The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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19th Sunday In Ordinary Time August 11, 2024 Year B

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

PARISH MINISTRIES

Justice & Peace: open

Parish Life: Johnna Harris

FINANCE COUNCIL

Ray Kostesky-Chairman

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Debby Harriman

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Worship/Liturgy: Noelle Harvey

Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson

Administration: Ray Kostesky

Religious Education: Zaida Wohleking

OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner

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 COUNCIL

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Church Secretary, Andrea Moore Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Lift Up Your Hearts #312

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914 Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel Acclamation: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Gospel: John 6:41-51 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: One Bread One Body #331

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: Be Still My Soul #671

Recessional: I Sing The Mighty Power Of God #430

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, 11th-Tom& Mary Dorman, 17th-Sal& Lorie Messina, 19th-John& Carol McCormack, 25th-Bill & Michelle Puttmann, Mike & Angela Pycha

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 12th-Visitation Singers-All are Welcome

August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast Day)9am

August 18th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21st & 22nd-No Daily Mass

Today-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast Guest Priest-Father Miller

August 11, 2024

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Ciborium: TBD

Chalice: Dreelin/Gray/Plunkert

Music: Lohr Counters: King/Angell

August 18, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Smith Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBD

Chalice: Gray/Marcil/Harvey

Music: TBA Counters: Tutak/Harvey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from August 4, 2024

Collection: \$ 3,276 Second Collection: Debt Reduction Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 112,913

Total Budget Projection: \$ 14,433

Loan Balance: \$ 127,889

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check's this week: No principal checks were signed this week.

LEGACY

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to your church in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate



At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.

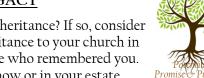
Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (given through your will) gifts express your feelings in a meaningful way.

RECURRING EVENTS

Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee) lst-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

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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

In loving memory of Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever, JoAnn

Take Home Lesson

LIFE FOR THE WORLD

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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

In today's first reading, Elijah's courage and resolve have given way to fear and he begs God for death. The Lord of Life will have none of it. Twice God sends a messenger, an angel, with bread, water and a message: "Get up and eat." This message will echo Christ's repeated mandate to those whom he raises from illness and death. Strengthen by God, Elijah continues his journey through the wilderness. This account of God's chosen one languishing in the desert prepares us for Jesus' message today in the Gospel.

As we continue to hear the Bread of Life Discourse, concerns emerge among Jesus' audience. This Jewish community knows Jesus. They know his family. They know he is not someone important, not a man of high status. He is just another Galilean Jew like them. Yet they heard him refer to himself as the bread of life and say that he is food and drink that, once consumed, will remove all hunger and thirst forever. He has called himself heavenly bread, and he didn't mean it metaphorically. Their murmuring recalls the complaints of the chosen people during their initial wanderings in the wilderness, complaints heard in the first reading last Sunday. Here, as in the wilderness and when Elijah sat parched under a shade tree, the Lord shows compassion on the people. He grasps and understands their concerns.

Responding to their complaints, Jesus continues teaching his audience by appealing repeatedly to Scripture. He freely recites Isaiah 54:13 to remind them that the prophetic tradition promised that God would attract and teach all people. Thus, they are drawn to his words for a reason. Then, reaching further back into Jewish history, he points to the story of manna in the wilderness. In that situation, food was a temporary solution to the people's concern. However, in Jesus, the soul-deep hunger and parched spirit that the whole human community knows meets satisfaction. Anticipated in the angelic bread that nourished Elijah for a protracted desert journey (40 days), Jesus sustains the weary. He satisfies the murmuring. He is the bread of life.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." "Flesh" points us to the Eucharist but also reminds us of the truth of Jesus' nature, that he is both divine and human.

When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

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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PRAYER, VISION, ACTION



On September 10th you are invited to the Pastoral Center in Richmond for "Prayer, Vision, and Action," an event featuring a meal, prayer, networking, and a presentation looking at three key areas of pro-life work to pay attention to in the coming year.

PRAYER: Presented by 40 Days for Life, will feature stories and education around this first action and essential ministry to the pro-life movement.

VISION: Presented by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond will offer a preview of the most significant legislation and advocacy opportunities in the coming year.

ACTION: Presented by HerPLAN, will update us on the network of ministries, organizations, and resources that currently exist to make it as easy as possible for women to choose life across the Commonwealth.

PRO-LIFE

If you are helping with a "Walking With Moms In Need" ministry, or you are otherwise involved in pro-life ministry at your parish, this event will be very helpful. While this event will focus primarily on crisis pregnancy, we will highlight significant pro-life

legislation and resources that serve vulnerable populations and families regardless of pregnancy status.

40DAYS
FORLIFE

Click Here to visit our registration

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of T om & Mary Dorman's Anniversary.



ASSUMPTION

Next Thursday, August 15, we observe the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a holy day of obligation. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. at Church of the Visitation and at 6:30 P.M. at Francis de Sales in Mathews.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven reveals that what God begins, he brings to completion. In predestining her to be the Mother of the Savior, the Lord prepared her through the Immaculate



Conception, which preserved her from original sin. Grace continued to expand and flower in her, giving her strength to stand by Jesus on the cross. She was preserved form the corruption of the tomb and enjoys already a bodily participation in the glory of Christ in heaven. From there, she prays for us - that grace may come to perfection in us, and that we may share in her glory with Jesus.

Bishop Robert Barron reflects upon the Fourth Glorious Mystery of The Rosary, The Assumption, as follows:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, quoting Lumen Gentium, teaches that "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory." (CCC 966) In other words, Mary is the first participant in the fullness of Christ's Resurrection.

In her great Magnificat, Mary is the new Isaiah, the new Jeremiah, the new Ezekiel, for she announces with greatest clarity and joy the coming of the Messiah. What was only vaguely foreseen in those great prophetic figures is now in clear focus: "He has shown the strength of his arm; he has battered the proud in their conceit; he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." (Luke 1:51-55) There is nothing stronger or more beautiful in any of the prophets.

But Mary is more than strong and beautiful; she is the sinless one, the perfect disciple. Mary, who exists now in this other world, is not so much somewhere else as somehow else, and this helps explain why we can speak of her, especially in her heavenly state, as interceding and praying for us.

Let us contemplate Mary's critical role in salvation history, culminating in her bodily Assumption, which, like the Ascension of Jesus, draws us toward a higher world.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SIGN-UP SHEETS

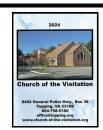
In a new procedure, we have placed signup sheets in the Narthex on the Welcome table for Masses beginning August 11th through the end of October.



We ask all Eucharistic Ministers to view the sheets and sign up for Masses when you are available and willing to serve. Each Sunday one ciborium and four chalices are needed. Thank You. Bill Plunkert

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

For those parishioners who have not picked up you directory as yet, we have them in the office. We do have extra 1 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. If you need help you may call the office for assistance.

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.

FIRST AID

BAND-AIDS

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- LEASH • HARNESS
- WATER FOR 3 DAYS
- FOR EACH PE
- DRY PET FOOD FAVORITE TOY
- PET BED/BLANKET

FILL UP GAS TANKS IN ALL VEHICLES
FILL UP BATHTUBS WITH WATER
TURN OFF SPRINKLERS/WATER VALVES
BOARD WINDOWS/TAPE WINDOWS
TAKE OUT CASH
SECURE OUTDOOR ITEMS
BRING IN TRASH CANS
TRIM TREE LIMBS



Please pray for the following:

Rudy Wijdoogen, Eleanor Alter, Dave Hetzer & Ed Haurand

PARISHIONERS

Maggie Gerdts, 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.

CHURCH HUMOR

Why are Catholics so upbeat after religious services? Because they convert Mass into energy.

What's the most important part of the Popemobile? The catholic converter.

SAD NEWS

We received the sad news that Rudy Wijdoogen passed away on Augus 2nd. Rudy and Theresia were parishioners at COV from 2014-2019.

Our prayers are with the family. Any messages, cards or memories can be sent to

> 44465 Chamberlain Terrace #300 Ashburn, VA 20147



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.



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



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In Loving Memory o Bobby Warren

Your Family Arlene, L.C., Faye, Caitlyn & Courtlyn

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

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

Frank & Terry Sisto



PRAYERS MEMORIES LOVE

Jerry 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. 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 iealous: 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

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.

In Loving Memory of Carmen and David **Brinkley**

In Loving Memory of Vincent "Poppy" & Vinnie Recupido

The Recupido & Hollingsworth Families



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



Loving Memory

LOOVE PEACE

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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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 Memory of

Thomas R. Shepherd, Jr. 8/28/1943 to 3/18/2020 Thomas R. Shepherd III 11/05/1970 to 3/31/2022



love and miss you.



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

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

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FOR OUR CHURCH KITTIES Choco, Tabby & Rufus



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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
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Kenneth Anderson



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



Lewis Forte





"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes



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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