

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 18, 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

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Alleluia Sing To Jesus #732

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Panis Angelicus #370

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: I Am The Bread Of Life #342

Meditation: Love Will Guide Us

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God #209



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

Today-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21st & 22nd-No Daily Mass
August 25th-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast
Guest Priest-Father Miller
August 28th & 29th-No Daily Mass
September 1st-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Miller
September 4th & 5th-No Daily Mass

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

August 18, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Donovan

Chalice: Gray/Marcil/Harvey

Music: Powers

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

August 25, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: DeGroot/Kstesky

Eucharistic Ministers: Ciborium: Wolski

Chalice: Donovan/Petralia/Richardson

Music: Filippi

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from August 11, 2024

Collection:	\$ 3,150
Second Collection: Catholic Virginian	\$ 144
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 16,063
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 17,243
Loan Balance:	\$ 127,889



There is no second collection today.

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 plan.



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.

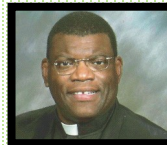
Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (given through your will) gifts express your feelings in a meaningful way.

RECURRING EVENTS

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

August 18, 2024

Promise of Eternal Life

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.

The book of Proverbs was used to train officials of the Judean royal court. Today's reading depicts personified wisdom orchestrating a sumptuous, well-prepared banquet. Setting an example for young scholars pursuing public service, Wisdom herself is appealing. She knows how to party in a refined, orderly manner. She offers understanding, elegance, decorum, and the means of ridding oneself of foolishness. In sum, she offers maturity.

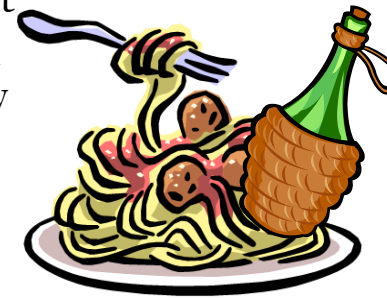
In today's Gospel, Jesus continues the Bread of Life Discourse. When he announces, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever," he confounds his audience by further specifying this banquet imagery: "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The demand of what Jesus' teaching means immediately catapults his audience into a squabble. Jesus avoids their questions and doubles down on his claim. His audience is to consume his flesh and blood, which are true food and true drink. The emphasis on wisdom in today's other readings invites focusing on the word "true." What does the Lord mean when he calls his flesh and blood "true"? Appeal to the manna eaten by the ancestors in the wilderness illuminate his point. That food, although divinely provided, did not spare the people from death. To consume something provided by God is not enough to obtain eternal life. More is needed. Life eternal calls for consuming God. Jesus is speaking of ultimate things. The wisdom of the banquet of his body and blood, therefore, is not simply about human nourishment. His "true" food does not simply fill our mouths and stomachs for meaningful social interaction (as at Wisdom's meal in Proverbs). Nor is the Lord's body and blood solely spiritual food, though it does fill us with the Spirit to give thanks to the Lord (as in today's reading from Ephesians). The banquet of Jesus' body and blood - the true food and true drink of God - draws us through death into resurrection and the fullness of eternal life. To be filled with his body and blood is to be filled with life eternal, to experience lasting nourishment within, to enjoy the promise of resurrection, and to remain in him.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54)

How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

15th Annual Italian Feast

Church of the Visitation
8462 General Puller Hwy
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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.

[Click Here to visit our registration](#)



WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

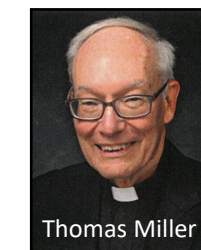
While Father Koo is away in Africa, the Adult Faith Formation and Liturgy and Worship ministries invite fellow parishioners to gather for Morning Prayer in the day chapel on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. These will be short and structured prayer services and will include the scripture readings to would have been read if Father were here to celebrate daily Mass. While these prayerful gatherings are no substitute for Holy Mass and reception of the Eucharist, we know that Jesus said: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

FALL BIBLE STUDY

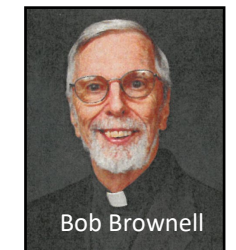
An Adult Bible Study of the Book of Isaiah is scheduled to begin early next month. We are planning a twelve lesson study that we hope to complete before Thanksgiving. We will use the Little Rock Scripture Study booklets as we have done with our recent studies. We are planning to meet on Wednesday mornings immediately following morning prayer, or Daily Mass once Father Koo returns from Africa. Please add you name to the sign up list in the Narthex or contact John Weidner if you are interested in joining this study.

OUR VISITING PRIESTS

Father Koo will be leaving for his home in Gnana on August 19th and returning for Mass on October 6th. We are excited for him to go home for a visit but we will miss him at the same time. Safe travels Father Koo.



Thomas Miller



Bob Brownell

Father Miller and Father Brownell are scheduled to celebrate Sunday Mass while Father Koo is away in Africa.. Father Miller will be with us August 25th, Sept. 1st & 8th. Father Brownell will be with us September 15th, 22nd & 30th. We look forward to having them at Mass.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of
Tony & Lynn Martin's
53rd Anniversary.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Father Koo this past Sunday blessed many recently completed shawls to be given out as needed. Our Shawl Ministry meets regularly not only to add to our supply of prayer shawls but to share new ideas, patterns and stitches. Anyone who would like to join this ministry can contact Sandi Delagrange @ 804-387-5762 or Lynne Richardson @571-239-0980. *No experience necessary. All are welcome!*



FATHER KOO

A little background again about our Father Johnny Mintah Mensah "Koo".

He is a priest from the Archdiocese of Accra, Ghana where he had been a priest for 28 years. Father Koo came to the Diocese of Richmond in 2022 and has served as Parochial Vicar of Saint Catherine of Siena, Clarksville, Saint Paschal Baylon, South Boston, and Good Shepherd, South Hill.

Father Johnny holds a master's degree and PhD. in Sociology from the University of Ghana. He was on the faculty of two seminaries in Ghana and he is experienced in pastoral ministry and vocation formation. Additionally, Fr. Koo has served as Dean of the Kaneshie Deanery, he was a member of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests as well as a Chaplain for Accra West Grand, Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of St. John Internation.

Father Koo is known as a wonderful and very gifted person with a great personality who engages with people. Outside his pastor duties he enjoys reading, listening to music, dancing, trying new foods, boating on the rivah and long walks through his neighborhood. Father Koo is a gifted story teller and has shared anecdotes of the challenges and rewards of life in Africa.

We are proud to announce that Bishop Knestout has officially appointed Father Johnny Mintah-Mensah "Koo" Pastor of both churches, COV & FdS.

We happily Welcome Our Pastor Father Koo.

Please pray for the following:
Mollie McMurtrie & Lucy Walker

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.

NEW PARISHIONER

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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.

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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.

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 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 Carmen and David Brinkley

In Loving Memory of Vincent "Poppy" & Vinnie Recupido

The Recupido & Hollingsworth Families

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

Lynne & Gary Richardson

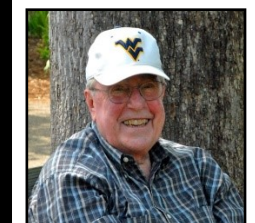


In memory of my beloved Spike. Where he was, there was Eden Love Forever, Becky



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

"Gone but not to be forgotten"



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



In Loving Memory Of Alma and Fritz Sitterding


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♥ Emily & Anna

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-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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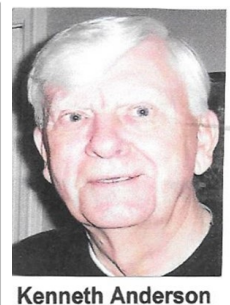
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Michael, Colin, Kathryn, John & Kevin Walsh


In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life

Jenny

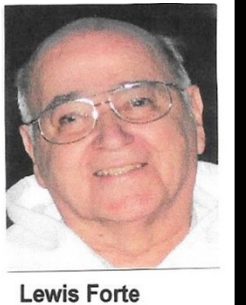
In loving memory of
Marty Hawksworth

Tom & Sharon

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In Memory of JoAn




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



We Salute the Youth of Our Church and Their Important Journey.
Carmen & Joe Brinkley


Frank & Gerrie Lohr
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In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne




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"Our Beloved Sons"
Spike and Becky Nunn

In Memory of
Carter & Mary Borzelleca
Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca