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21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 25, 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

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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: Gather The People #305

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Acclamation: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Homily: Father Miller

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Bread Of Life #328

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: Earthen Vessels #420

Meditation: Love Goes On #488

Recessional: The Church's One Foundation #424



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/KOC Pancake Breakfast

Guest Priest-Father Miller

August 28th & 29th-Daily Prayer @9am

September 1st-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Miller

September 4th & 5th-Daily Prayer @9am

September 8th-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Miller

September 9th-Visitation Singers-All are Welcome

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

August 25, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Jessee

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: DeGroot/Kostaskey

Eucharistic Ministers: Ciborium: Wolski

Chalice: Donovan/Petralia/Richardson/Plunkert

Music: Filippi

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

September 1, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot

Chalice: Marcil/Gray/Harriman/Harvey

Music: Lange

Counters: O'Brien/Harriman

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from August 18, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,090

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 18,153

Total Budget Projection: \$ 19,942

Loan Balance: \$ 127,889

Our second collection today is for Faith Formation.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$1,185 A/C repair; \$1,856 Diocesan.



LEGACY

Seven out of 10 of us DO NOT have a will!! What are you thinking? No will? Do we not care what happens to those assets we will leave behind?

Did you know:

*Without a will, your state's laws-not you-determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed?

*You can reduce (or perhaps even eliminate) estate taxes and save taxes in a survivor's estate?

*You can name your executor to manage and settle your estate?

*You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art objects, jewelry or real estate?

*You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children and others?

*You can be a blessing to COV Catholic Church through a bequest, which is simple, flexible and tax-deductible?

*With a will, you can designate the guardian you wish for those under your care?



Potential
Promise & Purpose

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
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Terry Skovera
Bill & Donna Plunkert
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson
Tommy & Donna Lange
Charles & Louise Hartz
Dave & Emily Filippi



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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 25, 2024

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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 concerning the deep, mysterious relationship between Christ and the Church, Saint Paul appeals in his letter to the Ephesians to the most fundamental, intimate human relationship - marriage - to explain the bond between Christ and the Church. Using the model of household codes, which served as a paradigm for organizing ancient Greco-Roman households, Ephesians transforms the language of those codes to talk about the relationship of Christ and the Church as a household built on mutual love and service. While contemporary readers might focus on elements of inequity in this passage from Ephesians, it aims to highlight the mutual service that is part and parcel of the most robust spousal relationships. Like a husband willing to die for his bride, Christ sanctifies the Church by offering himself. As a husband might wash his wife and clothe her in fine attire with the utmost affection, so Christ speaks his cleansing word to his bride, the Church, with the greatest affection. Moreover, Christ sanctifies the Church by wrapping her in the spotless and wrinkle-free "garment" of his loving word.

Building on this imagery, Saint Paul claims that everyone, fundamentally, cherishes and cares for their own flesh. Presumably all readers understand and live by this principle, which, in many respects, remain in force today. We see to our basic physical needs by obtaining food, clothing and shelter. But Saint Paul extends the claim. The care we provide in obtaining our own basic needs is to be applied to spouses. Love of one's spouse is to be considered tantamount to caring for one's own body. There should be no conceptual distinction between caring for oneself and caring for one's spouse. Such selfless care and mutual giving between spouses typify Christ's giving of himself for and to the Church. As such, the relationship between Christ and the Church provides the paradigm of the Christian household, wherein mutual subordination to the needs of the other should reign.

This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and his Church. Jesus is subordinate to the Church in that he gave everything for his beloved the Church. He gives himself completely in his suffering and death so that his bride, the Church, might be made holy and share in his life.

Christ humbled himself, became human, to be joined to us so that we could be joined to him. Christ's self-sacrificing love should be made manifest in marriage relationships. We can better embody this when we enter into the mystery of Christ's paschal love.

In what way has the example of Christian marriage (either your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?

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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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.

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 daily chapel on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. These will be short and structured prayer services and will include the scripture readings that 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)

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

We received this note in the mail...
Sister Lisbeth and I had the privilege of being there at Mass last Sunday (July 28th) and of joining you for a delicious pancake breakfast. It was such a delightful experience for us Benedictine Sister to experience your outstanding hospitable spirit within a beautifully caring community that I simply needed to write and tell you so, and also to thank you for being such a good model of church! Your choir and musicians inspired us to sing and pray joyfully there among you.

Gratefully Sister Andrea & Sister Lisbeth

GRATITUDE

God is good all the time and you him be the glory. Through your prayers I made it safe and peaceful to Accra Ghana. You've all been so kind and phenomenal and may God bless you. Your prayers worked and God has accomplished it. Kindly extend my greetings to each and every parishioner. Extend my love and appreciation to them for their words of encouragement, pieces of advice, love and support. I can't ignore these. May God reward each and every one of you according to the richness of his mercy. I will keep in touch with you.

I am Fr Koo



CHURCH HUMOR

Question: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

Answer: Noah-he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.
Surprise! Surprise! It was an Apple. But with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte. Then everything crashed.



ALTAR FLOWERS

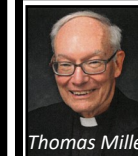
In honor of
"our parents"

Ray and Jean Kostas



OUR VISITING PRIESTS

Father Koo is in Gnana from August 19th and returning for Mass on October 6th.



Thomas Miller



Bob Brownell

Father Miller will be with us today, Sept. 1st & 8th.
Father Brownell will be with us September 15th, 22nd & 30th.
We look forward to having them for Mass.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Father Koo two Sunday 's ago 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 Delagrang @ 804-387-5762 or
Lynne Richardson @571-239-0980.

*No experience necessary.
All are welcome!*



Please pray for the following:



Olinda Rosadio, Theresa Moore, Margaret McLean, Karin Wilkins, & Fritz Sitterding III

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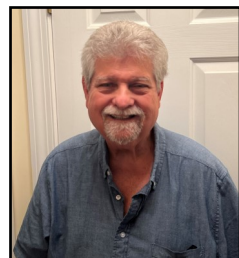
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If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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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
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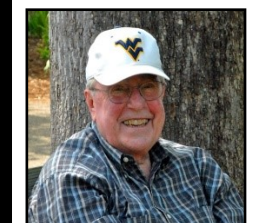
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PRAYERS
MEMORIES

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

**TO SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH,
THEIR DREAMS,
& OUR FUTURE.**
Lynne & Gary Richardson

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, listing 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.

Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

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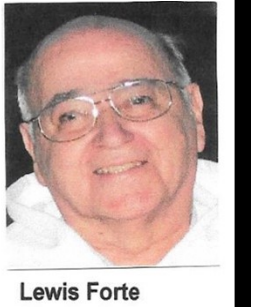
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In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving memory of
Marty Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon




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"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


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Higher Education

In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne




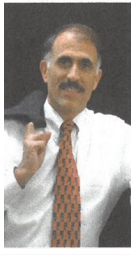

In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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Spike and Becky Nunn

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Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca