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29th Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 20, 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: Wohleking /Peterson
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kostaskey

FINANCE COUNCIL

John Charbeneau
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Ray Kostaskey
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Church Secretary, Andrea Moore
Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Gather Us In #303

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation: The Son of Man came to serve and to
give his life as a ransom for many.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: 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: Unless A Grain Of Wheat #504

Meditation: Shelter Me

Recessional: Blest Be The Lord #448



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-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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November 10th-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11th-Visitation Singers "All Are Welcome" Veterans Day!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

October 20, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Linden

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Smith/Miller

Lectors: Kostaskey/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harriman

Chalice: Harvey/Gray/Seay/

Music: Lohr

Counters: Tutak/Harvey/Wohleking

October 27, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Harriman

Altar Server: Kirsch/Dorman

Lectors: Nunn/Weidner

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Petralia

Chalice: Donovan/Richardson

Music: TBD

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 13, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,998

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 38,480

Total Budget Projection: \$ 39,584

Loan Balance: \$ 125,101



Our second collection today is for Hurricane Helene Relief.

We did not sign any principal checks this week.

LEGACY

The Apostle Paul, in his second letter to the church at Corinth, writes: "So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion." (2 Corinthians 9:5)

Paul indicates it is not enough to intend to be a good steward. You must plan, and it is by carefully making provisions for a planned gift and implementation of that plan that you will be able to enjoy the fruits of Christian stewardship!

Planning to include our church in your will involves more than just contacting an attorney and drafting a will. Making a bequest to our church involves thoughtful discussion with your family: spouse, children, perhaps siblings, and others with whom you have an important relationship and those who have a relationship to your estate.

Ultimately, making the right decision will allow you, the giver, to find greater joy and fulfillment in the process and completion of the gift.



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)

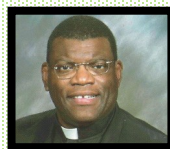
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

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



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Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
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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 NOMINATIONS ARE IN

Today is election Day for the Parrish Council. All parishioners, to include confirmed children, are entitled to vote in the election. We intend to pass out the ballots when you enter church. You can vote for up to three persons. Please fill out your ballot and deposit it in the collection basket or hand it to an usher. We will continue to accept ballots in the office through Wednesday, the 23rd. Once the ballots are counted, we will contact the three highest vote getters to reconfirm their desire to serve and announce the winners thereafter. The final list of those nominated and willing to serve is:

**John Clair, Paul Dubicki, Cindy Jessee, Ivony Kennedy,
Dave Marcil, Becky Nunn, Cindy Powers,
Mary Ellen Sherwood and Peggy Williams.**

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



Take Home Lesson

Justice as Quiet Sacrifice

Sunday, October 13, 2024

During a recent session of our adult Bible study of Isaiah, a vigorous discussion was prompted by this verse: "The work of justice will be peace; the effect of justice, calm and security forever." (Isaiah 32:17) Shortly after the bible study discussion, another catechist pointed to Church teaching about justice and the moral virtues directly associated with justice: penitence, obedience, sincerity, respect, humility and gratitude.

Justice is one of four cardinal virtues, along with prudence, fortitude and temperance. The term cardinal comes from the Latin cardo (hinge); these four virtues are called "cardinal" because all other virtues fall under them and hinge upon them.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1807) describes justice as the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in Sacred Scripture, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. "You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor." (Lev 19:15) "Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven." (Col 4:1)

Put simply, justice is the virtue that pushes us to give to everyone that which is rightfully theirs. This is a recurring theme in Isaiah, as the prophet warns the leaders of his time that Israel must be reformed into a more just society.

Jesus takes up the theme of justice in today's Gospel as he instructs his disciples on the nature of leadership and greatness among his followers. For his disciples, greatness will be marked by being others' servant or slave, or by dying as a ransom for others. For Jesus, true greatness lies not in what one person can make another do but in what one can either do or endure in order to make another free. Whether it is service, slavery, or death, in the mind of Christ greatness amounts to accepting any suffering for the sake of others.

Here we see the associated virtues of humility (the virtue that pushes us to compare the greatness of God with our smallness and to enjoy God's love) and gratitude (the virtue that pushes us to recognize the good things we receive and to reciprocate).

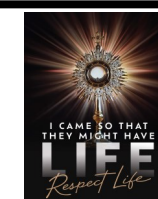
In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." (Mark 10:44)

As we consider how Jesus instructed James and John concerning their need for recognition, this week we ask:

Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?

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 uscbb.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



VOTING IN THE UPCOMING NATIONAL ELECTION

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

Early in person voting has begun 9/20 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/>



RECTORY DAMAGE

For those who are unaware of the occurrence, while Father was away, an undetected water leak in an upstairs bathroom occurred which resulted in extensive damage to the Rectory (ceiling collapse in a downstairs bedroom, floor and carpet damage in upstairs bedroom and entryway, considerable damage to floors, carpeting, and sheetrock downstairs. We are in the process of collecting repair estimates per insurance directive and will began repairs once we receive Diocesan go-ahead. Father is temporally residing in Deltaville and can be reached in an emergency at © 224-409-0375.



HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

Sorry for the confusion over our announcement for a second collection to aid the needy suffering from the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. That second collection will be held today as previously announced and the World Mission collection will be delayed by one week, to be held next Sunday, October 27th. If you desire to donate to both at the same time, that will be fine and we will sort it out accordingly.

We apologize again for the confusion—
a senior moment for an elderly administrator
and an overworked secretary.



KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast October 27th after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.
Donations accepted.



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.



**SEEKING BREAD BAKERS/
DECORATORS 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 9am-2pm. Decorating the breads will be at COV in the Fellowship Hall on those dates/times. If you have any questions or need more information please give Peggy Williams a call @ 804-815-8100.



THANKS

Don Delagrang hung the shelf to hold the Blessed Virgin Mary in the daily chapel. We appreciate you.



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

Ruth Gascoigne, Bill Melvin, Jack Petralia & Carmen Brinkley

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, Lynn Vajda.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Michele MacFarland, 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 Ferrari, Barbara & Ron Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Joseph Borzelleca, Andy Hetzer, Sandy Alter, Ryan Jessee, Larry Hersh, Dominick Perry.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Betty Mason, Jody Anglin, Robert Lyon, Gabe Burger, Pam Brazelton, Jim Bruso Jr., Valerie McCarthy, 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, BoydNewhouse, 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.

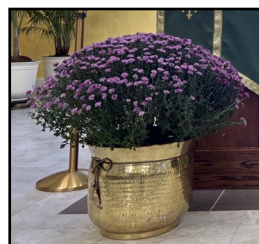
If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office, email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

For our Grandchildren,
and all Grandchildren.

May they be protected from all the evil in the world!

Dave & Barbara Morrison



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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**

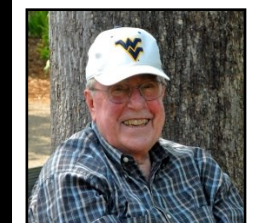


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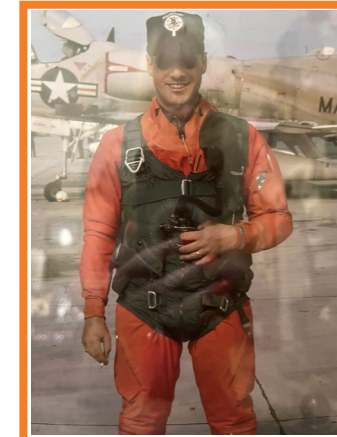
Supporting Our Youth

**Breathe in Love,
Exhale Peace.**



**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.



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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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

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

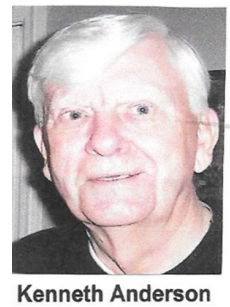
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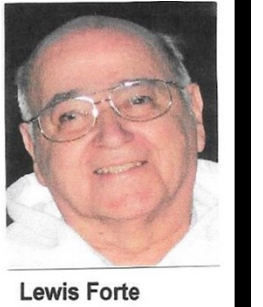

In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving memory of
Marty Hawksworth

Tom & Sharon


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



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




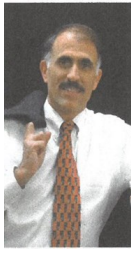

In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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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