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31st Sunday In Ordinary Time
November 3, 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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Church Secretary, Andrea Moore
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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Come Ye Thankful People Come #215
“Loving and Forgiving” #662
Penitential Act: page 4
Lord Have Mercy #914 Glory To God #915

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength
Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-29
Gospel Acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says
the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him.
Gospel: Mark 12:8b-34 Homily: Father Koo
Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: All Good Gifts #608
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: Christians, Let Us Love One Another #487
Meditation: I Have Loved You #616
Recessional: Let There Be Peace On Earth #531

November 3, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Hayes
Altar Server: Kstesky Lectors: DeGroot/Shoemaker
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot
Chalice: Sychterz/Harvey/Plunkert/Dreelin
Music: Filippi Counters: O'Brien/Smith

November 10, 2024

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Richardson
Altar Server: Kirsch Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski
Chalice: Gray/Donovan/
Music: Meanley Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from October 27, 2024

Collection: \$ 2,220
Second Collection: World Missions \$ 119
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 42,537
Total Budget Projection: \$ 44,717
Loan Balance: \$ 125,101



Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$1,200 St Noa School Supplies; \$865 Credit Card Charges.



November Birthdays

1st-Frederic Cabocel, 2nd-Mel Placilla, 6th-Dave Morrison,
9th-Gary Brown, 10th-Colleen Quinn & Paul Dubicki, 16th-Charles Kramb,
18th-Mark Fatigato, 19th-Cathy Davenport & Nicole Fatigato,
21st-Branch Meanley, 22nd-Lorie Messina, 24th-Dave Filippi, 25th-Quinn Kennedy,
26th-Stephen DeLuca, 27th-Lynne Dreelin, Mary Foley, & Laurie King, 29th-Bill Brandl,
30th-Andrea Moore.

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



November Anniversary

5th-Ralph & Helen Linden, 29th-Aldo & Leisa DeCollibus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-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
November 24th-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of Universe
November 28th-Thanksgiving Mass 9am
December 1st-1st Sunday of Advent
December 5th-Adoration 9:30-10:30am
December 8th-2nd Sunday of Advent “Christmas Party Brunch”

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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 imple-
mentation 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 contact-
ing 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.

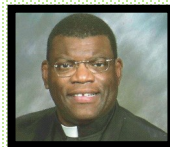
RECURRING EVENTS

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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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

November 3, 2024

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

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

Today's first reading follows the restatement of the Ten Commands in Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Moses provides two reasons for keeping the commandments. First, doing so instills reverence for God. When Moses says "Fear the Lord, your God," "fear" is best understood as awe and reverence, rather than as being terrified and afraid. Second, the commandments enjoin correct action on the part of the Israelites. To follow the law is to revere God in all aspects of life. Furthermore, if they keep God's commandments, they will prosper and inherit the promised land.

The last section of the passage elaborates upon the first commandment to have no other gods, connecting it with the way this is to be lived out. Beginning with "Hear, O Israel!" the passage presents what is referred to as the Shema, taken from the imperative of the Hebrew word shema' ("hear"). The Shema is the cornerstone of Jewish worship.

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:6)

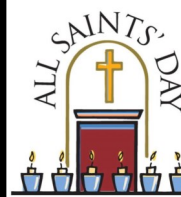
The central verb of the Shema is "love." This is the first time in the Bible that we see a reference to loving God. The act of loving does not refer to an emotional attachment; rather, it reveals the proper attitude toward God that manifests itself through actions. To love God is to remain loyal to him. The Shema exhorts the people to remain undivided in their devotion to God.

There are three terms used to express how the people should love God: "heart," "soul," and "strength." While there are nuances distinguishing the terms, they each convey the sense of the entire person. The use of all three terms here encapsulates every aspect of the human person.

In the Gospel, Jesus recites the Shema, then appends the command to love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus teaches that love of God is inseparable from love of neighbor. In the Shema, "love" is the verb. Thus, people must take action in order to be true to the Shema. Devotion to God is action, not a sentiment. Likewise, love of neighbor entails actively seeking their good, not simply remaining neutral or doing them no harm.

Empty actions that check boxes but do not have real love motivating them is not what God wants from his people. Thus, one's disposition is important in living out the two great commandments. We must be genuine in acting out our love for God and neighbor.

Why is love of neighbor as important as love of God?



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

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.

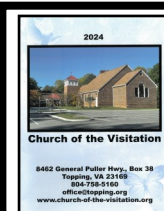
Everyone from your saintly grandmother to the martyrs facing death for Christ: They are all part of the communion of saints. The Church commemorates all these saints on All Saints' Day. All Saints Day is recognized as one of the most important feasts on the liturgical calendar. However, the celebration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



DIRECTORY CHANGE

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BREAD BAKERS

At press time, the response to Peggy's call for bread has been heart-warming and gracious. When the results of our Oyster Festival sale are available, we will inform you, but many thanks to the dozens of parishioners who donated bread (s) and other items.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS 2024

This years operation Christmas child packing party will be held after mass on November 17th. Please consider joining us to pack a shoebox full of gifts for a child.

If you have any donations, wrapped boxes, or filled boxes for distribution, please bring them in prior to the 17th and place in the social hall near the piano.

As a reminder financial donations are helpful to cover the cost of shipping the boxes worldwide. We also can use a few more items such as coloring books, pencil sharpeners, and small toys to help fill the boxes.

Thank you for your help, *Shelley Katsuki*



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 WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ADMINISTRATION 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.



ANGEL TREE 2024

For those angels who want to pick a star, the angel tree will be up on 11/17. This will provide 3 weeks to shop and return wrapped packages by December 8th. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted for the purchase of gift cards to Walmart for children 13 & older and to Food Lion, so that each family can purchase items for a Christmas dinner.

Please consider this ministry for the families of the Middlesex Jail inmates.

This year we welcome Mary Dorman to the Angel Tree Ministry and look forward to her continuing this program.

Much thanks to Mary Sychterz for her years of service in this ministry. Mary Dorman's contact: 607-423-2618.

Note: For monetary donations made by check, make payable to Mary Dorman. In the memo line of the check note the money amount for a Food Lion gift card, and/or what child is to receive the funds.



Happy Fall To You All!



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

Eileen Wagner, Corinne Richardson, William MacLean, Rose Lohr & Gordan Tyrrell

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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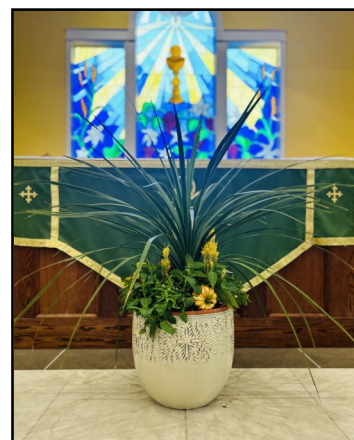
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ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Ray Kostesky
Andrea Moore
Roseanne Moncure
Anne and Gene Wolski

With Gratitude
Father Johnny Koo



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.

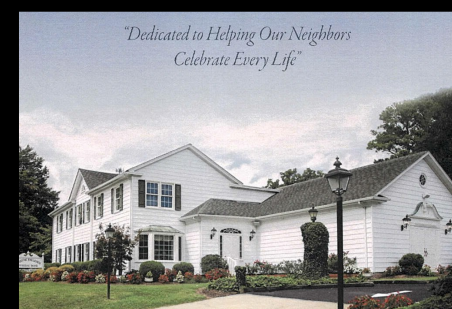
Activities that provide funding: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

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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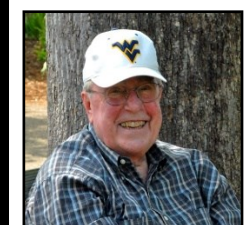


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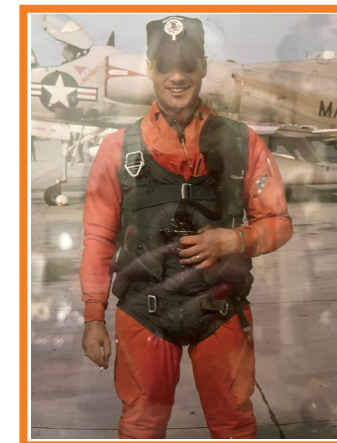
In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



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

TO SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH,
THEIR DREAMS,
& OUR FUTURE.

Lynne & Gary Richardson

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.



Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ 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


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I love and miss you.
♥
Jim

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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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-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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The Kirsch Family

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Choco, Tabby & Rufus


In Loving Memory of
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Fred and Betty Meister

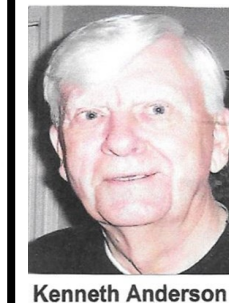
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John & Carol McCormack


"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

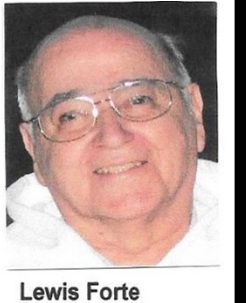
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Kenneth Anderson


"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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&
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Spike and Becky Nunn

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