

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024 Year B
“First Communion”

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 OCIA Program, Sacraments of
Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the
schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Noelle Harvey
Justice & Peace: open
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Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Come Holy Ghost #457

“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 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord send out you spirit, and renew
the face of the earth

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel Acclamation: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of you
faithful and kindle in them the fire of you love.

Gospel: John 15:26,27;16:12-15

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God #376

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: Table of Plenty #312

Meditation: Dona Nobis Pacem #204

Recessional: The Spirit Send Us Forth #390



May Birthdays

1st-Pat DeGroot, 2nd-Cynthia Taylor, 3rd-Scott Kauffman,
5th-Lynn Vajda, 6th-Camdyn Putney, 8th-Donna Lange,
9th-Denise Miller, 10th-Terry Skovera, 13th-James Harvey,
14th-Nicholas Wohleking, 15th-Nikki Ambrose, 18th-Don Delagrang
& Grace Puleo, 24th-Jennifer Miller, 27th-Lynne Richardson,
28th-Tim Wohleking, 29th-Charlie Hock.

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



May Anniversaries

6th-Jake & Kim Lovejoy, 7th-John & Gloria Matthews, 11th-Bob & Maura Puleo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-Pentecost Sunday/"First Communion" Celebration
May 26th-The Most Holy Trinity/"KOC Pancake Breakfast"
May 27th-Memorial Day
May 31st- Retreat/Light Lunch/Mass "Feast of the Visitation"
June 2nd-The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ /"Church picnic"
June 6th-Adoration
June 7th-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
June 9th-10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 10th-Visitation Singers
June 14th-Flag Day

May 19, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrang

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Ambrose/Balch

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Donovan/Seay/Harvey/Gray

Music: Meanley

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

May 26, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrang

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Baylen/Kaylee

Lectors: Sherwood/Dreelin

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Harriman/Seay/Marcil/TBA

Music: Smith

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from May 12, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,986

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 113,734

Total Budget Projection: \$ 109,688

Loan Balance: \$ 129,735

Our second collection today is for Diocesan Home Missions.

We signed the following principal check this week:

\$405 April Electric; \$1,751 Diocesan Assessments.



LEGACY

By creating a legal will or living trust, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won't face the daunting task of making decisions that you could have made.



A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!

RECURRING EVENTS

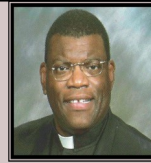
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00 pm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



Our Mass Intention today is for
Malilia Clarke
The Woman's Club Quilters

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Christian feast of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, (50 days after Easter Sunday) commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). In Christian Tradition, this event represents the birth of the early church.

As one of the most important solemnities on the Church's calendar, it has a rich depth of meaning, but here is how Pope Benedict summarized it in 2012:

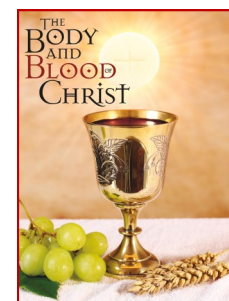
This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (cf. Acts 2:1-11). Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbor.



**FEAST OF THE VISITATION AND
CORPUS CHRISTI WEEKEND**



The Feast of the Visitation falls this year on Friday, May 31st and Corpus Christi Sunday follows two days later on June 2nd. We are planning to begin our weekend of celebration with a daytime retreat on Friday which will include morning prayer and reflection, Mass at noon, followed by lunch and time for reflection and sharing after lunch. Please contact the office or John Weidner if you are planning to attend the retreat or would like additional information.



Our weekend of celebration will continue on Sunday, June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). We are planning a short Eucharistic procession at the end of Mass and then all are encouraged to remain for a Spring picnic hosted by our Parish Life ministry.

SOCIAL SUNDAY



Please join us after Mass today to celebrate our First Communion students. Come and enjoy this opportunity for camaraderie, story-telling, good coffee and snacks.
Please bring a snack to share.

Many parishioners were touched emotionally by Annabel Claris' reading of a Mother's Day Poem, so we are printing it again for your reading.

A mother loves right from the start,
No matter if her children are near or far apart.
A mother gives never-ending love.
She gives us comfort and peace like a beautiful dove.

For us she will always do her best,
Even when we put her patience to the test.
She wipes our tears,
Chases away our fear,

Encourages us to follow a dream,
No matter how far fetched it may seem.
Her gifts can never compare to any other.
I am so honored to call her my mother.

Looking back on another year,
I was so lucky to have a mother so dear.
So Mom, on your special day, relax and enjoy
And always know that I couldn't have asked for any other
More incredible person to call my mother.

Jodi L Landes

Take Home Lesson

Living in the Spirit

May 19, 2024

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

Pentecost has rightly been called the birthday of the Church. The interaction between the resurrected Lord and the small band of early disciples was the focus of the Easter season. With Jesus' ascension into heaven, the small band was deprived of his physical presence, but they were assured that they would receive the gift of the Spirit, a gift that would inaugurate the next phase of salvation history. It is the birth of that next phase and the role of the Spirit that Pentecost commemorates.

Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles sets mentions "the time for Pentecost was fulfilled." Although Pentecost began as an agricultural festival fifty days after Passover, Jews of Luke's time understood it as a covenant renewal ceremony celebrating the giving of Torah at Sinai.

Three physical phenomena in the first part of the reading - the sound of a driving wind, the appearance of tongues as of fire (seen only by those in the house), and the experience of spoken language - have striking parallels with the Sinai event (Exodus 19:16-19) when God gave the Law. God's theophany (appearance) in Exodus was marked by thunder, lightning/fire, clouds, a loud voice (noise), and wind and smoke. God's message was embodied in the voice/noise and the fire. Thus, in this "new Sinai" event at Pentecost, the disciples experience a theophany (noise/wind and flame/fire) as they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The theophany is experienced by the crowd (an ingathering of Jews from all the nations speaking different languages) through the noise, but especially through the transformation of the disciples. The crowd does not need to see the flames, because they experience the Spirit-infused disciples and their message, each in his own language. Jesus' earlier promise of the Spirit is fulfilled as the disciples speak of "the mighty acts of God," and the Spirit gives birth to the Church.

Father George Smiga, the author of our current The Holy Spirit in the Bible study commentary, writes that the image of fire that we associate with the Holy Spirit suggests warmth, light and burning. When we see things that are wrong in our family, in our church, or in our world, we decide that things need to change, and we need to act. That powerful force within us, moving us to do what is right, is the burning of the Holy Spirit's fire. The Holy Spirit comes to us as fire to warm us, enlighten us, and if necessary, even singe us, leading us forward and prompting us to share our own fire at the service of the world around us.

When have you felt filled with the Spirit and emboldened to act with courage?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On behalf of all the mothers in our Parish, "Thank You" all for the beautiful flowers that were given to us on Mothers Day. We truly felt the special attention of appreciation.

Also, we have the added bonus of using some of the beautiful carnations as center pieces for today's First Communion Celebration.

Lets not forget the pancake breakfast next Sunday, May 26th following Mass.

You guys are appreciated and thank you for all you do for us at COV.



FIRST COMMUNION



Today we celebrate the First Communion of five of our parishioners, five wondrous and blessed children. We share their joy and wish them well in their future journey with Christ. They are

Carl Ambrose, Scarlett Balch, Blaise Katsuki, Nicole Kennedy, and Quinn Kennedy.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

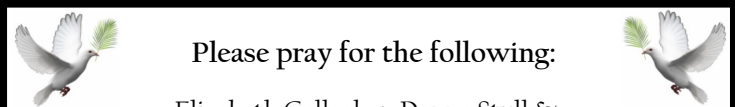
The most Holy Trinity is the central and most profound mystery of the Christian faith and life. While we human beings can grasp certain aspects of this ultimate truth about God, precisely as a mystery, a full understanding is beyond our limited human comprehension. Yet, this deep mystery of God's inner life and essence is also one of the most informative on that, reflecting on the Trinity can shed invaluable light on what it means to be a human person.

Throughout history and in cultures throughout the world people have, by reason alone and after much consideration, concluded that God exists. Yet, we would devote ourselves to study over several lifetimes and never come to the conclusion that God is a Trinity of person-one and yet three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know this truth and other divine mysteries in our human weakness only because the Lord has revealed them to us. And he has revealed this truth not as a matter of curious theological trivia disconnected from our everyday lives, but in order to share his divine life with us.

The mystery of the Blessed Trinity, as the mystery of God in himself, is "the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'" (CCC 235).

Since the earliest days-since before the Church was born at Pentecost-the Christian faith has been Trinitarian. When Jesus descended into the water at his baptism, for example, the bystanders hear the Father's voice and see the Holy Spirit descend as a dove (Matthew 3:16-17) Later, Jesus will instruct his followers to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Likewise, Saint Paul offered blessings with a Trinitarian formula (2 Corinthians 13:13) and the blessings and prayers of the early Church reflect this faith I the Trinity.

The essential elements of this divine mystery are that we worship one God who is an eternal loving communion of three Persons- Father, Son and Holy Spirit-who are all equal in power, all co-eternal, and all divine. One divine nature, they differ only in that the Father is not the Son; the Son is not the Father; the Spirit is not the Son; the Spirit is not the Father. While this mystery of one and yet three might at first seem contradictory and irrational by human reckoning, of we delve deeper, we will find, like the other paradoxes of the faith, an amazing and profoundly life-changing truth.



Please pray for the following:

Elizabeth Gallagher, Donna Stull & Patricia O'Shaughnessy & Father John Boddie

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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.



Kaylee Kirsch, Brennan Williams and friend Aiden beautified this peaceful corner of our cemetery as a thank you project for our community's support of their confirmation in March.
Mary Ellen Sherwood



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K of C is a not-for-profit organization whose principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

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Activities that provide funding:

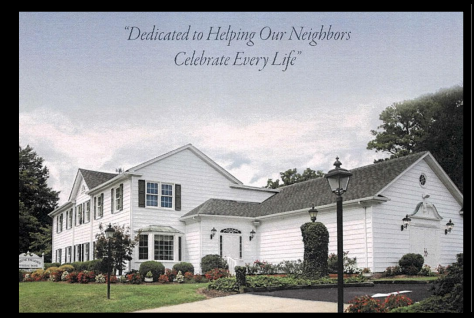
Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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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In memory of
Lillian M. Reiffel,
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PRAYERS
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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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TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, THEIR DREAMS, & OUR FUTURE.
Lynne & Gary Richardson

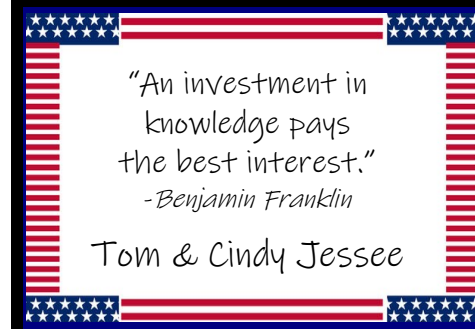
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Choco, Tabby & Rufus




In Loving Memory of
Jack Petralia

Do not fear, for I am with you,
Do not be afraid, for I am your God
Isaiah 41:10



In Loving Memory of
Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

We Support The Youth Scholarship
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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

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash





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



Lewis Forte



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Forever,
Marianne




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