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30th Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 27, 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: Wohleking /Peterson
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kstesky

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: O Bless The Lord My Soul #561

"Loving and Forgiving" #662

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #914

Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Vine and Branches #329

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: Christ Be Our Light #599

Meditation: Open My Eyes #405

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God #209



October Birthdays

1st-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 Gerdt,
23rd-John Donnor & Becky Nunn, 24th-Maura Puleo, & Tony Robusto, 25th-Marsha Dubicki & Noelle Harvey, 26th-Paul Hamay & Mary Ellen Sherwood, 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-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast

November 1st-All Saints Day-9am "Oyster Fest begins"

November 2nd-All Souls Day-9am "Cemetery"

November 3rd-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5th-Election Day-Vote!

November 7th-Adoration 9:30-10:30am

November 10th-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

November 14th-Parish Council Meeting 3pm/Liturgy Meeting 11:00am

November 17th-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 27, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Harriman

Altar Server: Kirsch/Dorman

Lectors: Nunn/Weidner

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Petralia

Chalice: Donovan/Richardson

Music: Smith

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

November 3, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Smith/Ambrose

Lectors: DeGroot/Shoemaker

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Marcil/Donovan/Petralia/Gray

Music: McCormack

Counters: McNeil/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 20, 2024

Collection:	\$	1,837
Second Collection: Hurricane Helen	\$	3,040
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$	40,317
Total Budget Projection:	\$	42,471
Loan Balance:	\$	125,101



Our second collection today is for World Mission.

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.



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)

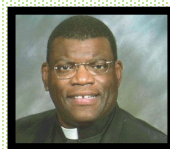
1st-Friday each month at 9:00; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

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



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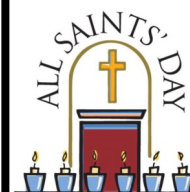
In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Checks and 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



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Next Friday, November 1st, is all Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, and we will celebrate Mass here at COV at 9am, with a 6:30pm Mass at FdS. The next day, on Saturday, November 2nd, we will celebrate Mass at 9am in the cemetery, weather permitting.

As has been our practice in the past during Novembers, we honor our relatives who have passed away. In the Narthex is a receptacle for memorial pictures of your loved ones. Beginning this Sunday you may bring your pictures which will be placed on a Memorial table. At that time, you can also fill a purple slip of paper with the names of the individuals you want remembered and place them in the decorative basket which will be placed on the Altar for all Masses in November.

A saint is someone who is in heaven-it is as simple as that. While "saint" as a title is reserved to those whose lives the Church has thoroughly investigated (typically through whose intercession two miracles can be demonstrated to have occurred), the term applies to anyone in Heaven.

Everyone from your saintly grandmother to the martyrs facing death for Christ: They are all part of the communion of saints. The Church commemorates all these saints on All Saints' Day. All Saints Day is recognized as one of the most important feasts on the liturgical calendar. However, the celebration of Halloween typically overshadows the commemoration of All Saints Day.

Most of us realize that Halloween is in reality the vigil of All Saints' ("AllHallows Eve" or "Hallow E'en"), but All Saints' Day itself has become a bit of an afterthought.

It shouldn't be this way! The saints are our friends, our intercessors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. They care deeply for us, and their lives are recognized by the Church as exemplary, as models to follow.

All Soul' Day commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity, this day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some churches of the Anglican Communion and the Old Catholic Churches also celebrate it. The Eastern Orthodox churches observe several All Soul's Days during the year. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven.

This is the reason why All Souls' Day is on 2 November after All Saints' Day, 1 November, which commemorates the departed who have attained the beatific vision, the Saints.



Take Home Lesson

The Eyes of Faith

October 27, 2024

This week's lesson is built upon commentary by scripture scholar Maria Barga found in our Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

During last week's homily, Father Koo compared James and John's failure to see and comprehend what Jesus was teaching as a sort of spiritual glaucoma. He spoke further of how Saint Mark includes two separate stories of blind men being healed by Jesus as he makes his way on his final journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

We have one of those healing miracles in today's Gospel, the restoration of the sight of a blind man named Bartimaeus. He calls to Jesus using the messianic title "Son of David." Although Bartimaeus is blind, he "sees" Jesus for who he really is: the Messiah who has the power to heal the blind and the lame. Jesus commends his faith and heals him, telling him "Go."

Bartimaeus received more than a physical recovery. When Jesus called him over in response to his cries of mercy, he threw off his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus. To cast off his cloak is symbolic of leaving behind his former self of blindness and beggary and everything that went with it. The New Testament often exhorts us to "put off" or "cast off" the old self - the pre-conversion self, the self before we met Christ - and all the thinking and behaviors that went with it. Bartimaeus' sight was restored, but even more, the eyes of his heart were enlightened.

Upon being restored, Bartimaeus immediately obeys Jesus, following Jesus "on the way." "The way" is a major theme in Mark's Gospel. It is Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and his passion. It also indicates the road of discipleship that leads to the cross. After his healing, Bartimaeus becomes a disciple and accompanies him on the way.

Bartimaeus' healing is an image of what happens to every Christian at conversion and baptism: our hearts are enlightened and through faith we are enabled to truly see what is invisible. We begin to understand realities of the kingdom that we could not understand before, and we gladly set out with Jesus on the way - the way that sometimes leads to the cross, but ultimately to the Resurrection.

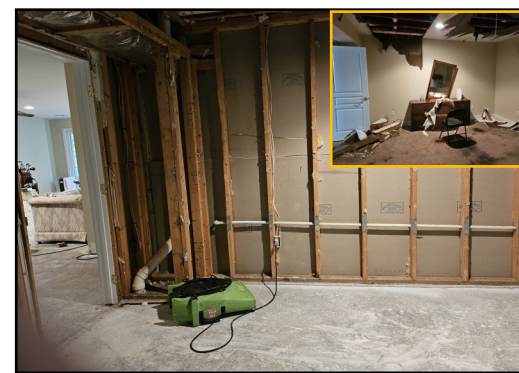
Today's reading invites us to rejoice in God's salvific action in our lives. At the same time, we can imitate Bartimaeus and ask the Lord to heal us of any "blindness" that keeps us from seeing the path that leads to God's heart or from accepting the crosses that come along "the way."

As we deal with our individual cases of spiritual glaucoma, this week we ask:

What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

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 begin repairs once we receive Diocesan go-ahead. Father is temporally residing in Deltaville and can be reached in an emergency at © 224-409-0375.





PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Many thanks to the parishioners who voted last weekend and the nominees who were willing to serve our parish.

The following persons were elected to the council:

Cindy Jessee, Dave Marcil, and Peggy Williams

As one of the top vote getters **Mary Ellen Sherwood** will also join the council to serve Tom Jessee's unexpired term, who has been appointed to the Finance Council.

LECTOR WORKBOOK ARE AVAILIABLE ON THE ADMINSTRATION TABLE FOR PICKUP.

VOTING IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION



Anyone needing a ride to the polls to vote on Election Day, November 5th give Helen Linden a call @571-216-2399.



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.



SEEKING BREAD BAKERS/ DECORATORS FOR OYSTERFEST BOOTH 2024

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



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

Paul Krop, Harry Sikora, Lil Loyd, Jack Petralia & Pat Russell

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.

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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.

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Joyce and Mike Ballato



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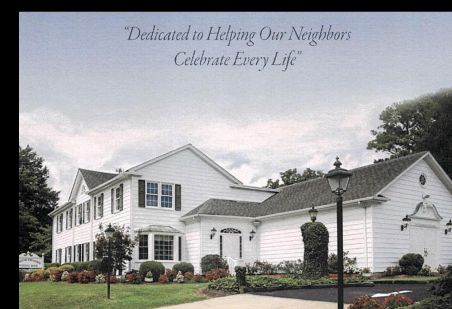
Activities that provide funding: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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.



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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.



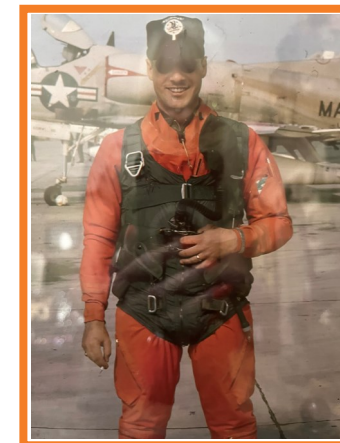
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Of

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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 &
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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

In Loving Memory of
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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

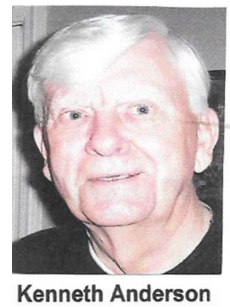
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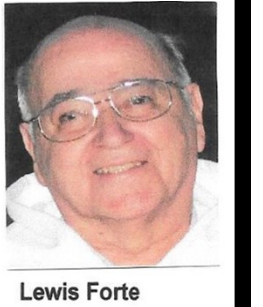

In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving memory of
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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


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In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne




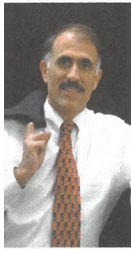

In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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Spike and Becky Nunn

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