

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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16th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
July 21, 2024 Year B

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 Our Mass Intention today is for  
*Sue Ferari and Susie Reber*
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### 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 Kostaskey

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## MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say \$464

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:13-18

Gospel Acclamation: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In the Breaking of the Bread #355

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 O God #480

Meditation: If I Can Help Somebody

Recessional: Tell The Good News #381



### 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-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ KOC pancake breakfast  
July 28th-KOC Pancake Breakfast  
August 1st-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am  
August 4th-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Father Mooney"  
August 11th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 12-Visitation Singers  
August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### July 21, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: Petralia/Weidner

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Dreelin

Chalice: Donovan, Harvey, Plunkert, TBD

Music: McCormack

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

### July 28, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Shoemaker/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Marcil

Chalice:

Music: TBD

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 14, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,844  
Second Collection:  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 6,097  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 6,806  
Loan Balance: \$ 128,822



Our second collection today is for Parish Pence, program to support the needy in our community.

We signed the following principal check's this week:  
\$1,683 Diocesan Assessments.

### LEGACY

It's true, whether we want to believe it or not: we can't take our possessions with us at death. There's no trailer on the back of a hearse!

That's why it's important, while we are able, to decide and name the recipients of our possessions before our earthly life ends. This allows us to remember the people and causes important to us. It lets us determine guardianship for any minor children.

And it's one way to make a gift to COV Catholic Church. There's many ways to do this. Some provide better tax advantages than others. There are also ways you can receive a stream of income for life with the church getting the remainder at death.



### RECURRING EVENTS

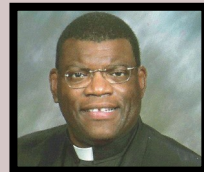
Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)  
1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)  
2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)  
3rd-Wednesday of the month-K of C meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)  
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at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

Take Home Lesson

Sunday, July 21, 2024

**Gathering the Flock**

This take home is drawn from commentary by scripture scholar Stephen Lampe found in our Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word.

Long before Christianity described Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Hebrew Bible described God as Israel's shepherd, with Israel's kings serving as human shepherds whose task it was to care for the people of God's behalf. However, the image also served as a measure to critique the kings when they mislead and failed to care for the sheep.

The prophet Jeremiah was a theological commentator on the final years of the kingdom of Judah, including the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 587 BC, and the deportation of its people into exile in Babylon. Jeremiah mercilessly condemned the failed leadership of the monarchy, even as he offered hints of hope. Today's reading is part of a larger indictment of the "shepherds" (the kings of Judah/Davidic monarchy), accusing them of destroying and scattering the "flock" (the people of Judah). In caring only for themselves and their well-being, the kings have roused God to punish their wicked ways.

This pitiable situation leads to some unexpected consequences. First, the Lord himself, and no human agent, will bring the flock back from exile to their meadow. Only after this gathering will new shepherds (that is, restored Davidic kings) be raised up. Second, Jeremiah gives voice to the exiles' hope that a righteous shoot will emerge. This hope is ironic since the last Davidic king's name, Zedekiah, means "righteous" but he was not. The hope is that the shoot will bear the name "The LORD is our justice," and will embody the reality of that name, doing just and righteous acts.

This shepherd imagery from the Old Testament links to today's Gospel. Last week we heard of the mission of the twelve apostles. Today's Gospel begins with the return of the apostles, who have performed powerful deeds of exorcism and healing. Jesus recognizes his friends are in need of rest and a good meal after their journeys, so he draws them to a deserted place. There will be no rest for the weary since a vast crowd has already arrived at the "deserted" place before Jesus and his friends.

Jesus' pity at the site of the large crowd that followed them comes from his awareness that they are "like sheep without a shepherd". While Jesus does not claim the title "Shepherd" here, his compassion clearly links him to shepherd imagery as in today's first reading where God cares for the sheep of his flock who have been led astray by mortal shepherd-kings.

For us in the present day, we sometimes try to get away from the coming and going of people around us. We may wish to withdraw to a quiet place for rest and recharging. And at just that time, family or friends or neighbors, like sheep without a shepherd, will ask for our attention.

Will you be able to respond with compassion when those in need gather around you?

15th Annual Italian Feast  
Church of the Visitation  
Rt. 3, Topping, VA  
Saturday, September 14,  
2024

Seating at 5:00PM



Menu: Salad, Pasta, Homemade Meatball, made with Pork, Beef and Veal, sweet Italian sausages  
Bread & Desserts  
Coffee & Ice Tea  
Children under 12 \$5  
Red & White wine  
\$35 per person  
(Children under 6 eat for free)  
Reservations requested by Sept. 7th  
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**THANK YOU**



Thank you to Eileen O'Brien for purchasing an Ordinary Time chasuble that matches Father Koo's and for using her talent to create two new altar cloths from that material for our sanctuary. She is always using her talents. COV will enjoy using them during Ordinary Time for many years to come.

**FLATTONES**



As Father continues to become acquainted with our church and its outside events, here he is enjoying an evening out at the Good Luck Wine Cellars (Marianne Krop in the picture) celebration of a good harvest. Our home grown band and singers (the Flattones) provided the music.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE**

Join Father Gregory Kandt, pastor of the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester, for an inspiring and customized pilgrimage to France.

Our itinerary traverses some of the most beautiful parts of France – from Normandy to Paris and to areas in and around Dijon, Annecy, and Geneva (in Switzerland).

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<https://www.travelillum.com/trc/ary>

If you'd like to talk to Father Gregory, you can reach him at 804-693-9043.



**FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE**

Our Pastor continues to get acquainted with living on the "RIVAH." Here he is sampling how to handle a (steamed) crab for the first time. Glad they didn't give him a live one! He enjoyed eating the crabs. Not only did he experience crabs but he went on his first boat ride in the river as well. There is nothing like being on the river and the wind blowing in your face.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Paul and Agnes Strayer

Dan & Linda Peterson



**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.



Special thanks to Cindy Jessee, our church photographer.

*Congratulations to the Putney family who celebrated the Baptism of son Devin last Sunday. A hearty thank you to the parishioners who joined in the celebration after Mass.*



Please pray for the following:



Lee Reamy, Marguerite Hock, Bettie Hodge & Spike Nunn

**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.

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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.*

**NEW PARISHIONER**

Andree Harrison  
PO Box 66  
Ware Neck, VA 23061  
864-395-4046  
Andree.harrison@gmail.com



**KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast July 28th after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.



*Donations accepted.*



**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.



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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 memory of

**Lillian M. Reiffel,**

Teacher



PRAYERS  
MEMORIES  
LOVE  
Jerry  
McMurtrie

In Loving  
Memory Of  
**David E. Brinkley**

In Loving Memory of  
**Vincent "Poppy" &  
Vinnie Recupido**

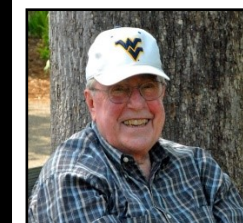
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In  
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Of

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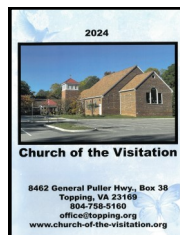
In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

**TO SUPPORT  
OUR YOUTH,  
THEIR DREAMS,  
& OUR FUTURE.**

**Lynne & Gary Richardson**

**GOOD NEWS**

Our new directory has arrived, and is ready for distribution. Pat Marchant, who headed our directory committee will be handing out copies to those families who participated in the picture-taking today in the narthex. Several persons have asked about the availability of extra copies. Please tell Pat if you are interested in purchasing one. Also the directory will also be on-line, and we have purchased an on-line app, which will be available in the near future for any parishioner's use. More information will follow on this topic.



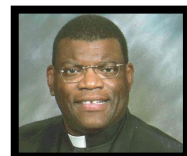
**FR. JOHN BODDIE MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Fr. John Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund drive started last Sunday. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000. During the 2023-2024 year the Scholarship Committee awarded over \$12,000 in scholarship 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.


Your envelope is located on the table in the narthex, and there are extra envelopes for anyone who may wish to add to the Scholarship ads as well.



Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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-Benjamin Franklin  
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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"Our Youth"  
The Kirsch Family

FOR OUR CHURCH KITTIES  
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  
*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




I love and miss you.  
♥  
Jim


"I am the good shepherd... and I will lay down my life for the sheep."  
(John 10:14)  
John and Diane Weidner

In Loving Memory of  
"Lee Hollingsworth"  
We love and miss you!  
Barb & Tori

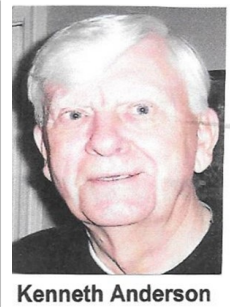
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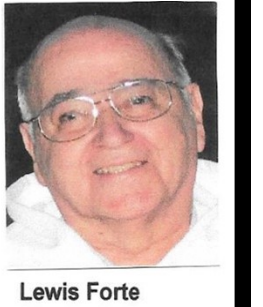
In Memory of  
*Bob Hartman*  
My Love of My Life  
Jenny

In loving memory of  
Marty Hawksworth  
Tom & Sharon  


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Tom Shoemaker  
In Memory of JoAn



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



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


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In Loving Memory of  
Morgan Wells  
Forever,  
Marianne



  
In Loving Memory  
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