

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 1, 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 Kstesky

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Cantic of the Sun #433

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel Acclamation: The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Homily: Father Miller

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: See Us Lord About Your Altar #375

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: I, The Lord #680

Recessional: For The Fruits Of This Creation #212

September Birthdays



2nd-Deborah Hamay & Genji Katsuki, 4th-Larry Miller,
8th-Lucas & Henry Clair, 9th-Mary Sychterz, 10th-Eileen O'Brien,
12th-Colleen DeLucas, 15th-Cindy Jessee, 13th-Donna Plunkert, Pam
Seay & Terry Hess, 14th-Linda Peterson, 20th-Shelley Katsuki, 21st-Emily
Filippi & Alan Richardson, 22nd-Joyce Ballato, 26th-Maria Tyrrell.

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



September Anniversaries

8th-John & Diane Weidner, 10th-Steve & Lorraine Kirsch, 12th-Bryan &
Jennifer Miller, 17th-Genji & Shelley Katsuki, 30th-Dan & Linda Peterson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-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"
September 11th & 12th-Daily Prayer @9am
September 14th-KOC Italian Feast
September 15th-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Brownwell
September 17th-Parish Council 3pm
September 18th & 19th-Daily Prayer @ 9am
September 22nd-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Brownwell

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

September 1, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: Dreelin/Weidner

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot

Chalice: Marcil/Gray/Harriman/Harvey

Music: Lange

Counters: O'Brien/Harriman

September 8, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Kstesky

Lectors: Petralia/Shoemaker

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harvey

Chalice: Dreelin/Richardson

Music: TBD

Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from August 25, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,602
Second Collection: Faith Formation	\$ 372
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 20,755
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 22,488
Loan Balance:	\$ 127,889



Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$280 Lawn Care; \$217 July Telephone.

LEGACY

Seven out of 10 of us DO NOT have a will!! What are we 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?



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-KOC meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)
2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00pm Shawl Ministry (Sandi Delagrange)
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Vera & John England
Christine & Peggy Williams
Kathy Kauffman
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Bill & Donna Plunkert
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson
Tommy & Donna Lange
Charles & Louise Hartz
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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

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

Call: 804-725-1656 or 804-776-0078

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A SHORT NOTE

We received a short note from Marge Dembeck thanking us for sending her the weekly Bulletin. She added "I am still adjusting to my new life style- quite different."

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

Take Home Lesson

September 1, 2024

Doers of the Word

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.

This is the first of multiple weeks that we will hear from the letter of James, who was probably a relative of Jesus, the first leader of the church in Jerusalem, and martyred in the early 60s. According to James 1:1, the audience is "the twelve tribes in the dispersion," which refers to Jews outside first-century Roman Palestine. Generally speaking, this text repeatedly exhorts its audience to live morally upright lives, especially through various practical means. Only its initial greeting suggests that it is a letter. A better category for James might be wisdom literature.

This Sunday's passage begins by focusing on gift-giving with grace. Any and all good gifts originate in the heavenly "Father of lights" who gives the word of truth. This "word of truth" recalls the law of God celebrated in and commented on in today's first reading and points toward the incarnate word of truth - Jesus - who further imparts God's true word in the Gospel. This word, if welcomed and received openly and with docility, has the power to give life. It is like a seed planted in the soul that can bear fruit. Reception of the word, for James, amounts to undertaking practical deeds: caring for orphans and widows and remaining "unstained by the world." In this turn of phrase, James uses stereotypical biblical categories to call his audience to care for any and all who experience needs due to social inequity. He equates actions that care for those in need with true religion. Thus, the one who seeks life through the power of the word seeks to care for those overburdened by social injustice.

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." (James 21b-22)

Deception happens when what you say does not align with what you do. We might ask ourselves: If we are not a "doers of the word," have we really heard it?

Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer services of our parishioners are extraordinary and provide the framework for a healthy and strong religious community.

Many of you know the ministry heads and observe the persons who each Sunday provide a visible presence of their Church and parish commitment. But what about those who do the "behind the scenes" tasks that help enrich our community? Frequently, we highlight these invisible ones for your information.

This summer a host of individuals have helped keep the church and its grounds neat and tidy. Eileen O'Brien power-washed the sidewalk; Mike Harvey cut grass, painted a sign, and cleaned up the cemetery; Kevin Hayes continues to fix all maintenance problems and painted the Fellowship Hall door; Bob Borden assisted Kevin and is our aluminum can man; Mary Ellen Sherwood, Barbara Hollingsworth and daughter Tori continue to feed the "church cats."



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We could use some extra help this year with wrapping the shoeboxes before they are filled. A stack of boxes and some wrapping paper are in the social hall. Please take some home to wrap if you can! They need to be wrapped in a way that the box can still be opened (ie top and bottom separately). Additionally we still need items to fill the boxes, especially small toys stuffed animals, and school supplies. As you shop for items for back to school, consider picking up an extra notebook or box of crayons for this program.

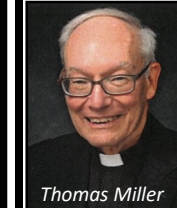
Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of
Katherine Anna Hamner
"Happy Birthday"
Love,
Mom and Dad



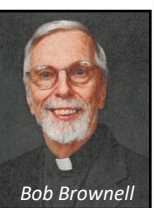
OUR VISITING PRIESTS



Thomas Miller

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

Father Miller will be with us today and Sept. 8th.



Bob Brownell

Father Brownell will be with us September 15th, 22nd & 30th.

We look forward to having them for Mass.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES



The children's Faith Formation Classes will begin on September 15th. If you have not yet registered your children, Pre-school through Confirmation Age, please stop at the table set up in the Narthex. Thank You

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)

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.

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



Please pray for the following:



Neil Brown, Margaret MacLean, Karin Wilkins & Fritz Sitterding

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

Ken Langer
290 Pleasants Lane
Kilmarnock, VA 22482



God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL 11210 OF MATHEWS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

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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.

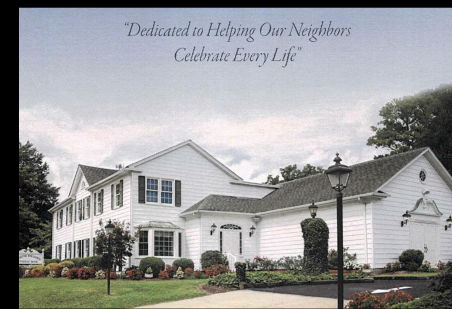
Activities that provide funding: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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.



Ads space available

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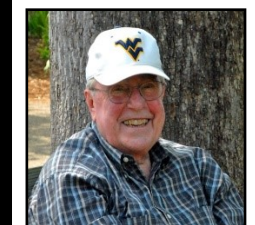
SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S "ANYWAY PRAYER"

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.



PRAYERS MEMORIES
LOVE
Jerry McMurtrie

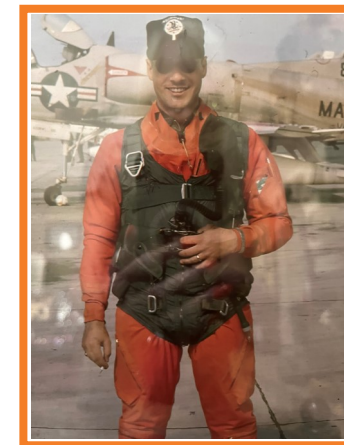


In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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

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


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

Frank & Terry Sisto



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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In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving memory of
Marty Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon


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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

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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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&
Douglas Arthur Nelson Nunn
"Our Beloved Sons"
Spike and Becky Nunn

In Loving Memory of
Reinald Carter
&
Mary Borzelleca
Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca