETS FOR SPIKE

On Thursday and Friday a week, ago the wake and Mass of Resurrection for Spike Nunn was held at St. Francis De Sales Church in Kilmarnock. Spike and Becky began attending Mass with us in 2014. They both became lectors and Spike went on to serve two terms on the Parish Council before becoming ill. During the Vietnam War Spike was a Marine Fighter-Bomber Pilot. Our prayers are with Becky and family.



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:

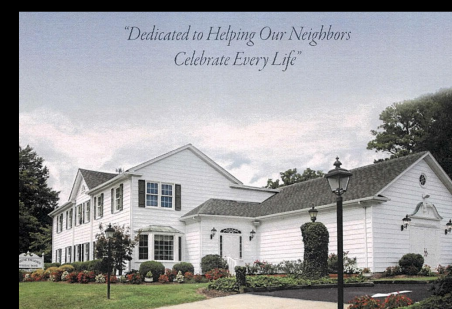
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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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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.**



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Memory Of
David E. Brinkley**

**In Loving Memory of
Vincent "Poppy" &
Vinnie Recupido**

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Is Yours The Same?"*

Josiah Reffo



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Of
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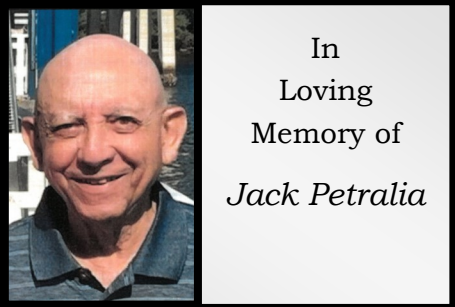


"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee



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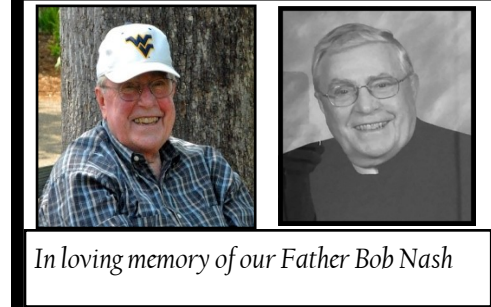


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In Memory of
Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr. 8/28/1943 to 3/18/2020
Thomas R. Shepherd III 11/05/1970 to 3/31/2022




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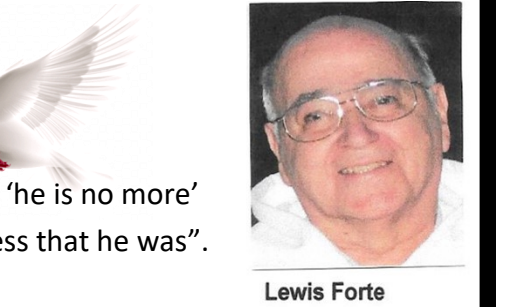
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Forever,
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In Loving Memory
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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation
Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

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