

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024 Year B



Our Mass Intention today is for

Nancy Dixon



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

FINANCE COUNCIL

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Church Secretary, Andrea Moore
Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: As We Gather At Your Table #316

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: John 6:1-15

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

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In the

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: Take and Eat #364

Meditation: Parable #678

Recessional: All The Ends Of The Earth #562



August Birthdays

1st-Ed Harriman, Carol Walsh, 3rd-Germaine Hayes,
4th-Nicole Kennedy, 5th-Pat Paul, 6th-James Davenport, 7th-Joseph
Kerrigan & Mary Hess, 8th-Pat Marchant, Ralph Linden, 10th-Al
Langer, 11th-Patrick Ambrose, Mary Sue Dougherty, 12th-Sтивен Kirsch,
Donna Thompson, Thomas Kennedy, 15th-Aldo DeCollibus, 19th-Dave Marcil,
Monty McNeil, Bob Puleo, 21st-Roseanne Moncure, 22nd-Paula Wilson, 23rd-
Robert Wilson, 24th-Dick Dougherty, 26th-John Matthews, 29th-Steve Kirsch,
& Bill Puttmann.

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



August Anniversaries

3rd-Charlie & Margaret Hock, 6th-Mike & Gretchen Borzelleca,
8th-Tom & Cindy Jessee, Don & Marie Tyrrell, 10th-Skip & Lois Kramb,
17th-Sal & Lorie Messina, 19th-John & Carol McCormack, 25th-Bill & Michelle
Puttmann, Mike & Angela Pycha

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ 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 28, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Shoemaker/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Ciborium: Wolski
Chalice: Gray/Marcil

Music: Smith

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

August 4, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Miller/Dorman

Lectors: Sychterz/Dreelin

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts:
Chalice:

Music: Krop

Counters: O'Brien/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 21, 2024

Collection:	\$ 1,750
Second Collection: Parish Pence	\$ 414
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 7,847
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 9,938
Loan Balance:	\$ 127,889



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check's this week:
\$998 Pastor and Rectory Expenses for June.

LEGACY

A retirement account, such as an IRA, 401 (k), or 403(b), often comprises a large portion of a person's wealth. Yet did you know they are the most heavily taxed — and a perfect instrument for making a charitable gift at death?



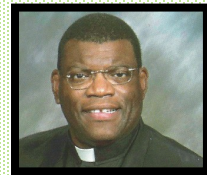
The way in which you distribute the assets in your retirement accounts can reflect your faith and values. By naming our church as beneficiary of your retirement account, you can pass on assets you no longer can use, and spare your estate the tax burden affiliated with these plans.

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
Gene & Anne Wolski
Jack & Laurie King
Terry Skovera
Bill & Donna Plunkert
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Frank & Terry Sisto



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

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
Call: 804-725-1656 or 804-776-0078
Email: jmc399@gmail.com
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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.



SAD NEWS
We received the sad news that the only son of former parishioners Marilyn and Richard Cox died suddenly recently while residing in Indiana. If you desire to send them a sympathy card, their retirement address is:
8538 Mustang Drive Naples, Florida 34113

UPDATES OF IMPORTANCE
We will be having Adoration on August 1st 9:30-10:30am. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day is August 15th here at COV @9am.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES/ CORRECTIONS
Marge Dembeck: 610-466-9666
Tony & Lynn Martin: Zip code 23238
If you find anything in the directory that needs updating/corrections please notify the office.



ALTAR FLOWERS
In memory of
Lee Hollingsworth
Barb & Tori



PARISH MINISTRIES
Are you looking to get more involved at COV? Look no further, we have many opportunities for you!
Lectors/Community Leaders/Music/Cantors/Collection Counters/Parish Life/Shawl Ministry/Right To Life/Altar Server/Ushers/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Greeters/Religious Education-Adult & Children/Bible Study/Parish Council/Ground Upkeep/Prison Ministry and Pastoral Care-Just to name a few!
Many hands make light work...as the saying goes. We want you on our team.
Call the office or head contact person for more information.
Ministry list is located on the bulletin board

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 sign-up 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.

Take Home Lesson

July 28, 2024

Gifts of Hope

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

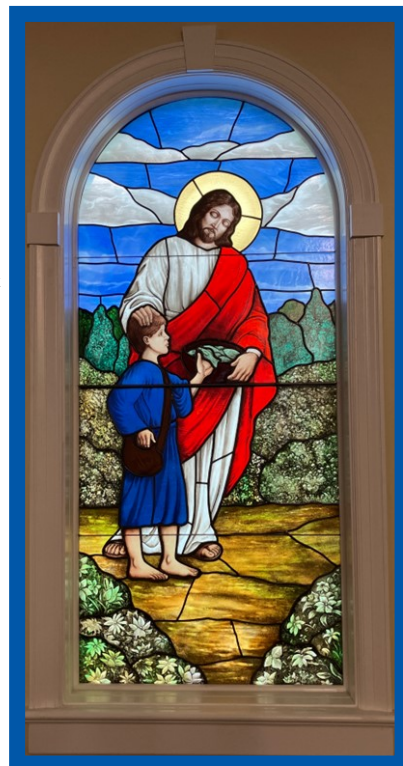
In last week's gospel reading from Mark, the crowd followed Jesus as he was trying to withdraw with his disciples. He sees that the people are "like sheep without a shepherd" and the compassion he shows them clearly links to shepherd imagery of God caring for the sheep of his flock. This scene sets the stage for Mark's account of the multiplication of the loaves and the feeding of the great multitude, the only one of Jesus' miracles that is found in all four Gospels. Our reading this Sunday, and for the next several weeks, is from John's Gospel.

John's account of this miracle serves as an entry point into a discourse on the bread from heaven and Jesus as the bread of life. There are many unique and value laden details in John's account of the miracle, like the fact that the Passover is near, and that Jesus went up on the mountain (like Moses at Sinai). Jesus instructs the crowd to sit on the grass, invoking memory of Psalm 23:2 - "In green pastures he makes me lie down".

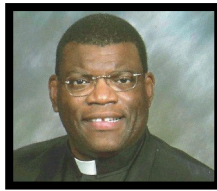
This miracle narrative connects directly to our parish and is depicted in stained glass in the left frontmost window of our sanctuary. Andrew has presented to Jesus a boy who has five barely loaves and two fish. Notice how the boy freely offers his gift to Jesus. "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them." (John 6:11) This is Eucharistic language. Observe the placement of Jesus' hand upon the boy's head. The laying on of hands calls down God's Spirit. We see a similar gesture during Holy Mass at the Epiclesis when the celebrant places his hands above our offering of bread and wine and asks God to send down the Holy Spirit so they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord.

In his book This Is My Body, Bishop Robert Barron names the multiplication of the loaves as the best example of what he calls the loop of grace. Throughout the Bible we see this command: what you have received as a gift, give as a gift - you will find the original gift multiplied and enhanced. God's grace, because it is grace, cannot be held on to. Grace is had only if it remains grace, that is too say, a gift given away.

What loving gift could you give to another person this week?



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.

myUCD App Start Guide

Download The App From The App Store or Google Play

- With your smart phone touch the App Store icon for your type of phone (Apple Store -or- Google Play) then search for: **'Universal Church Directory'**
- The App is called **myUCD**
- Click on the "GET" -or- "INSTALL" button
- When the App has finished installing, click "OPEN"

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Begin Using Your Church App Features

- Video link
- Email the church
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- Online giving
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- Staff contacts
- YouVersion Bible App
- Directory of all members
- ***Some features may -or- may not be available for your church**

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1. Go to **directory.ucdir.com**
2. Enter unique identifier and hit **GO**
3. Prompts will appear to create your own Username & Password.
4. Click on **'CREATE ACCOUNT'**

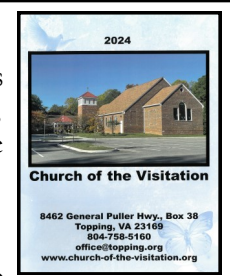
Please pray for the following:
Barbara Daly, Minn Tassone, Morgan Wells,
James Farrell & Father Bob Nash

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, Marilynn Cerullo, Nancy Wirth, Tom Hawksworth, Linda Gray, Pat Reamy, Andrea Moore, Lynn Vajda.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS
The Daly Family, Ed Haurand, Bill Sassok, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Brian Patrick Dubicki, Lynn Messina, Shirley Schultz, Gene Sullivan, Dr. Nicole Touchet, Grace Anderson, Gloria Powell, Chloe Pearson, Barbara Daly, Mia Angelis, the Angelis family, Debbie Stockhorst, Jill Shores, John Gahagan, Todd Bowmam, Diane Petralia, Anthony Pace, Mildred Bair, Mary Levine, Susie Maddrich, Carolyn Harvey, Eric Currie, Mike & Katy Shea, Rhonda Wells, Polly Beall, Dick Patton, Joanne & Lisa Ferrari, Barbara & Ron Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Dominick Perry.

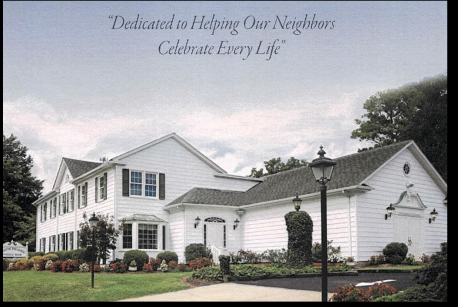
FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS
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If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.

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. The directory will also be on-line, and we have purchased an on-line app, which is up and running now. After Mass today Helen Linden will be available to assist those who would like help in downloading the App and accessing the COV directory.



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.

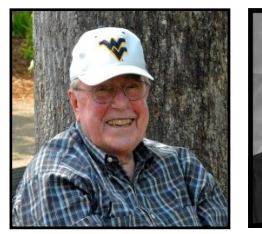


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Pray that the youth of today will help make the world a better place for tomorrow.
Dan & Linda Peterson



PRAYERS MEMORIES LOVE
Jerry McMurtrie



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

In Loving Memory Of Alma and Fritz Sitterding
Supporting Our Youth



In memory of my beloved Spike. Where he was, there was Eden Love Forever, Becky



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

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory Of David E. Brinkley

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 Vincent "Poppy" & Vinnie Recupido
The Recupido & Hollingsworth Families

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Lynne & Gary Richardson

Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

In support of our
Future Leaders
"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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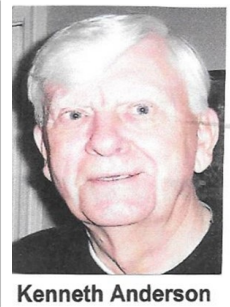
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In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

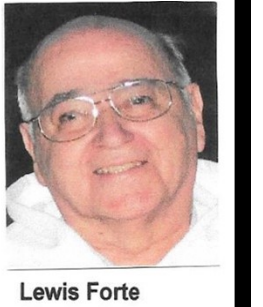
In loving memory of
Marty Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon


Helping Our Youth Build Their Future

Limerick II Enterprises
Construction Management Services
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


Frank & Gerrie Lohr
Supporting
Higher Education

In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne




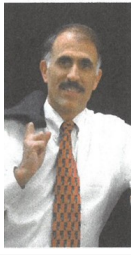

In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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Spike and Becky Nunn

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