

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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18th Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 4, 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 Kostaskey

FINANCE COUNCIL

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Ray Kostaskey-Chairman

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Cindy Powers
Tom Jessee
Shelley Katsuki-Secretary
John Weidner-Chair

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore
Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Here at the Table #309

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread, bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel Acclamation: One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: John 6:35

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: God's Holy Gifts #358

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: Bread For The World #325

Meditation: Seek Ye First #446

Recessional: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #553

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-Steven 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-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Father Mooney" **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**
August 11th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12th-Visitation Singers
August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast Day) 9am
August 18th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast

August 4, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Miller/Dorman

Lectors: Sychterz/Dreelin

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBD
Chalice: TBD

Music: Krop

Counters: O'Brien/Smith

August 11, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Sychterz

Lectors: Dorman/Nunn

Eucharistic Ministers: Ciborium: TBD
Chalice: TBD

Music: Lohr

Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 28, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,466
Second Collection:	
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 10,313
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 11,414
Loan Balance:	\$ 127,889



Our Second Collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal check's this week:
\$214 July Telephone, \$317 July Credit Card.

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?



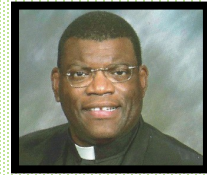
The way in which you distribute the assets in your retirement accounts can reflect your faith and values. By naming our church as beneficiary of your retirement account, you can pass on assets you no longer can use, and spare your estate the tax burden affiliated with these plans.

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
Dan & Linda Peterson



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

Take Home Lesson

The Eyes of Faith

August 4, 2024

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

During this liturgical year (Year B of the lectionary cycle), the Gospel according to Mark is typically proclaimed. Last Sunday, however, we began hearing from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, a section which is often called the "Bread of Life Discourse." We will hear this discourse through the rest of the Sundays in August and, in doing so, we have the opportunity to explore in greater depth the mystery hidden in the food that the Lord provides.

Two weeks ago, we heard that Jesus' disciples returned from their missionary work, excited but exhausted. Jesus attempts to have them withdraw to a deserted place so they can have rest, but the crowds follow. Jesus pities the crowd because "they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). Then, last Sunday, we heard the story of Jesus miraculously feeding the crowds with five loaves and a couple of fish. In the account from John's Gospel, the crowd interprets the feeding as an indicator that they should make Jesus their king. But Jesus withdraws to the mountain alone, which is reminiscent of Moses communing with God at Sinai.

Today, Jesus enters into conversation with the crowd that had been miraculously fed. The crowd honors him by calling him "Rabbi" but Jesus takes control of the conversation and explains that they are seeking him for a superficial reason: they were hungry and he fed them. By the thinking of ancient times, feeding the people is a duty that falls to the king.

Jesus next points to food "that endures for eternal life". The crowd begins to catch the connection to stories from earlier salvation history and turns to Moses and the manna provided in the desert, which we read in today's first reading. That story matches Jesus feeding the multitude in a deserted place. Perhaps Jesus might be a new Moses? They want Jesus to perform a sign, as Moses did when the people were enslaved in Egypt.

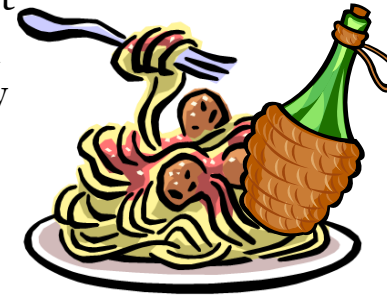
So they said to Jesus, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe you? What can you do?" (John 6:30) This crowd may be overlooking the miraculous feeding provided by Jesus, and they are beginning to follow Jesus' logic, but Jesus wants to look deeper. He points out that Moses was not the one who actually provided the food or worked wonders in Egypt. He was only as instrument of God, the heavenly Father of Jesus.

The crowd seems to understand, and they beg Jesus for the everlasting bread of the Father. The Gospel reading ends with Jesus telling the crowd, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." The crowd is left wanting a sign from God, which is where we will pick up the discourse next Sunday. Some will come to believe, others will fail to see the sign that is Jesus, the Incarnate God.

When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs" from God?

15th Annual Italian Feast

Church of the Visitation
8462 General Puller Hwy
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

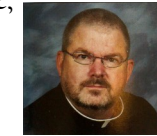
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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Father Richard Mooney. Father Mooney has helped us out many times when we were in need of a priest. Father Richard Mooney went from parochial vicar of St. Catherine of Siena, Clarksville; St. Paschal Baylon, South Boston; and Good Shepherd, South Hill, to retired status about a year ago.



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

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of
Dave Marchant
Pat Marchant

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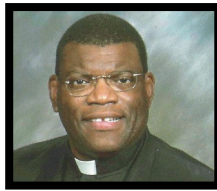
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1. Go to directory.ucdir.com
2. Enter unique identifier and hit **GO**
3. Prompts will appear to create your own Username & Password.
4. Click on 'CREATE ACCOUNT'

UPDATE OF IMPORTANCE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day is August 15th here at COV @9am and FdS at 6:30pm..

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 Fund.

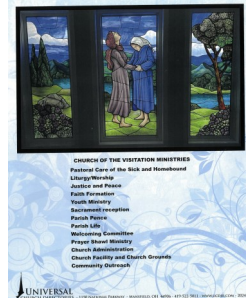
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SIGN-UP SHEETS



In a new procedure, we have placed signup sheets in the Narthex on the Welcome table for Masses beginning August 11th through the end of October.

We ask all Eucharistic Ministers to view the sheets and sign up for Masses when you are available and willing to serve.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION



For those parishioners who have not picked up your directory as yet, we have them in the office. We do have extra copies for purchase, per parishioner inquires. According to individuals who have down loaded the app, it's a marvelous feature with many uses and applications, such as access to the church website, calendar of events, daily bible readings and the directory itself.

After Mass Helen Linden will be available to assist those who would like help in downloading the App and accessing the COV directory.

Our thanks go to chairperson Pat Marchant, Helen Linden, Andrea Moore, and Lynne Richardson for their efforts in organizing and executing this endeavor. It took grit, ingenuity, and an extreme amount of patience. We owe them our deepest gratitude.

Please pray for the following:
Tom Dundon, Arlene Toler & Ann Dunn

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

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 Ferari, Barbara & Ron Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Dominick Perry.

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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.

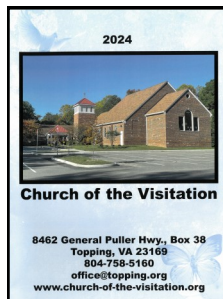
CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES/ CORRECTIONS

Marge Dembeck: phone 610-466-9666

Tony & Lynn Martin: Zip code 23238

Sal & Lorie Messina: email address
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If you find anything in the directory that needs updating or corrections that need to be made, please notify the office.



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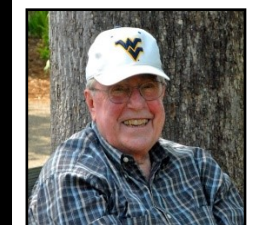
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Pray that the youth of today will help make the world a better place for tomorrow.

Frank & Terry Sisto



PRAYERS
MEMORIES
LOVE
Jerry
McMurtrie

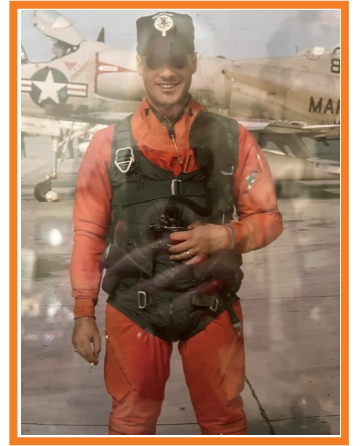


In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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

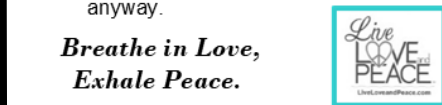
"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of Carmen and David Brinkley

In Loving Memory of Vincent "Poppy" & Vinnie Recupido

The Recupido & Hollingsworth Families

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Lynne & Gary Richardson




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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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CLEAR SAILING

DEBBY AND ED HARRIMAN



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 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

Thank you for supporting our education

Michael, Colin, Kathryn,
John & Kevin Walsh

 *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



Kenneth Anderson



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



Lewis Forte

We Salute the Youth of Our Church and Their Important Journey.

Carmen & Joe Brinkley

Frank & Gerrie Lohr
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Higher Education

In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne



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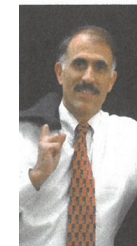
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In memory of
Michael Tebbs Nunn & Douglas Arthur Nelson Nunn
"Our Beloved Sons"
Spike and Becky Nunn

In Memory of
Carter & Mary Borzelleca
Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca

"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



We Support The Youth Scholarship
John & Carol McCormack



In Loving Memory of
Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

"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

BY THE BAY
STAINED GLASS

Al Langer 804-815-1328



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

