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10th Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 9, 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
Hartfield, VA 23071
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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
Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: I Sing the Mighty Power Of God #430

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel Acclamation: Now the ruler of this world will be driven out,
says the Lord; and when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself.

Gospel: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Summons #387

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: Parable #678

Meditation: Here I Am, Lord #389

Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing #447



June Birthdays

1st-Fritz Sitterding, 2nd-Kim Lovejoy & Walter Donovan,
7th-Michelle Puttmann, 10th-Jean Box, 13th-Charles Hartz,
14th-Johnna Harris, 17th-Arlene Warren, 21st-Marla Bury,
24th-Gerri Lohr, 25th-Zaida Wohleking, 26th-Una Kerrigan,
27th-Carl Ambrose, Sharon Hawksworth and Susan Seay, 28th-Baylen Miller.

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



June Anniversaries

1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Gary & Lynne Richardson,
21st-Dave & Emily Filippi & Scott & Kathy Kauffman,
25th-Ray & Jean Kstesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrange,
28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 10th-Visitation Singers-All are welcome!

June 23rd-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast

June 30th-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4th-Adoration

July 7th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8th-Visitation Singers

July 11th-Parish Council 3pm

July 14th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Kstesky

Lectors: Kstesky/Petralia

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Dreelin/Donovan/TBD/TBD

Music: Powers

Counters: King/Angell

June 16, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Harriman

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: O'Brien/Shoemaker

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Donovan

Chalice: Harvey, Marcil, Seay, Plunket

Music: TBA

Counters: King/Angel

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 2, 2024

Collection:	\$ 3,230
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 786
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 122,600
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 117,433
Loan Balance:	\$ 129,735



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week:
\$51 Liturgy Expense; \$101 Internet.

LEGACY

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have - in both material and non-material things - have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, consider a charitable bequest to our church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Disciples to worship, serve others and continue the vital ministries of the church.



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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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

INCENSES AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father plans to use incense in today's Mass. The following excerpts discusses its use.

Purifying and cleansing: The practice of burning incense sticks has a dual purpose, purifying and cleansing the energy of a space. It is said that the fragrant smoke from frankincense and myrrh acts as a spiritual broom, eliminating impurities and creating an environment that is sacred and conducive to spiritual connections and experiences.



Is incense used at every Catholic Mass?

Wide discretion is granted to the priest as to how frequently to use incense. Theoretically, it may be used at any Mass, although most parishes limit its use to Masses of particular solemnity, funerals, and eucharistic adoration and processions.

What does incense in the Bible mean?

The Symbolism of Incense | Franciscan Media. The sweet smell of incense and its rising smoke gave it a kind of natural symbolism. It became the image of something pleasing to God. The rising smoke came to symbolize a person's or people's prayers rising up to God. So in Psalm 141 we have the plea, "Let my prayer come like incense before you."

What does burning incense do spiritually?

Meditation. In many religious practices, burning incense is believed to deepen our attention and empower our spiritual focus. The aroma of incense can help you tap in your spiritual connections. It calms the environment and your mind, cleansing the space for inner and outer journeys.

In the Roman Catholic Church, incense has many symbolic meanings and is used for a variety of purposes:

Purification: The smoke cleanses the air and purifies the altar.

Sanctification: Incense is used to bless, venerate, and sanctify people and things.

Prayer: The smoke represents the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven, like grains of incense that are each a whispered Prayer.

Mystery: The smoke creates a sense of awe and mystery, and is a reminder of God's presence.

Honor: During funeral Masses, the priest may incense the coffin to honor the deceased and to symbolize the prayers of the faithful for them.

Transcendence: The smell and visuals of incense can help people feel connected to God and enter into the transcendence of the Mass.

Take Home Lesson

June 9, 2024

LOVE FOR ALL

Father George Smiga offers commentary on today's Gospel in our recently completed Bible study, The Holy Spirit in the Bible. Jesus spoke about a particular sin so heinous that it can never be forgiven when he said, "Amen, I say to you, all sins and blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of everlasting sin" (Mark 3:28-29). In today's reading, Jesus' entire ministry is being challenged. Some in the crowd claim that his work is not of God but of Satan. What is at stake, therefore, is not a particular personal sin but the wholesale rejection of God's Spirit in Jesus' teaching and deeds. This rejection is not the result of honest doubt. It is made by those who know full well the validity of Jesus' mission but purposefully close their hearts to it. Such blasphemy cannot be forgiven. This is not because God is unwilling to forgive but because those who blaspheme are not open to forgiveness.

Jesus' teaching about the Holy Spirit communicates the seriousness with which God regards human freedom. God is at work in our world to save it. God makes every effort to offer us love and grace. But God will never force anyone to accept gifts. Every person remains free to recognize and accept God's blessings, or to deny and reject them - not out of doubt but out of willfulness. As foolish and destructive as such a choice would be, God's love, like human love, can be refused. Doing so is to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. It is a denial of the goodness and presence of God.

In today's first reading from Genesis, the first woman, Eve, stands before God making excuses for why she gave fruit from the forbidden tree to Adam: "The serpent tricked me into it." The Evil One also dominated the minds of the scribes assembled where Jesus speaks to the crowds in parables: "He is possessed by Beelzebul. By the prince of demons he drives out demons." The New Eve, Mary, stands outside and her very presence is a kind of parable. Moved by the obedience of the Mother of God, the Son of God proclaims: "Who is my mother? Whoever does the will of God." Such loving obedience drives out Satan.

Some of the people who associated Jesus' behavior with the forces of evil were relatives, members of his natural family. Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus tells us that his true family includes those among us in need, the least of our brothers and sisters. The will of God is that we should love one another.

In what way could you widen the circle of your family to include someone in need?

ORDINARY TIME



We have now re-entered the period of the Liturgical year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Because of the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special Feast is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

THANKS

Many thanks to parishioner Charlie Hock and his generosity. Entering retirement from the insurance profession, Charlie donated all of his executive furniture to the church. The office staff and Father Koo are the chief benefactors, and are enamored with their new surroundings.



PARISH PICNIC

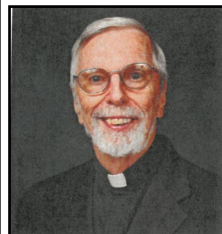
My heart felt thanks to a wonderful and energetic group of parish life volunteers. We had three wonderful enjoyable social events in May for the benefit of the parish. These tireless workers deserve a few months rest. We will see you again for Social Sunday in September. Enjoy you summer. Johnna

WINNER AGAIN

Parishioner Becky Nunn has done it again, Being crowned Ms. Senior Earth 80tys in Branson, Missouri, on May 30th. Becky represented the state of Virginia in the contest and will be promoting the pageant throughout the coming year.



WELCOME BACK



Our celebrant today is Father Bob Brownell, who has been with us previously. He helped us with Lenten Reconciliation and a Mass in April.

We graciously welcome him back.

KID HUMOR

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?
A stick

Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other?
Dill with it.

How does a cucumber become a pickle?
It goes through a jarring experience.



Please pray for the following:

Ricky Suyes, Fern Dundon & Mike Lockie



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Betty Johnson, Helen Linden, Dot Edwards, Walt & Kari Lee Donovan, Peggy Williams, Lynne McMurtrie, Barbara Smith, Germaine Hayes, The Hollingsworth Family, Don Tyrrell, David Rector, Lorraine Kirsch, Tom Shoemaker, Jack King, Donna Thompson, Brendan O'Brien, Becky Nunn, Lois & Skip Krumb, Marianne Krop, Michele Meanley, Louise Petralia, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Nancy Wirth, Tom Hawksworth, 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.

ST NOA UPDATE

As you are aware, we continue to support St Noa School in Uganda, a school we built in conjunction with Francis de Sales. The joint venture has transformed the community and saved children from having to trek many miles through uncertain and dangerous territory to receive a basic education.

Father Gerry recently reported that the money we have sent to the school the past few months from our special collections has paid for teachers' continuing education, new textbooks for an integrated curriculum, new desktop computers, and food supplies.



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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,
Teacher

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



PRAYERS
MEMORIES
LOVE
Jerry
McMurtrie

"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 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



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


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Forever,
Marianne



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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