

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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4th Sunday of Easter
April 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: The Lord is My Hope #471

"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 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has
become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Like a Shepherd #614

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: Shepherd Me Oh God #480

Meditation: Shelter Me

Recessional: The King of Love My Shepherd Is #470

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

April 21st-4th Sunday of Easter

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

May 2nd-Adoration

May 2nd-Parish Council Meeting 3pm

May 5th-6th Sunday of Easter

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

May 27th-Memorial Day

June 2nd-The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

APRIL 21, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Sychterz

Lectors: DeGroot/Dorman

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Sychterz

Chalice: Harriman/Richardson/Dreelin/TBA

Music: Filippi

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

APRIL 28, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Miller/Kirsch

Lectors: Dubicki/Dreelin

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Shoemaker/Donovan/Seay/Harriman

Music: Powers

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 14, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,493

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 103,834

Total Budget Projection: \$ 98,112

Loan Balance: \$ 134,650

Our second collection today is for the Catholic Virginian.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$2,760 New door & frame in Fellowship Hall;

\$579 rectory repair.



LEGACY

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to your church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming your church as a beneficiary of any life insurance policy.

If the needs of other beneficiaries will be met in other ways, why not make your church the owner and beneficiary of one of your life insurance policies? If you do this, you may receive a significant income tax deduction and future premiums you pay may also qualify for an income tax deduction.

Consider naming the church as a secondary or back-up beneficiary of a life insurance policy or even your retirement plans in case other beneficiaries named are deceased at the time of your death.



Potential
Promise & Purpose

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)

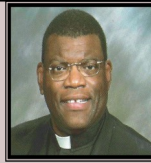
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45-
COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

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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.



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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.

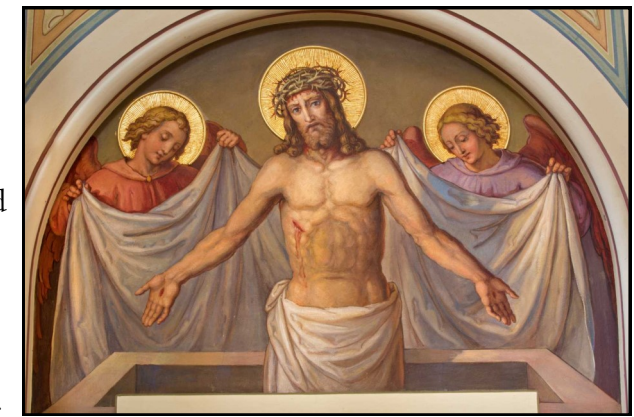


Forever,
JoAnn

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)

Take Home Lesson

Gathering the Flock

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

Throughout the Old Testament, God was identified as the shepherd of Israel. In contrast to Israel's unfaithful and corrupt leaders (bad shepherds), God cares for his flock in these verses from Ezekiel:

"For thus says the Lord God: Look! I myself will search for my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of the dark clouds. I will gather them from the lands. In good pastures I will pasture them. The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal." (Ezek 34:11-16)

This is the sort of care Israel expects of an ideal shepherd-messiah from the line of King David. But Jesus goes beyond this traditional messianic shepherd. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will lay down his life for the sheep. This idea of self-giving has no parallel in Israel's messianic texts. This self-gift is contrasted with the actions of the hired worker, who abandons the sheep. Repeating again, "I AM the good shepherd," Jesus employees one of seven "I AM" sayings unique to John. They are reminiscent of God's self-identification to Moses - I AM (Exodus 3:13-14) - and clearly connect Jesus' identity to that of God. This connection is deepened through Jesus' use of the word "know." He knows his sheep and they know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father.

Jesus' relationship with the Father, through which he reveals the Father's love, amazingly and creatively enlarges the sheepfold. Whereas Israel is the original sheepfold, Jesus' self-gift includes Israel and extends to the world beyond, with the result that he will bring others into the fold to create one flock that has one shepherd.

The Catechism explains that the word "Church" comes from the Latin ecclesia which means "an assembly of those summoned." In the Church, God is "calling together" his people from all the ends of the earth. "The Church" is the People that God gathers in the whole world. (CCC 751, 752) Shortly after, the Catechism presents the Church as a sheepfold in this way:

"The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep." (CCC 754)

In thinking about how we ought to follow the examples of the divine shepherd in Ezekiel and of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, let us ask ourselves:

**How are you a shepherd to those in your care?
What will you do this week to show you love those around you?**

THANK YOU FROM FATHER BROWNELL

We received the following words last 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 rely 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

SOCIAL SUNDAY THANKS

Our parish Life crew overdid themselves last Sunday with a lavish display of food and goodies. It had to rank as one of our top Social Sundays. The Kitchen Crew did its usual preparation in a splendid manner, in addition to providing dishes to share.



While thanking our team members, let us not forget the momentous challenge Mary Doman took on during Lent organizing the Soup portion of our weekly soup and stations. My heartfelt thanks to her and all team members, Johnna sends.

A SPECIAL NOTE

Our family would like to thank you, our faith community, for celebrating the life of Donald Crotteau, father of Donna Brandl. He passed recently at the age of 99 having lived a long and remarkable life.

We especially thank our celebrant, Father Gerry Kaggwa, those who helped at Mass, and the Choir. We also thank Andrea Moore for her help and Johnna Harris and her staff for the reception following Mass.

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude and appreciation.

Donna and Bill Brandl



FEAST OF THE VISITATION

The Feast of the Visitation is May 31st, and Noelle is inviting interested people to join the committee to plan a celebration for this event. Please contact the office, Noelle or Eileen O'Brien if you can help.



Please pray for the following:

Bruno Tassone and Joseph Los



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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.



KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on April 28th after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.



Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.

Donations accepted.

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!



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Activities that provide funding:

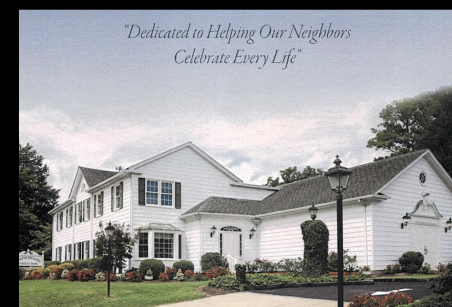
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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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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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In partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation, Freewill is again offering free estate planning and will preparation. This spring is an ideal time to project what God has entrusted to your care and a plan aligned with our Faith and Values. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please visit:

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