

# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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## 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 22, 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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

John Charbeneau  
 Anne Wolski  
 Debby Harriman  
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 Ray Kostaskey-Chairman

### PARISH COUNCIL

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 Cindy Jessee-Vice Chair  
 Steve Kirsch  
 Helen Linden  
 Cindy Powers  
 Tom Jessee  
 Shelley Katsuki-Secretary  
 John Weidner-Chair

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore  
 Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

### MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing O Sing #563

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

#### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel Acclamation: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Homily: Father Miller

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Summons #387

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: God's Holy Gifts #358

Meditation: If I Could Help Somebody

Recessional: We Belong To You #642

### September 22, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Miller/Dorman

Lectors: Ballato/Nunn

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Petralia/Gray/Seay

Music: Meanley

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

### September 29, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Sychterz/DeGroot

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Marcil/Donovan/Petralia/Gray

Music: McCormack

Counters: McNeil/Smith

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 15, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,113
Second Collection: St Noa School	\$ 389
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 28,336
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 29,702
Loan Balance:	\$ 126,045



Our second collection today is for Retired Religious.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
 \$442 New Water Heater; \$1,857 Diocesan Assessments;  
 \$560 Lawn Care.

### 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-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Brownell  
 September 25th & 26th-Daily Prayer  
 September 29th-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Brownell/  
 KOC Pancake Breakfast  
 October 2nd & 3rd-No Daily Mass or Adoration  
 October 6th-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Welcome home Father!"  
 October 8th-9th Daily Mass @ 9am  
 October 10th-Liturgy Meeting 11:00am  
 October 13th-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 "Ministry Fair" Social Sunday  
 October 14th-Visitation Singers "All Are Welcome"

MARK YOUR  
 CALENDAR!

### LEGACY



A good estate plan provides security for a spouse and/or family. Every adult should prepare a will. Be sure to include your parish or school.

Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to COV. A memorial gift in your will could continue your generosity after death. Make that gift through a bequest in your will.

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled COV to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be part of this community by making a bequest in your will.

### 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)



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Dan & Linda Peterson  
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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](http://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 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Our parish pastoral council consists of nine elected members who, together with the various ministry committee chairs, meet every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov) for prayer and to develop recommendations for the pastor. The role of the parish council is described in detail in the Diocesan guidelines contained in the booklet "Called to Serve".

Each year, in October, we elect three parishioners to serve a three year term on the council. Cindy Powers and Cindy Jessee will be completing their three year terms at the end of this year. If nominated, both are eligible to stand for re-election. The third slot to be filled on the council was occupied Steve Forte until he moved away from the parish.

Nomination forms for next month's election will be available at Mass this Sunday. Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know should be nominated to serve on our parish council.

Next Sunday, September 29, we will be collecting nomination forms. Forms may be dropped into the collection basket, handed to an usher, or delivered to the church office. You are welcome to email your nominations to the church office before Sunday or up to Wednesday morning, October 2.

Nominations will be published in the bulletin and we will announce the nominees at Mass on October 13. Since this is a Social Sunday, parishioners may have a chance to become better acquainted with nominees.

We plan to collect ballots at Mass on Sunday, October 20 and will accept ballots at the church office beginning Tuesday, October 15 through Wednesday, October 23. As with nominations, you are welcome to email your vote to the church office.

Questions about the parish council nomination and election process can be directed to John Weidner, Parish Council Chair or Ray Kostaskey, Church Administrator.



Take Home Lesson

Sunday, September 22, 2024

TRUE WISDOM

A portion of 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 Gospel, Jesus tries to teach his disciples that he must suffer, die, and rise, but they fail to understand him. Evidently, they were too preoccupied with concerns of their own grandeur to grasp his message. After all, what does suffering and death have to do with greatness? When Jesus ask them about the argument they have been having, they remain silent, like scolded children. They seem to recognize that their squabble over which one might be the greatest was not in keeping with their master's message. They had been embodying the wickedness described in the first reading from Wisdom and the second reading from James. Their in-fighting and arguing made them unable to peaceably receive the new teaching from Jesus. They were rendered closed off by ambition and swallowed up by bickering. So, before he could meaningfully teach them about his coming suffering, death, and resurrection, he would have to rid them of their wickedness and selfish ambition. To do so, Jesus sits them down and shows them that to receive him, his teaching, and, ultimately, the One who sent him, they must employ the same gentleness and openness applied when embracing a child. The message becomes clear: fighting for God's grace is futile. Instead, fostering an open, docile spirit is the antidote to selfish ambition and wicked desires. Christ's way, the way of wisdom and holiness, means striving for meekness, not power.

Perhaps by coincidence, our adult Bible study of Isaiah encountered several verses during this past week's lesson concerning how an ideal king would be equipped for his rule by God's spirit: "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord." (Isaiah 11:2-3) Also, "...he shall judge the poor with justice and decide fairly for the land's afflicted." (Isaiah 11:4) There is no room for ambition and envy in a ruler who is imbued with God's spirit.

Our question this week is:

What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

VOLUNTEERS

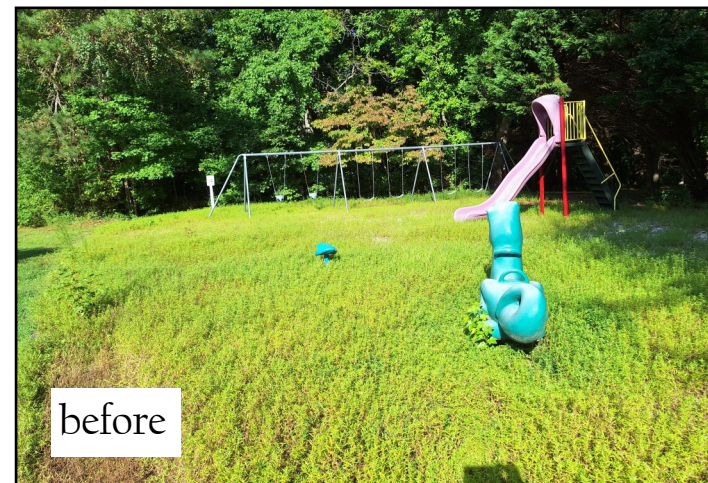
The volunteer services of our parishioners are extraordinary and provide the framework for a healthy and strong religious community.

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.

Today we honor again Dave Marcil and Kevin Hayes who have devoted many hours tending to church needs. Dave worked timelessly to remove the numerous and deep rooted weeds in the playground while Kevin, working with our church plumber Michael Johnson, replaced the water heater in the pantry and fixed a broken value just in time for its use at the Italian Feast.



Thank You!



**FAITH FORMATION**

Last Sunday we Blessed the Catechists and students who will be attending Faith Formation classes this year. We are encouraged by the number of attendees and wish them well as they continue their journey with Christ.



**SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIEN (SEPTEMBER 26)**

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers born in Syria in the third century. They were also doctors, and they became known as "the holy moneyless ones" because they cared for the sick free of charge. The strange practice of accepting no money for medical care was their way of embodying God's providential love and care for his people.

The twin brothers were arrested on September 27, during the persecution of Christians by Diocletian in 303. Soon after, the faithful brothers defied death by water, fire and crucifixion before they were finally beheaded in Cilicia, along with their three brothers. They were buried in Cyrrhus, Syria.

Veneration to Cosmas and Damian began immediately. The faithful asked for their intercession, especially in matters of physical illness. St. Gregory of Tours spoke about the twin brothers in this way: "These two physicians cured as many people by their prayers as they did by their medical knowledge, and now in heaven they still care for the sick miraculously."

Sts. Cosmas and Damian are patrons of physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, barbers and twins. Their feast day gives us an opportunity to thank God for the great Christian witness of such faithful twin brothers, and it also reminds us to pray for all those who give us medical care and for those who are in need of medical care, particularly those who cannot afford it.



**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)



Please pray for the following:



David Brinkley, Jim Dreelin, Dave Marchant & John Ferari

**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.

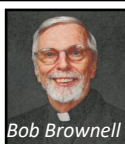
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If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.



**WELCOME BACK**

Father Brownell will be with us Today and & September 30th.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of  
*Dolores A. Powers*  
Loving Mom and Nana  
  
Cindy Powers



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

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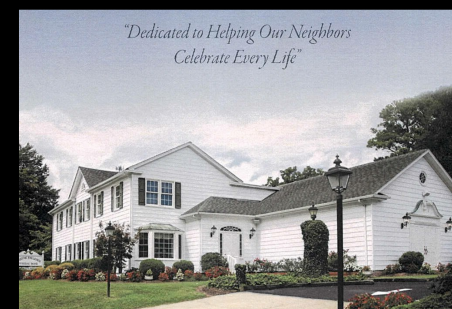
Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR) Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need, Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and The Father John Boddie Scholarship Fund.

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.



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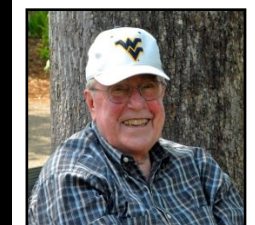


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Jerry McMurtie



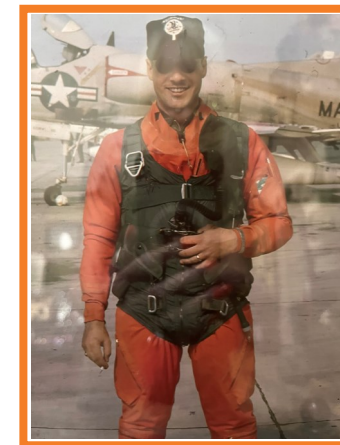
In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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


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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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CLEAR SAILING  
  
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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.

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♥  
Jim

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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.

*Carmen & Joe Brinkley*

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Morgan Wells  
Forever,  
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-Benjamin Franklin  
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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"Our Youth"  
The Kirsch Family

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Choco, Tabby & Rufus



In Loving Memory of  
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We Support The Youth Scholarship  
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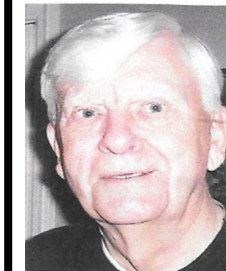


"I am the good shepherd... and I will lay down my life for the sheep."  
(John 10:14)  
John and Diane Weidner

In Loving Memory of  
"Lee Hollingsworth"  
We love and miss you!  
Barb & Tori

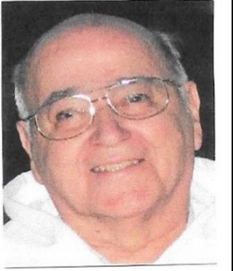
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Kenneth Anderson

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



Lewis Forte



  
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