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28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 13, 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

Phone: 804-286-9271

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: Wohleking /Peterson
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kstesky

FINANCE COUNCIL

John Charbeneau
Debby Harriman
Tom Jessee
Ray Kstesky-Chairman
Fritz Sitterding
Anne Wolski

PARISH COUNCIL

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: We Gather Together #407

“Loving and Forgiving” #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with you love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O Beauty Ever Ancient #517

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 #361

Meditation: Why Me Lord (sheet music)

Recessional: In The Day of the Lord #578



October Birthdays

1st-Mary Ellen Sherwood, Kevin Hayes Anne Baltrusaitis, Dot Edwards & Nora Putney, 3rd-Bryan & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jean Kstesky, 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 Swinehart, 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-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Ministry Fair” Social Sunday

October 14th-Visitation Singers “All Are Welcome”

October 20th-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27th-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast

November 1st-All Saints Day “Oyster Fest begins”

November 2nd-All Souls Day “Cemetery”

November 3rd-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5th-Election Day

November 7th-Adoration 9:30am

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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

October 13, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Kstesky

Lectors: Dreelin/Petralia

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harriman

Chalice: Seay, Richardson, Plunkert

Music: Powers

Counters: King/Angell

October 20, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Smith/Miller

Lectors: Kstesky/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harriman

Chalice: Harvey/Gray/Seay/

Music: Krop

Counters: Tutak/Harvey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 6, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,797

Second Collection: Debt Reduction \$ 718

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 35,482

Total Budget Projection: \$ 36,777

Loan Balance: \$ 125,101



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$2,024 Diocesan Assessments; \$1,042 Pastor and Rectory Expenses for September; \$1,532 Breaking Bread Books for next Year.

LEGACY

Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary.



Consider naming your church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to your church.

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)

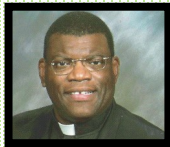
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

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



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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

Take Home Lesson

Danger of Riches

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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, when an ardent student throws himself at Jesus in an attempt to obtain eternal life, he shows himself to be knowledgeable of the law and an avid follower of it. As Jesus recites various commandments governing murder, adultery, theft, perjury, fraud, and parental honor, the man confidently professes to have followed God’s commands on all these matters from his youth. Thus, we sense from the man’s passionate behavior - running up to Jesus, kneeling down before him, honoring him with the title “Good Teacher” - and his habit of legal obedience that this man will stop at nothing to obtain eternal life. He is more than a student of God’s will. He is doing God’s will. So, based on his behavior and his testimony, we anticipate that whatever Jesus might demand of him, he will do. But something else happens. When Jesus looks at the man, loves him, and invites him to sell all his possessions, give the money to the poor, and then follow Jesus on his journey, the man becomes somber and departs in sorrow. He abandons his quest for eternal life on account of having many possessions.

In the context of the Bible’s wisdom tradition, which the first two readings highlight, Jesus’ teaching on possessions can be difficult to grasp. In this tradition, wisdom is something this man has likely acquired through his commitment to the law. Moreover, such wisdom was not at odds with wealth. In fact, as the first reading suggests, wisdom gives rise to wealth. So, the man’s possessions may well have indicated his vast wisdom. And, with such wisdom, he would already have made significant advances on the path to eternal life. Thus, when the Lord claims that it is hard for the rich to enter the kingdom go God, the man and Jesus’ disciples are baffled. If not the rich, then who?

Today’s first reading reminds us that wisdom is, first of all, a gift. Jesus reminds his disciples that salvation too is a gift. Entry into God’s kingdom can be sought, but it is ultimately unearned. Instead, it is freely given by God.

Jesus said, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:25)

How can the pleasures and comforts of this word become barriers to your relationship with God?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS ARE IN

The nominations are closed for the Parish Council Elections. The following persons have been nominated:

John Clair, Mike Dreelin, Marsha Dubicki, Paul Dubicki, Cindy Jessee, Ivony Kennedy, Dave Marcil, John McCormack, Debbie McNeil, Becky Nunn, Cindy Powers, Mary Ellen Sherwood and Peggy Williams.

Please prayerfully consider your nomination and then decide if you accept or decline by this Sunday. If you do not wish to run, please cross your name off the list located in the Narthex or call the office. Since this is a Social Sunday, parishioners may have a chance to become better acquainted with our 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 Kostosky, Church Administrator.



CHURCH OF THE VISITATION MINISTRY FAIR

We are excited to announce that the Liturgy and Worship Ministries will be hosting a Ministry Fair during our upcoming Social Sunday and Ministry Fair today. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the many ways you can actively participate in the life of our parish and grow in your relationship with Christ.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded that “the water from baptism anoints us as priests, prophets, and royalty”- we are all called to serve God and His Church in different ways. Each of us has been blessed with unique talents and gifts, and our faith calls us to share them with our community. In the coming weeks, we invite you to pray and reflect on how God is calling you to serve:

What does God want of me? How can I use my talents to serve Him and our parish community?

Take the time to review the ministry opportunities that will be available at the fair. From being a lector or altar server, to helping with music, decorating the church, or assisting with sacramental preparation—there is a place for everyone to contribute! Serving in the Church is not just about filling a role; it’s about deepening your faith, building relationships with fellow parishioners, and actively participating in the mission of Christ.

We are all called to play a part in building up the Body of Christ, and your gifts are needed here at Church of the Visitation.

SEEKING BREAD BAKERS FOR OYSTERFEST BOOTH 2025

A reminder that the Oyster Festival is Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd. COV will again be selling home made breads. All breads need to be delivered to COV on October 29th/30th/31st during office hours.

Decorating the breads will be at COV in the Fellowship Hall on those dates.. If you have any questions or need more information please give Peggy Williams a call @ 804-815-8100.



NEW ADDITION TO OUR NARTHEX

In the Narthex is a framed photo of Father Boddie and a brief history of the Father John Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Our thanks go out to parishioner Jerry Suyes who put this together and for his efforts these past years developing and chairing the scholarship effort.



VOTING IN THE UPCOMING NATIONAL ELECTION

The Catholic Bishops are encouraging all Catholics to vote in the upcoming election.

Early in person voting has began 9/20
10/15 - Last Day To Register to Vote
11/5 - Election Day

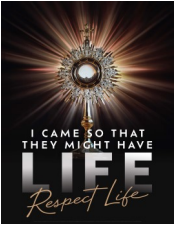
More information from the Virginia Catholic Conference can be found in the Narthex or visit the official website:

<https://richmonddiocese.org/virginia-catholic-conference-releases-voter-education-resources/>



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Each October the Church in the USA 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. If you would like to participate in the many pro-life activities you can visit usccb.org



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 in the Narthex or visit 40daysforlife.com

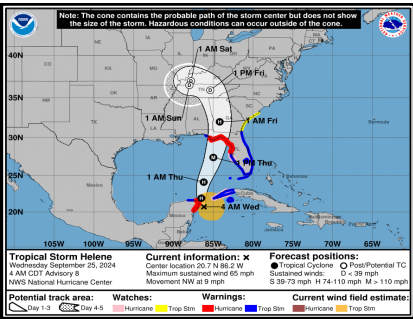


SOCIAL SUNDAY

Please stay after Mass for our Ministry Fair, Parish Council Nominees meet and greet, and enjoy some great food and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

Attached to the bulletin this week is the Bishop's announcement about the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene and his call for a special collection next weekend. Please consider his appeal and be as generous as you can next Sunday.



Please pray for the following

In Memoriam:

Jason Los, Mary Jacobs, Joseph Smith, and Bettie Hodge



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.

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 Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Dominick Perry.

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of Our Parents

Dave & Annette Marcil



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.

Donations support:

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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PRAYERS

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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"

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
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♥ Emily & Anna

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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

True Value

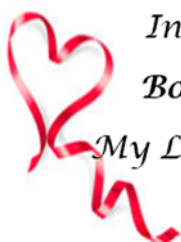
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 In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving
memory of
**Marty
Hawksworth**

Tom & Sharon

We Salute the Youth
of Our Church and
Their Important Journey.

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Memory of
**Morgan
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Forever,
Marianne



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OUR LADY OF THE BAY
COUNCIL 11210


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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

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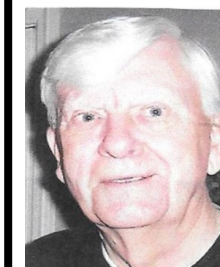


"I am the good shepherd...
and I will lay down my
life for the sheep."
(John 10:14)
John and Diane Weidner

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
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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