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26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 29, 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"

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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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Anne Wolski
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Kevin Hayes
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: Table of Plenty #312

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Your word, O Lord, is truth;
consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Homily: Father Brownell

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Servant Song #395

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: Turn To Me #658

Meditation: Blessed Assurance

Recessional: Let Heaven Rejoice #571



October Birthdays

1st-Mary Ellen Sherwood, Kevin Hayes Anne Baltrusaitis, Dot Edwards & Nora Putney, 3rd-Bryan & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jean Kostaskey, 6th-Cathie Sobieski, 8th-Bill Campbell, 10th-Fredrick Johnson, 12th-Diane Weidner, 13th-Marilynne Cerullo, 15th-Andree Harrison & Fr. Gerry, 19th-Tom Jessee, 20th-Len Swinchart, Maggie Gerds, 23rd-John Donnor & Becky Nunn, 24th-Maura Puleo, & Tony Robusto, 25th-Marsha Dubicki & Noelle Harvey, 26th-Paul Hamay, 27th-Jan Smith & Tom Dorman, 29th-Nathalie Smith & Helen Linden, 30th-JoAnn Nolte.

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



October Anniversaries

5th-Mike & Joyce Ballato, Kevin & Germaine Hayes, 10th-John & Andrea Moore, 19th-Gary & Jo Brown, 25th-James & Cathy Davenport, John & Jen Clair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fr. Brownell/
KOC Pancake Breakfast/Parish Council Nominations due.
October 2nd & 3rd-No Daily Mass or Adoration
October 5th-Virginia Catholic Day at Busch Gardens/Williamsburg
October 6th-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Welcome home Father!"
October 8th-9th Daily Mass @ 9am-"TBD"
October 10th-Liturgy Meeting 11:00am
October 13th-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Ministry Fair" Social Sunday
October 14th-Visitation Singers "All Are Welcome"
October 20th-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

September 29, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Smith/Ambrose

Lectors: Sychterz/DeGroot

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Marcil/Donovan/Petralia/Gray

Music: McCormack

Counters: McNeil/Smith

October 6, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader:

Altar Server: Sychterz

Lectors: Dorman/Sherwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot

Chalice: Gray/Seay/Richardson/

Music: Krop

Counters: O'Brien/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from September 22, 2024

Collection:	\$ 2,668
Second Collection: Retired Religious	\$ 365
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 31,034
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 31,928
Loan Balance:	\$ 126,045

There is no second collection today.

No principal checks were signed this week.



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.



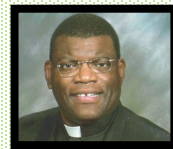
RECURRING EVENTS

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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Take Home Lesson

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

Sunday, September 29, 2024

SETTING PRIORITIES

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.

When James scolds “rich people” in today’s second reading, it can be tempting to think that his audience is a wayward group of Christians who have become overly interested in acquiring wealth through fraudulent means. But this approach misses the more likely reality that James’ audience consisted mostly of poor individuals whose livelihoods would have been threatened by wealthy figures ready to cheat them out of wages. Moreover, since James’ audience was early Christians who understood themselves to be united with Christ in their dealings with unjust employers, they probably associated with the righteous one who was condemned and murdered by the “rich people.” Accordingly, James’ reprimand and condemnation is best understood as a prophetic oracle aimed at figures who, if not enemies, were at least hostile toward the early Christian community.

James’ message for such an audience would have been deeply consoling. He would have been seen as a prophet who spoke (and wrote) boldly against economic inequality and injustice. What is more, through his words, the Christian community could have confidence that all who oppressed the Lord’s flock through fraudulent acquisitions and covetous holding of wealth would receive their comeuppance from God. And so it is that prophetic messages like that of James indicated that the prophetic spirit, which first rested on Moses and the seventy elders, was coming to rest on the Christian community. As in the days of old, God was at work amid his people strengthening them for their sojourn in a new wilderness of oppression.

Wealth, monetary or otherwise, can be fleeting and can negatively impact others depending on the way it is gained or used. James specifically speaks of the impact greed has on others: “Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.” (James 5:4)

Thinking beyond monetary wealth, this week we ask:

Is there something that you are rich in that might be having a negative impact on your relationship with God?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY

We are collecting nominations for elections to our Pastoral Parish Council this Sunday, September 29. If you did not pick up a nomination form last week, we have forms available in the narthex.

Completed 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 up until Wednesday morning, October 2.

Next month we will 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.

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

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 Kostas, Church Administrator.



VOLUNTEERS

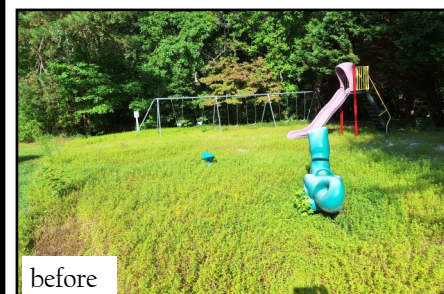
The volunteer services of our parishioners are extraordinary and provide the framework for a healthy and strong religious community.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

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.

You may have noticed that the sidewalks leading in to the main entrance and alcove area of our church are especially bright and clean. That is the result of many hours of pressure washing and hand scrubbing done by Eileen O’Brien and Mary Ellen Sherwood. The stains were stubborn and tough to remove but they were no match for two determined women. Many thanks to Eileen and Mary Ellen for their selfless service to our parish.



Last week we honored Dave Marcil and Kevin Hayes who have devoted many hours tending to church needs. Dave worked tirelessly 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

A week ago 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.

VOTING

The Catholic Bishops are encouraging all Catholics to vote in the upcoming election. Early in person voting has begun in Virginia. More information from the Virginia Catholic Conference can be found in the Narthex.

RESPECT LIFE

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

A pro-life prayer activity that has already begun is the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign. If you feel called to join others who are praying for the most vulnerable, please see the poster display on the narthex table or go to 40daysforlife.com



Please pray for the following
In Memoriam:
Carter Williams, Jack Dougher and George Dembeck

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.

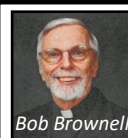
FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Justin Harvey, The Daly Family, Bill Sassok, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Brian Patrick Dubicki, Lynn Messina, Shirley Schultz, Gene Sullivan, Dr. Nicole Touchet, Grace Anderson, Gloria Powell, Chloe Pearson, Mia Angelis, the Angelis family, Debbie Stockhorst, Jill Shores, John Gahagan, Todd Bowman, Diane Petralia, Anthony Pace, Mildred Bair, Mary Levine, Susie Maddrich, Carolyn Harvey, Eric Currie, Mike & Katy Shea, Rhonda Wells, Polly Beall, Dick Patton, Joanne & Lisa Ferari, Barbara & Ron Burkhardt, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Dominick Perry.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Jody Anglin, Robert Lyon, Gabe Burger, Pam Brazelton, Jim Bruso Jr., Valerie McCarthey, Pat Garratt, Mable Kato, David Bromley, Lewis Hurley, Michele Brown, Debbie Scott, Janis Kott, Angel Carlson, Risa Estes, Deloris Cooper, Karen Tatum, Lucille Redmond, Harry Flannery, Sharon Horrobin, Ralph Burroughs, Kate Taylor, Allison Miksenas, Cynthia Freeburger, Mike Gorin, Carroll Brown, Roin Brown, Boyd Newhouse, Bill Benson, Mike McCullean, Delores Barry, Jim Durburo, Richard & Sharon Fitts, Karen Armstrong, Kenny & Mary Marshall, Ann Chatos, Genie Kauffman, Pattie Sobieski, Cliff Dean, Christopher Hutton, Olga Hall, Elizabeth Panzer, Tom Sennott, Jim & Inga Peddicord, David Gunn, Kathy Goyne, Peg Meushaw, Rita Blommel, Linda Cryer, Allen Hines, Tyra Freed.

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.



Thank you Father Brownell for being with us while Father Koo was in Ghana.

ALTAR FLOWERS

To Carol and the choir, and all the COV members who make our church feel like a family.

Anne Baltrusaitis



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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.



Helping Our Youth Build Their Future

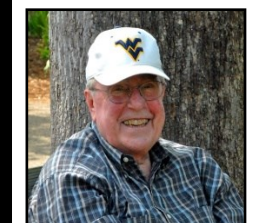


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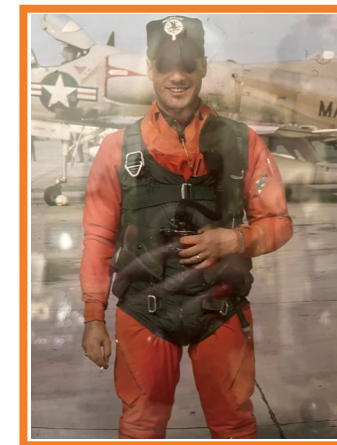


In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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"

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



KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast August 28th after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.
Donations accepted.



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)

Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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"Our Youth"
The Kirsch Family

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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
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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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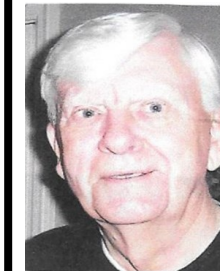
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Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
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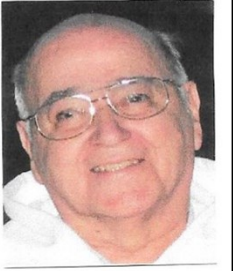
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Kenneth Anderson



"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

Frank & Gerrie Lohr
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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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