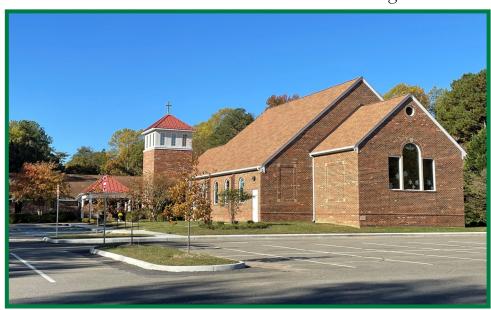
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12th Sunday In Ordinary Time June 23, 2024 Year B



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Administration: Ray Kostesky

Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking

OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner

Our Mass Intentions Today is for Jason Mark Los



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 Phone: 804-286-9271

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.

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: O God, Our Help In Ages Past #455

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914 Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

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

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In Every Age #474

Holy: #918

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God: #923 Lord's Prayer: page 26

Communion: Amazing Grace #450

Meditation: Be Still And Know That I Am God #465 Recessional: Though The Mountains May Fall #436

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 Kostesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrange, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-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

July 21st-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC pancake breakfast

June 23, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Jessee Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Miller/Dorman Lectors: Dreelin/Sychterz

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Harriman/Donovan/TBD/TBD

\$ 128,882

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth Music: Lange

June 30, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Clair Altar Server: Sychterz Lectors: Nunn/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Seav

Chalice: Marcil, TBD/TBD

Music: Messina Counters: Harriman/McNeil

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 16, 2024

\$ 2,332 Collection: Second Collection: Holy Father 242 Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 127,733 Total Budget Projection: \$ 121,751

There is no second collection today.

Loan Balance:

We signed the following principal check's this week: \$806 Pastor and Rectory Expenses for May, \$156 Copier Lease.

LEGACY

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall never be invaded and that income is paid out to support a designated cause through your church, then your gift is "forever."



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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

Application deadline: Early March 2025

In memory of
Mollie McMurtrie
my long time friend.
I will miss you.

JoAnn Nolte

Joseph H. Nolte Jr.

In loving memory of



Forever, JoAnn

Take Home Lesson

GIFT OF PEACE

Sunday, June 23, 2024

This take home lesson combines commentary from scripture scholar Stephen Lampe, found in our Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word, as well as commentary from Bishop Robert Barron, found in his book This Is My Body.

In the ancient world of which Israel was a part, people feared the chaos of water and the power of storm. Like other nations, ancient Israel's writers believed that only God was powerful enough to control such chaos. Power over nature was reserved to God.

In today's first reading, God addresses Job out of a storm, recalling the Genesis creation story and the imposition of order upon the watery chaos of the abyss.

"God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and the dry land appear.' And it was so." (Genesis 1:9)

Saint John's Gospel begins by considering the power of God's creative word: "In the beginning was the Word... He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came to be" (John 1:1-3).

That very word by which God creates the cosmos became incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). This means that Jesus is not simply a holy man whose words describe God; he is himself the divine word which affects what it says.

In today's Gospel reading, the terrible storm takes place at night, on the water, and with violent winds. These chaotic forces of nature, feared by the ancient, represent the forces of evil. At the height of the storm, Jesus stood up in the boat, rebuked the wind and said to the sea: "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was dead calm. (Mark 4:39)

And then Jesus asks his disciples, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" (Mark 4:40) They are awestruck and terrified because they have seen God at work. Despite Jesus' earlier explanations of his parables in private, the disciples realize that faith is clearly more than the possession of knowledge.

In our time, we have an advantage over the men in the boat with Jesus as we know that he will conquer death on the cross. And we know that he will do whatever we ask of him. We know that he will do this because he said he would, and his word has power over everything. Knowing that the Lord is our best hope for calming the stormy seas of our lives, this week we ask:

What fear would you like the Lord to help you overcome?

GIFTS OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY RECAPPING OUR PARISH RETREAT

Last Friday, May 31, our parish celebrated our namesake feast day, the Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a parish retreat that included a morning of prayer and reflection followed by Mass at noon.

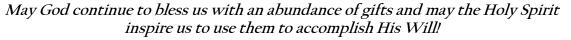
One of our parishioners in attendance commented that while we do indeed live up to the name of our parish by warmly welcoming visitors, the reflections she experienced during the retreat caused her to recognize how Mary's journey to Elizabeth has a much deeper meaning and can challenge us to adopt a mission much like Mary's.

Eileen O'Brien opened the morning by offering thoughts on what both Mary and Elizabeth must have been feeling as their unusual pregnancies progressed. It is in Mary's nature to give, and she gives companionship and assistance to Elizabeth for three months. Eileen also offered that the Visitation art that we see each week attached to our bulletin email tries to capture the joy Elizabeth feels when her unborn son moves for the first time: "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

Pat DeGroot offered some background on the landscape of the Holy Land and shared 2000 year old Roman glass that she had acquired during her many visits to Israel. Pat speculated that as Mary walked the 80 miles to Elizabeth's home, perhaps she reflected upon the Song of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, the prophet who anointed King David. Hannah, like Elizabeth, was thought to be barren, yet her prayers for a child were answered. Hannah's song begins: "My heart exults in the Lord, My horn is exalted in my God." (1 Samuel 2:1) So, when Elizabeth greets Mary, Mary's song "spills out": "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, My spirit finds joy in God my savior..." (Luke 1:46-47)

After first listening to Pat and Eileen read two different translations of the Visitation narrative from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Luke 1:39-56), Bill Plunkert led the retreaters through a contemplative prayer exercise. Reflecting deeply, retreaters attempted to still their thoughts and observe or even enter into the scene in Zechariah's house. After reflection, some shared new perspectives, things about the Visitation narrative they had not before considered.

After experiencing the gifts of Holy Mass and then the gift of lunch courtesy of Johnna Harris, John Weidner and Debbie Harriman shared stories of religious art they had been gifted and Tom and Cindy Jessee shared highlights from their recent journey to Fatima.







The Shriners collect can tabs and use the money to fund drivers who take the children and their parents to have treatments at Shriner Hospitals. They often travel to Ohio, Pennsylvania, Boston, Greenville, and Lexington. They have earned over 1.5 million dollars over the years from the tabs.

A lady in my quilting guild is one of their drivers, and so we all collect tabs for her. I am in hopes that you will start taking a few seconds to snap the tabs off your drinks and keep them for me.

I have a marked bucket for them on the ministry table in the Narthex.

I appreciate your help as I am sure the children and their parents are so grateful also.

Thanks so much! Eileen O'Brien

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 item 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.

COV FLOWER GUILD

COV invites you to join the Flower Guild to enhance and beautify the front of the altar with flowers during Ordinary Time. Parishioners can sponsor a Sunday to add flowers that commemorate an anniversary, a birthday, a memorial for someone, or a special intention you choose.

At this time the Altar Guild is seeking flower donations only during Sundays in Ordinary Time. The seasons of

Christmas and Easter are handled separately. A calendar signup is in the narthex. There are monetary levels that can be chosen. Please see Debby Harriman or Cindy Jessee after Mass for more information and signup.



FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

Since July 1, 2023, the Fr. John Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund has provided

\$5,000 in scholarships, a \$5,000 grant to St Noa School, \$894.33 in Parish Education expense and \$1,150 to cover the cost of printing the ads in the bulletin and admin expense. \$7,080.00 was donated the scholarship fund in the 2023 fund drive.

We thank everyone for their support during the 2023-2024 year. The 2024-2035 fund drive will start on Sunday July 7th.

JOB INQUIRES FROM DOR

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Payroll Manager. For the full ad and how to apply, please click here https://bit.ly/3zlp0kE. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

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Please pray for the following:



Mary Heeke and John O'Connor

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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

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast today after Mass. The menu Pancake Sreakfas will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.

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

Donations accepted.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob Borden ably assisted by Kevin Hayes for delivering the aluminum cans to Middlesex Metals. Bob has been doing this for many years and the all the proceeds go towards Parish Beautification. Thank you all who continue collecting aluminum cans.



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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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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. f 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



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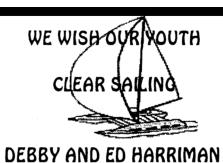
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-Clarence D. Jones. Prop.-



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 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 Memory of Вов Hartman My Love of My Life Jenny

In loving memory of Marty Hawksworth



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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation

Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

BE A KNIGHT Contact: Grand Knight Al Langer 804-815-3515

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