

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time January 19, 2025 Year C

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 Parish Life: Johnna Harris
 OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
 Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
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FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman
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 Anne Wolski

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 COUNCIL (elected members)

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: All Are Welcome #443

"Loving and Forgiving" #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896

Glory To God #897

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds
 to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation: God has called us through the Gospel
 to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: Luke Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Vine and Branches #340

Holy: #900

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: #905

Communion: We Are Many Parts #604

Meditation: Miracle of Grace #334

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God #205

January Birthdays



1st-Carol McCormack, 2nd-Evelyn Scott, 3rd-Bob Cerullo,
 5th-Lorraine Kirsch & Mike Borzelleca, 7th-Betty Johnson & Tom
 Foley, 13th-Benton Miller & Dan Peterson, 17th-Anne Wolski,
 19th-Jim Moncure, 20th-Debbie Harriman, 21st-Chuck Walsh,
 22nd-Clara Suyes, Donna Brandl, Don Tyrrell, & Josiah Reffo,
 27th-John McCormack, 28th-Jacob Lovejoy, 29th-Mike Dreelin &
 Robert Seay, 30th-Liberty Bushey, 31st-Jack King.

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



January Anniversaries

5th-Charles & Louise Hartz, 6th-Tom & Ivony Kennedy,
 24th-Jack & Laurie King.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 January 22nd-Feast of St Vincent-Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn
 Children.
 January 26th-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 2nd-Presentation of the Lord "Blessing of throats"/
 Groundhog day.
 February 9th-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 16th-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR!

January 19, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Richardson
 Altar Server: Ambrose/Miller/Smith Lectors: Weidner/DeGroot
 Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harriman
 Chalice: Seay/Sychterz/Marcil/Smith
 Music: Filippi Counters: Tutak/Wohleking

January 26, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Harriman
 Altar Server: Kstesky Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato
 Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski
 Chalice: Major/Seay/Richardson/Marcil
 Music: tbd Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 12, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,666
 Second Collection:
 Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 71,955
 Total Budget Projection: \$ 71,928
 Loan Balance: \$ 107,165



Our Second Collection today is for Respect Life

We signed the following principal checks this week.
 \$1,857 Diocesan Assessments; \$1,426 December electricity;
 \$5900 Liturgy Expense.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thinking of others



Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5 (Jerusalem the Lord's bride)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (variety and unity)

Gospel: John 2:1-12 (the wedding at Cana)

Key Passage: When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus
 said to him, "They have no wine." (John 2:3)

Adult: When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana,
 to try and make a difficult situation easier for
 someone?

Child: What can you do this week to help make someone's
 job a little easier?

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)



SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP


Vera & John England
Christine & Peggy Williams
Kathy Kauffman
Gene & Anne Wolski
Jack & Laurie King
Terry Skovera
Bill & Donna Plunkert
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson
Tommy & Donna Lange
Charles & Louise Hartz
Dave & Emily Filippi
William Durham-Auctioneer



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

ENVELOPES, CALENDARS, AND
TAX STATEMENTS

Our 2025 envelopes are available for pickup on the admin table in the Narthex. Some e-givers have wondered why we printed envelopes for them. It was done to provide, by request, envelopes for the scheduled second collections. Also if you desire a tax statement for this year, please place your name on the writing tablet located in the same area, and take a free calendar.



KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast January 26th after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.
Donations accepted.



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all those who stayed after Mass two Sunday's ago to help take down the Christmas decorations. We couldn't have taken down, organized and stored everything in such a timely way if it weren't for you. A special thanks goes out to all those who climbed up into the attic to get the decorations out of the way! Our parishioners can always be counted on to answer the call for help and we can't thank you enough! -Art & Environment

2025 NEW YEAR UPDATES

Please remember to keep the office informed of address, family, email, and phone number changes.

If any of these items has changed in the last few months, please inform us, and if you are doubtful about telling us about a change that occurred last year, give us a call to verify if we have the right information.

Or if you are not seeing your name in the Birthday/ Anniversary list and would like to, that would be an update as well.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS



Frank and Karen Halay
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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

"In Thanksgiving for prayers answered"

Walter & Kari Lee Donovan

FLOWER GUILD 2025

COV cordially invites you to join our 2nd Annual Flower Guild Ministry. Last Year many parishioners joined in beautifying the front of the altar with flowers/plants during Ordinary Time, Thank you!

Please consider sponsoring a Sunday to adorn our Sanctuary with fresh flowers/plants. You may wish to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, special intention, memorial for a loved one or simply just because you enjoy beauty. In lieu of flowers a monetary gift can also be gifted to purchase flowers/plants.

At this time the FLOWER GUILD is seeking flower/plant donations only during Sundays in Ordinary Time as the seasons of Easter and Christmas are handled separately. A signup will be in the Narthex after Mass. Please contact Kari Lee Donovan or Roseanne Moncure for help.

QCD'S & ON-LINE E-GIVING

This is the time of year to consider making donations to the church with a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD).

For parishioners that take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) this is a way to save on taxes. Income from RMD's is considered income and you pay taxes on that amount. A QCD donation is protected and deducted from your gross income for tax purposes.

The one qualifier is the donation must come directly from your IRA, thus necessitating contacting your investment broker to make the transfer directly to COV. Please consider this option for your donation this year.

Additionally, COV provides an E-giving option on their website www.church-of-the-visitation.org. This allows you to make donations by credit card, checking account, quarterly, monthly, weekly, bi-weekly. Special onetime donations can also be made on this site.

Check out the website and select the "Donate Online" red button across the highlighted banner. If you have questions about QCD's or donating online contact Ray or Andrea during office hours.



JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE: GOD INITIATES A SAVING PLAN (GENESIS, CHAPTERS 11-22)

This commentary is adapted from Little Rock Scripture Study's "Panorama of the Old Testament."

Although the stories of Genesis 1-11 show humanity moving away from God, Genesis 12 introduces a different kind of narrative. Against the darkness of human sinfulness, the light of God's saving will begins to shine in the person of Abraham. Beginning with his call, we see Israel looking deep into its own ancient history to recover accounts of its ancestors. These accounts of the origins of Israel go back to the ancient traditions passed on through the generations. The type of writing is folk history, handed down through oral tradition. Though rooted in history, the accounts contain imaginative, symbolical, and legendary material and teach powerful lessons about God and faith.

Out of all the scattered nations of the earth, God chooses one family. God called Abraham and Sarah to leave their homeland and go to a new, unknown land - to leave their former identity and find their new identity in God. The opening verses of Abraham's call (Genesis 12:1-3) preview the covenant God will make with him in the form of three promises. First, God will give Abraham a new land, a land to which God is leading him. Second, God will give Abraham numerous descendants, who will form a great nation. And third, God assures Abraham that through him "all the families of the earth will find blessing."

God doesn't call Abraham just for his own sake, or for his own family, or even for the future people of Israel. Rather, God calls Abraham and enters into covenant with him so that, ultimately, all the people of the world will be blessed. The stories of Abraham demonstrate how God begins to fulfill these promises; the remainder of the Torah shows their partial fulfillment; and the rest of the Bible shows how God fulfills those promises completely.

For later generations, Abraham becomes the father of faith. His faith is marked by his constant relationship with God - a faith that consists of belief in God, trust that God will fulfill the promises, and obedience to God's will. By giving Abraham's descendants the land, by making them the great nation of Israel, and by ultimately restoring God's blessing to the people of all nations, God makes Abraham his first instrument in the divine plan to redeem the world.

Abraham's faith is most challenged when God tells him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah. While Isaac carries the wood of sacrifice, he asks his father, "Where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" And Abraham answered, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22: 7-8). Later revelation states that Mount Moriah is the temple mount in Jerusalem. Here, at the place God desires to establish as a house of prayer for all the nations, God desires a final sacrifice, an offering for the sin of all humanity.

Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

January 19 through 25, 2025

Sun, Jan 19: Bible Readings (Day 19): Genesis 37; Job 27-28; Proverbs 3:25-27

**Prayer Point: That all Christians may be one in faith, hope and charity*

Mon, Jan 20: Bible Readings (Day 20): Genesis 38; Job 29-30; Proverbs 3:28-32

**Prayer Point: For an end to racism and injustice*

Tue, Jan 21: Bible Readings (Day 21): Genesis 39-40; Job 31-32; Proverbs 3:33-35

**Prayer Point: With gratitude for the blessings of liberty and abundant resources God has bestowed upon our country*

Wed, Jan 22: Bible Readings (Day 22): Genesis 41-42; Job 33-34; Proverbs 4:1-9

**Prayer Point: That lawmakers will uphold the dignity of life at every stage, from conception to natural death*

Thu, Jan 23: Bible Readings (Day 23): Genesis 43-44; Job 35-36; Proverbs 4:10-19

**Prayer Point: For those who have been disappointed by their loved ones, that they will be filled with hope in God*

Fri, Jan 24: St. Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Bible Readings (Day 24): Genesis 45-46; Job 37-38; Proverbs 4:20-27

**Prayer Point: That God will bless the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and keep all marchers safe*

Sat, Jan 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle Bible Readings (Day 25): Genesis 47-48; Job 39-40; Psalm 16

**Prayer Point: That God will enlighten all those who hate and persecute in the name of religious righteousness*

THANKS

After last Friday/Saturday's snow storm, several parishioners helped us remove snow from vital church surfaces. Frank Lohr shoveled the walkways and church entrance, Kevin Hayes shoveled snow off several handicap spaces and on Sunday, Brandon Putney (Affordable Lawn Care) plowed the parking lot. We thank these loyal parishioners who showed their utmost concern for others.

PALMS TO ASHES

As a departure from past practice, we plan to produce our own ashes for use on Ash Wednesday this year. If you have any palms at home from previous years and wish to donate them, please bring them to the office.



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

Tom Mangrum, Tom Foley, Fritzie Campbell, Lewis Forte & Kenneth Marshall

PARISHIONERS

John McCormack, Donna Lange, Bill Campbell, Gene Wolski, Maggie Gerdt, Betty Johnson, Dot Edwards, Peggy Williams, Lynne McMurtree, Barbara Smith, Germaine Hayes, 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, Tom Hawksworth, Linda Gray, Pat Reamy, Lynn Vajda.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Joseph Borzelleca, Larry Hersh, Patty Pace, Peggy Smith, Anthony Pace, John & Debbie Stockhorst, Lester Stockhorst, KJ Edwards, Pamela McCracken, Michele MacFarland, Justin Harvey, The Daly Family, Becky & Andy Pattarozzi, Bill Sassok, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Brian Patrick Dubicki, Lynn Messina, Shirley Schultz, Gene Sullivan, Dr. Nicole Touchet, Gloria Powell, Chloe Pearson, Mia Angelis, the Angelis family, Jill Shores, John Gahagan, Todd Bowman, Diane Petralia, Mildred Bair, Mary Levine, Susie Maddrich, Carolyn Harvey, Eric Currie, Rhonda Wells, Polly Beall, Dick Patton, Joanne & Lisa Ferrari, Barbara & Ron Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Andy Hetzer, Ryan Jessee, 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.

PRAYER LIST REFRESH



It is customary to refresh our prayer lists in January each year. We do not change the "Parishioner" list, but ask that you confirm the names you placed on the "Family of Parishioners" and "Friends of Parishioners" lists by the end of January. Send us an email or drop us a note in the office with the names you desire to remain.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dog walkers needed at the Middlesex Dog Park. If you can help please call Maggie Gerdt @ 804-758-2963.

OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL II210 OF MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

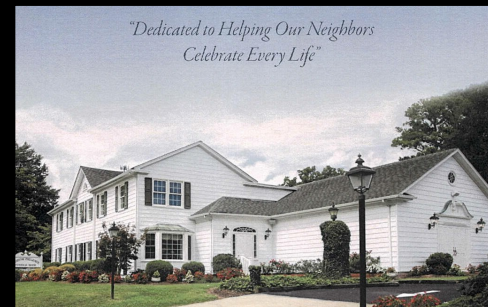
*K of C is a not-for-profit organization whose principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
 *Donations support: Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR) Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need, 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.

In memory of our son
 Christian Strotmeyer
 John & Pam Strotmeyer

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.



In memory of my beloved Spike. Where he was, there was Eden Love Forever, Becky



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 In Memory of JoAn

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 Loving Memory of Carmen and David Brinkley

PRAYERS MEMORIES
 LOVE
 Jerry McMurtree

Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.

In Loving Memory of Vincent "Poppy" & Vinnie Recupido
 The Recupido & Hollingsworth Families

In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash


In Loving Memory of Alma and Fritz Sitterding
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Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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"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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John & Carol McCormack


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


"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

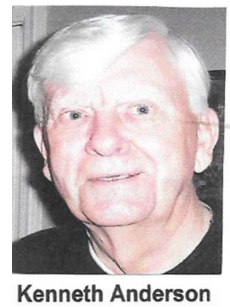
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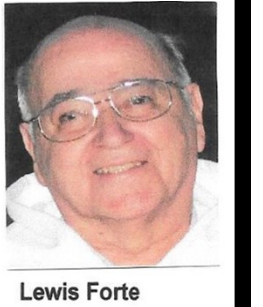

In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

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




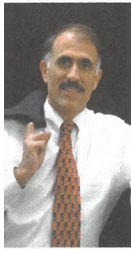

In Loving Memory
"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes




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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