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23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 September 8, 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
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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: All Are Welcome #422

"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: Prayer of St. Francis #535

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: As The Deer Longs #512

Meditation: Dona Nobis Pacem #204

Recessional: For The Healing of the Nations #743

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-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Miller
 September 9th-Visitation Singers "All are Welcome"
 September 11th & 12th-Daily Prayer @9am
 September 12th-Liturgy Meeting 11:30am
 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
 September 25 & 26th-Daily Prayer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 8, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: McCormack
 Altar Server: Ambrose/Kostaskey Lectors: Petralia/Shoemaker
 Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harvey
 Chalice: Dreelin/Richardson
 Music: Messina Counters: King/Angell

September 15, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Harriman
 Altar Server: Smith Lectors: Dubicki/O'Brien
 Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski
 Chalice: Gray/Marcil/Harvey/Seay
 Music: TBD Counters: Tutak/Harvey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 1, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,662
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 441
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 23,417
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 25,190
Loan Balance:	\$ 126,969



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
 \$1,469 Pastor and Rectory Exp.; \$355 Credit Card; \$225 Music Books.

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.



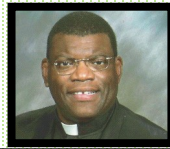
Potential Promise & Purpose

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-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)
 2nd-Thursday of the month Liturgy Meeting (Noelle Harvey)

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Each year, in September and October, we devote some effort to identifying and electing parishioners to serve on our pastoral parish council. In September, we typically run some background notes about the role of the pastoral parish council and how it interacts with the pastor, the parish staff, the ministry leaders and the parish finance council. Information about the nomination and election process will be announced in the coming weeks. Then, on October 20 (the third Sunday in October) we will elect three parishioners to serve a three year term on the parish council.

There are nine elected members on our parish council who, together with the various ministry committee chairs, meet every other month for prayer and to develop recommendations for the pastor.

Briefly, the primary role of the parish pastoral council is advisory, making recommendations to the pastor about the spiritual well-being of the parish. As a "visionary" council, it concerns itself with where the parish wants to be in three to five years and not with the administrative aspects of running the parish. The parish pastoral council does not run the parish, or supervise its daily work. Ultimately that responsibility falls on the shoulders of the pastor. It should be prophetic, calling the community and its leaders to grow in faith together and to respond to the needs of the people.

Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know should be nominated to serve on our parish pastoral council.



Take Home Lesson

September 8, 2024

RICH IN FAITH

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 second reading, Saint James addresses economic inequality and favoritism in the early Church. The dilemma, according to James, does not lie in the existence of such inequality but in the community's response to it. James does not call for doing away with economic inequality by demanding that the rich become poor or that the community work strenuously to increase the wealth of the less fortunate. Therefore, James seems to consider economic inequality an unavoidable reality of life. Evidently, some members of the early Church enjoyed wealth and possessions while others did not. However, James is perfectly clear about how a disciple of Jesus should appropriately respond to such economic inequality.

Disciples of Christ must avoid giving greater deference and care to those with economic means. They must also avoid neglecting or shunning those of less means or lower economic status. Instead, comparable care and attention must be given to all members of the community regardless of economic status. For James, Jesus' disciples might accept the economic inequality as an inevitable reality of life, but they cannot rightly appeal to it as grounds for treating members of the community differently.

The rational and the wisdom of the proper behavior Christians should take springs from the care of God's people. As James points out, when God shows favoritism, the preference lies with the poor. After all, God chose the poor to be "heirs of the kingdom," and it is the poor whom God enriches with faith. Where Isaiah speaks of God restoring interior deficiencies, James focuses on God's (and Christians') care for exterior matters.

James addresses those he is instructing in a loving manner as he asks them a key question:

"Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

The preferential option for the poor is not a new, contemporary social justice teaching but a teaching from Jesus, exemplified in his ministry. We should examine carefully if our lives actually demonstrate this priority.

Our question this week is:

When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

The children's Faith Formation Classes will begin next Sunday. 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*



WEEKLY PRAYER

Just a reminder that weekly prayer is still being held on Wednesday and Thursdays at 9am.

"All are Welcome and encouraged to participate"

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)

SOCIAL SUNDAY IS BACK

Today is Social Sunday after Mass. Please plan to stay and enjoy the opportunity for camaraderie, story telling, and good food! Bring a dish to share if you can.



ALTAR FLOWERS

*In recognition of our
45th Wedding Anniversary
John and Diane Weidner
September 8, 1979*



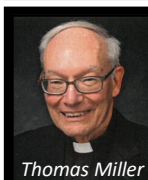
WHY IS 9/11 MEMORIAL IMPORTANT?

The 9/11 Memorial is a tribute of remembrance, honoring the 2,977 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center site, near Shanksville, PA, and at the Pentagon, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing on February 26, 1993.

The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Commemorative events are held at all three sites on the anniversary of the attacks.

What was a famous quote from 9/11?

9/11 Quotes. "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate.



Thomas Miller

MONSIGNOR MILLER

Thank you for your help with Mass while Father Koo is away, it was a pleasure to have you here at COV.

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



Bob Brownell

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."

IS GRANDPARENTS DAY A REAL HOLIDAY?

Thanks to a federal proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter, Grandparents Day, is the second Sunday in September became an official holiday in 1978.

What is the purpose of celebrating Grandparents Day?
The proclamation, establishing National Grandparents Day stated three distinct purposes: To honor grandparents; To give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; To help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Why grandparents is important in our life?
Grandparents provide unconditional love. Like parents, grandparents love unconditionally, which helps a child feel safe and secure. The benefits go both ways; relationships such as these can help grandparents have happier and longer lives. Grandparents help teach family culture, tradition and history.

What does Pope Francis say about grandparents?
We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren.

What the Bible says about grandparents?
"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children" (Proverbs 17:6). Although children are proud of their parents, grandchildren are the reward of the grandparent.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Bless all Grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their Faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

Please pray for the following:
Katherine Nunn, Ellen Palumbo, Peggy Gayle & Ernest Mason

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 Krumb, 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.



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.



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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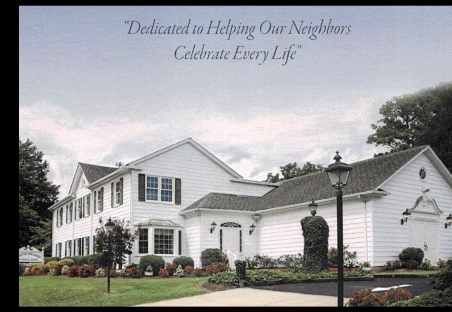
Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR) Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need, Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and The Father John Boddie Scholarship Fund.

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.



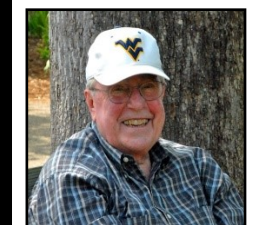
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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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Alma and Fritz Sitterding
Supporting Our Youth

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 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
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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

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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

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



Thank you for your service to this country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to this country.

In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life

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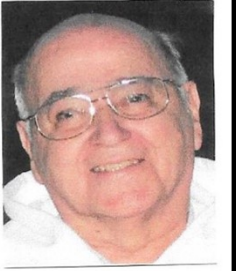
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Kenneth Anderson



"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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In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne



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COUNCIL 11210

"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



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

We Support The Youth Scholarship
John & Carol McCormack



"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

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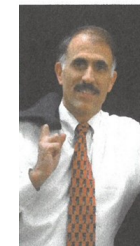
In Loving Memory

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