

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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14th Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 7, 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
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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Noelle Harvey
Justice & Peace: open
Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kstesky

FINANCE COUNCIL

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: All Are Welcome #422
"Loving and Forgiving" #662
Penitential Act: page 4
Lord Have Mercy #914 Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
Second Reading: Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9
Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Taste
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: Taste And See #348
Meditation: Open My Eyes #405
Recessional: This Is My Song #747



July Birthdays

1st-Yvelisse Cabocel & Kimberly Rector, 2nd-Christie Turnbull & Kathy Kauffman, 3rd-Mary Timmins, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus, 6th-Colin Walsh, 8th-Alan Hartlove & Sharon Wiley, 9th- John Charbeneau, 11th- John Clair & Brendan O'Brien, 12th-Annanarue Bonanno, 13th-William Plunkert, 15th-John Weidner, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina, 20th-Andrew Bury & Mark Levy, 21st-Kathy Swinchart, 22nd-Karl Bayer, 24th-Laurie Mears, 27th-Ingrid Borden & Josephine Brown, 29th-Christine Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris.



July Anniversaries

7th Bill & Georgia Campbell

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8th-Visitation Singers
July 11th-Parish Council 3pm
July 12th-Flat Tones @ Good Luck Cellers
July 14th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Devin Putney"-Baptism
July 21st-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ KOC pancake breakfast
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 7, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Clair
Altar Server: Sychterz Lectors: Dorman/Sherwood
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Seay
Chalice: Marcil, TBD/TBD/TBD
Music: Powers Counters: O'Brien/Smiths

July 14, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Puttmann
Altar Server: Kstesky Lectors: Dubicki/DeGroot
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBD
Chalice: TBD
Music: Lange Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 30, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,429
Second Collection: Parish Beautification \$ 329
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 132,075
Total Budget Projection: \$ 125,529
Loan Balance: \$ 128,882



Our Second Collection today is for Debt Reduction.
We signed the following principal check's this week:
\$1,376 Credit Card Purchases in June.

LEGACY

Scriptures tell us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). Every day Disciples are praying to discern God's will for their lives. What does the Lord require of us?



One idea to consider is to create a legacy with your family finances that will continue ministry beyond your lifetime. You can establish a permanent fund during lifetime and create signed documents that provide for additions at the time of death.

What ministries do you love? You decide what ministries will receive an annual distribution from your permanent fund each year in perpetuity

RECURRING EVENTS

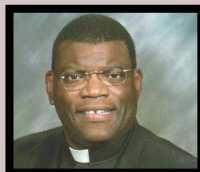
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00 pm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

**SUPPORTER OF
OUR SCHOLARSHIP**

Vera & John England
Christine & Peggy Williams
Kathy Kauffman
Tommy & Donna Lange
John & Diane Weidner
Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca
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Dan & Linda Peterson
Frank & Terry Sisto
Gene & Anne Wolski
Mr. & Mrs. Donald S. Ross

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

In loving memory of
Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



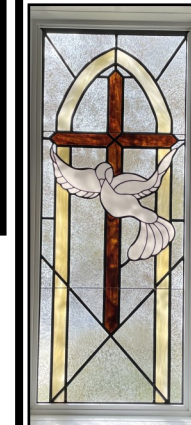
Forever,
JoAnn

KNIGHTS GIFT

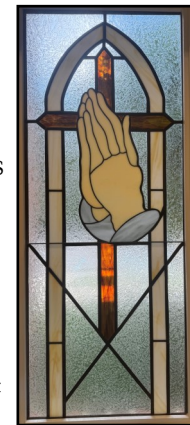
Have you noticed the new vestments that Father Koo has been wearing recently? The Knights of Columbus donated the money to purchase them. We thank the Knights for their generosity.



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Last week, we took advantage of a diocesan-approved program for inspection of our stained glass windows. Tim Hudson of Associated Crafts inspected all of our windows which now number 20 and did not find any windows needing repairs or maintenance work. In general, he was complimentary about their appearance and workmanship complimenting Al Langer for his artistry in the vesting area.



HOME MISSION GRANT

The Diocesan home mission notified us this week they have awarded us an \$8,000 grant to replace the second floor outside deck at the rectory. We are gratified the Mission church office chose us for a grant, the second year in a row we have received one. The grants that have been awarded to us are solely credited to Ray Kostas, and his grant writing skills. Thank you Ray for always looking out for our church. You are the best!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held for Tom Foley on Saturday, August 3rd at 1:00 pm at his home, 356 North Shore Road, Locust Hill 23092. Light appetizers, beer and wine will be served. You are welcome to BYOB. There will be a tent and music.

Tom and Bea were longtime parishioners of COV since 2008. Tom died in January this year and was buried in his family's plot in Pennsylvania.

If you plan to attend, please contact Lynne Richardson at lynnegary@gmail.com or text/call 571-239-0980 by July 15th.

Take Home

Sunday, July 7, 2024

SELF ACCEPTANCE

In last week's Gospel, Jesus healed the woman suffering from hemorrhage and revived Jairus's daughter. Both healings are possible because of the faith of the woman and the faith of Jairus. They know that Jesus will do what they ask, and he does.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul tells us that he has asked the Lord three times to relieve him of a "thorn in the flesh" that has tormented him. This thorn could be a sickness or physical disability, a temptation, or a handicap connected with Paul's apostolic activity. Pauls could also be referring to some especially persistent or obnoxious opponent.

Three times he begged the Lord about this. His prayer was insistent, like that of Jesus at Gethsemane. Rather than relieve Paul of his suffering, the Lord tells Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:8)

Some people endure tremendous and persistent suffering. They pray for relief. The suffering persists. They may feel that God does not hear their prayers. But he does, and he will answer.

The catechism addresses this:

The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing so as to make manifest the power of the grace of the risen Lord. But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses. Thus Saint Paul must learn from the Lord that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness," and that the sufferings to be endured can mean that "in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his Body, that is, the Church." (CCC 1508)

So, Paul will gladly boast of his weaknesses "in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me."

Paul recognizes that the thorn he is dealing with was given to him by God. By turning his attention away from himself and toward God, he becomes content with weaknesses, insults and hardships, all for the sake of Christ, "for when I am weak, then I am strong."

God's grace is a gift given freely, and it is sufficient not just for Paul, but for all of us. We should use God's grace to transfigure not only our gifts of mind, heart, life and love but also to transfigure our weaknesses and feelings of inadequacy. We should give to Christ all that is in us, both strengths and weaknesses, so that he might do with them as he pleases.

What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Father

Today we think of our nation's independence. The ability that we have to worship you freely, openly, and without the threat of persecution. We ultimately thank You for bestowing that freedom on us as a nation. May we use that freedom to help lead others to the true freedom that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus, our LORD.

May we forever praise and honor Your name.

AMEN

ALTAR FLOWERS

Our flowers on the altar today are in memory of parents, brothers and sisters and their spouses of

Ed and Debby Harriman.



NEW PARISHIONER

A Hearty Welcome to
Jim Dixon
50 Urbanna Creek Court
Saluda, VA 23149
804-370-4996



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 Sundays are available in Oct. and Nov. Ordinary Time continues til Advent Dec. 1 this year. A calendar signup is in the Narthex with Guild members available to answer questions.

For further inquiries please call Debby Harriman 804-776-0078 or Cindy Jessee 804-510-4688.

The Church of the Visitation is proud to announce the upcoming Baptism of

Devin Putney

On July 14, 2024

Proud Parents

Brandon & Gina Putney

God Parents

Chad & Rachel Sauerzoph



Please pray for the following:



Sue Ferari, Tommy Garbedian, Beryl O'Connor

PARISHIONERS

Betty Johnson, 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 Kramb, 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.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

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FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Pam Brazelton, Jim Bruso Jr., Valerie McCarthey, Pat Garratt, Mable Kato, David Bromley, Lewis Hurley, Michele Brown, Debbie Scott, Janis Kott, Angel Carlson, Risa Estes, Deloris Cooper, Karen Tatum, Lucille Redmond, Harry Flannery, Sharon Horrobin, Ralph Burroughs Kate Taylor, Allison Miksenas, Cynthia Freeburger, Mike Gorin, Carroll Brown, Robin Brown, Boyd Newhouse, Bill Benson, Mike McCullean, Delores Barry, Jim Durburo, Richard & Sharon Fitts, Karen Armstrong, Kenny & Mary Marshall, Ann Chatos, Genie Kauffman, Pattie Sobieski, Cliff Dean, Christopher Hutton, Olga Hall, Elizabeth Panzer, Tom Sennott, Jim & Inga Peddicord, David Gunn, Kathy Goynes, Peg Meushaw, Rita Blommel, Linda Cryer, Allen Hines, Tyra Freed.

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.

FLAT TONES EVENT

The Flat Tones will be playing at Good Luck Cellars on Friday, July 12th @ 4:30pm. Three of their members are our own parishioners: Gloria Mathews, Michele Meanley, & Donna Lange and two are in our choir. The Good Luck Cellars is located 1025 Goodluck Rd. Kilmarnock, VA 22482 and our own Marianne Krop is involved in its operation. Hope to see you there!

REGRETS

We regret to inform you that Johnna's mom, Sue Ferari passed away on July 1st. Our prayers are with Johnna and all of the 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.



FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Fr. John Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund drive starts today. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000. During the 2023-2024 year, the Scholarship Committee awarded over \$12,000 in Scholarships and grants. The ads in the bulletin are our only source of funding.

If you have donated in the past, we have your renewal envelopes in the Narthex. Please pick up your information when you leave Church today. If you have not purchased an ad and desire to support this worthy cause, please pick up information as well.

We thank you for all your continued support.

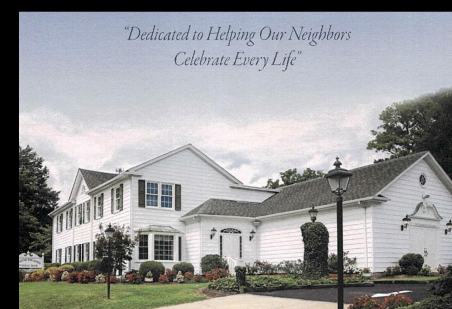
ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Recently, we have encountered several instances of the misuse of utilities or a failure to safeguard the premises, after a parish entity, group, or even an individual has used our building.

For instance, when we arrived at church this Tuesday morning, one of the thermostats in the Fellowship Hall was set at 66 degrees, and had probably been so since Sunday.

On other occasions, lights are left on, the heat is left on high or air conditioning set low, or an outside door left open. If you are using the building after normal office hours, or the last one leaving the building please be vigilant about these things and ensure we have a secure building that's not lighted, heated, or cooled unnecessarily.

We all share a responsibility to shepherd our resources. Thank you



In memory of
Lillian M. Reiffel,
Teacher



PRAYERS
MEMORIES
LOVE
Jerry
McMurtrie

"The Retirement Plan Of Christ Was His Passion. Is Yours The Same?"

Josiah Reffo



In
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Of
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In Loving Memory of
Bobby Warren
Your Family
Arlene,
L.C., Faye,
Caitlyn & Courtlyn

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

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 &
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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
John & Carol McCormack


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


In Loving Memory of
"Lee Hollingsworth"
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Barb & Tori

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Jenny

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Marty Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon


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In Memory of JoAn

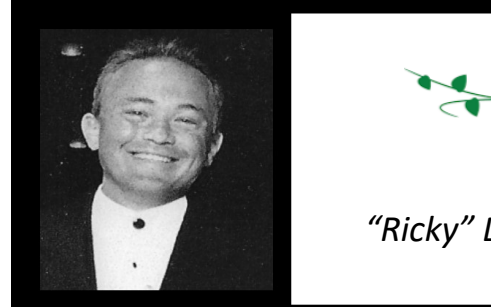

Kenneth Anderson
"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was".



Lewis Forte

Thank you for supporting our education
Michael, Colin, Kathryn, John & Kevin Walsh


Frank & Gerrie Lohr
Supporting
Higher Education

In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne

In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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Best wishes to all the youth at Church of the Visitation
Mary Virginia & Tom Bliley

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