

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time January 26, 2025 Year C

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

Debby Harriman
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Gary Richardson
Fritz Sitterding-Chairman
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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Dave Marcil
Mary Ellen Sherwood
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Peggy Williams

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore
Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Sing A New Song #538

"Loving and Forgiving" #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896

Glory To God #897

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Acclamation: The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Bread Of Life #374

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: Taste and See #337

Meditation: Why Me Lord

Recessional: Church of God, Elect and Glorious #448

February Birthdays



2nd-Jennifer Beuchelt, Monique Donner, 4th-Jim Angell,
7th-Jen Clair, 10th-Karen Halay, 12th-Kari Lee Donovan,
13th-Bob Borden, 14th-Chad Ogden, 17th-Gina Putney, &
Loretta Borostovik, 19th-Bob Smith, 24th-Christopher Beuchelt,
25th-Brennan Williams, 26th-Barbara Smith, Aden Calderin, &
Annabel Clair, 29th-Susannah O'Donnell.

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



February Anniversaries

14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz, 15th-Tommy & Donna Lange,
25th-Mike & Lynne Dreelin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pancake Breakfast)
February 2nd-Presentation of the Lord "Blessing of throats"/
Groundhog day.
February 9th-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Social Sunday
February 16th-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23rd-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2nd-8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 5th-Ash Wednesday 9am @COV 6:30pm @FdS

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

January 26, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Puttmann

Altar Server: Kstesky

Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Major/Seay/Richardson/Marcil

Music: Lange

Counters: King/Angell

February 2, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Ambrose/Miller/Smith

Lectors: Nunn/Dubicki

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Pat DeGroot

Chalice: Sychterz/Harriman/Donovan/Richardson

Music: Messina

Counters: O'Brien/Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 19, 2025

Collection:	\$ 1,857
Second Collection: Respect Life	\$ 346
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$ 73,812
Total Budget Projection:	\$ 74,442
Loan Balance:	\$ 107,165

There is no second collection today.

We did not sign any principal checks this week.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Accepting responsibility



Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2b-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Law)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (analogy of the body)

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (beginning of Jesus' preaching)

Key Passage: Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is up on me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4:17b-18a)

Adult: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

Child: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

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

Journey Through the Bible: Patriarchs and Matriarchs of God's People (Genesis, Chapters 25-35)

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

The accounts of Genesis 25-35 narrate the stories of the descendants of Abraham and Sarah. We see that God's promises are reaffirmed to their son and grandson, so that God comes to be referred to as "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." But these stories are filled not only with promises confirmed, but also with bitter family relationships. It is not Abraham's first son, Esau, who inherits the promises, but Isaac, conceived in Sarah's old age by the saving will of God. Isaac's wife Rebekah delivers twin sons, first Esau, then Jacob follows, gripping Esau's heel and prefiguring a life of conflict between the two sons.

As the boys mature, Jacob uses his cleverness to claim the inheritance that is due to Esau. Over and over Israel's stories demonstrate that God's promises cannot be merited or taken for granted. They do not belong by right to the nature or most obvious successor; rather, they are the free gift of God.

While Jacob is fleeing an enraged Esau, God meets with Jacob through a dream at Bethel. Jacob dreams of angels traveling up and down a stairway that stretches between earth and heaven. God stands beside Jacob, identifies himself, and reaffirms to Jacob the promises made to the family of Abraham: the land on which Jacob is lying, numerous descendants, and a blessing to all the families of the earth. God concludes in this way:

"I am with you and will protect you wherever you go, and bring you back to this land. I will never leave you until I have done what I promised you." (Genesis 28-15)

After taking both Leah and Rachel as his wives and giving fourteen years of service to their cunning father, Jacob prepares to return to his own land with his two wives, two maidservants, and eleven children. He learns his brother Esau is coming to meet him after many years of estrangement. Jacob fears that his brother Esau will take revenge for his deception. But on the night before they meet, Jacob encounters a divine visitor and they wrestle throughout the night. When Jacob asks the stranger for a blessing, God changes Jacob's name to Israel, which means "he who wrestles with God." So Jacob becomes the father of the nation that will be formed from the tribes of his sons, a nation that will certainly wrestle with God throughout its history.

At dawn Esau arrives and runs to his brother, weeping and embracing him. Jacob's happy surprise teaches him to trust in God's designs. He does not need to scheme and decide to obtain God's blessings. Jacob experiences the divine presence in both the love of God and the love of his brother. Here there is hope that forgiveness and reconciliation can prevail over the homicidal jealousy exemplified in Cain and Abel.

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 today after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.
Donations accepted.



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



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804-239-6399
nursesylvia71@gmail.com
804-240-3029

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER

In memory of
Tom & Valerie Gallagher
Stephen & Suma lee Gallagher

Christmas Eve liturgical dancing is on YOU TUBE under "Church of the Visitation Christmas Grace." Just in case you have not seen the dancing or missed the song Christmas Grace at our Christmas Eve Mass.
See Eileen O'Brien if you have any questions.



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 Readings and Daily Prayer Points

JAN 19 THROUGH FEB 1, 2025

Sun, Jan 26: Bible Readings (Day 26): Genesis 49-50;
Job 41-42; Psalm 17

**Prayer Point: With thanksgiving that we are one body in Christ*

Mon, Jan 27: Bible Readings (Day 27): Exodus 1-2; Leviticus 1;
Psalm 44

**Prayer Point: That God will grant strength and perseverance to all who care for others*

Tue, Jan 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas
Bible Readings (Day 28): Exodus 3; Leviticus 2-3;
Psalm 45

**Prayer Point: For the gifts of wisdom and understanding given through the Spirit of God*

Wed, Jan 29: Bible Readings (Day 29): Exodus 4-5; Leviticus 4;
Psalm 46

**Prayer Point: That God will teach us to reverence all that your Word has brought into being*

Thu, Jan 30: Bible Readings (Day 30): Exodus 6-7; Leviticus 5;
Psalm 47

**Prayer Point: That God will teach us to live according to your word*

Fri, Jan 31: Bible Readings (Day 31): Exodus 8; Leviticus 6;
Psalm 48

**Prayer Point: That God will grant relief to the sick and aging who suffer*

Sat, Feb 1: Bible Readings (Day 32): Exodus 9; Leviticus 7;
Psalm 49

**Prayer Point: For the young and this who form and educate them*

THANKS

After our snow storm, two weeks ago, 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.

Thank you!



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

Robert Bowers, Art Smith, Joe Nolte & Jason Mark Los

PARISHIONERS

Bob Borden, John McCormack, Donna Lange, Bill Campbell, Gene Wolski, Maggie Gerds, Betty Johnson, Dot Edwards, Peggy Williams, 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 Ferari, Barbara & Ron Burkhart, John Calvin Barnard, Andy Hetzer, Ryan Jessee, Dominick Perry.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Alex Brown, Gary Pierce, Family of Don Moore, Grace Anderson, Gay Ruff, Jody Anglin, Gabe Burger, Pam Brazelton, Jim Bruso Jr. Valerie McCarthey, Pat Garratt, Mable Kato, David Bromley, Lewis Hurley, Michele Brown, Janis Kott, Angel Carlson, Risa Estes, Deloris Cooper, Karen Tatum, Lucille Redmond, Harry Flannery, Sharon Horrobin, Ralph Burroughs Kate Taylor, Allison Miksenas, Cynthia Freeburger, Carroll Brown, Roin Brown, BoydNewhouse, Bill Benson, Mike McCullean, Delores Barry, Jim Durburo, Richard & Sharon Fitts, Karen Armstrong, Mary Marshall, Ann Chatos, Genie Kauffman, Pattie Sobieski, Christopher Hutton, Elizabeth Panzer, Tom Sennott, Jim & Inga Peddicord, Kathy Goyne, Nancy Wirth, 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.

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.

GOOD SAMARTIAN FUND-PARISH PENCE

At the end of December our parish pence fund helped an elderly couple with heating oil for their house.

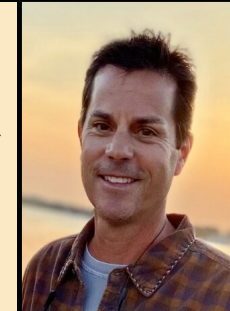


OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL II210 OF MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

- *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.



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PRAYERS
MEMORIES
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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.**



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

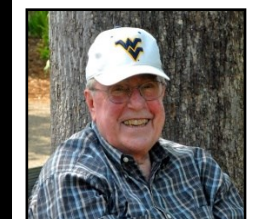


In memory of my beloved Spike.
Where he was, there was Eden
Love Forever,
Becky

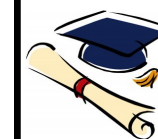


In Loving Memory of
Bobby Warren
Your Family
Arlene,
L.C., Faye,
Caitlyn & Courtlyn

"Gone but not to be forgotten"



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash




In
Loving Memory
Of
Alma and Fritz Sitterding

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Tom & Cindy Jessee

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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

We Support The Youth Scholarship
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

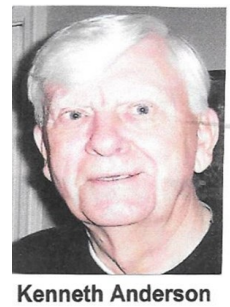
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Michael, Colin, Kathryn, John & Kevin Walsh

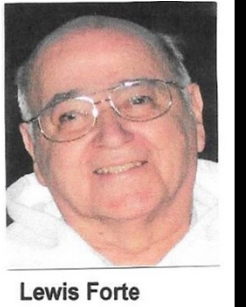
In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving memory of
Marty Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon


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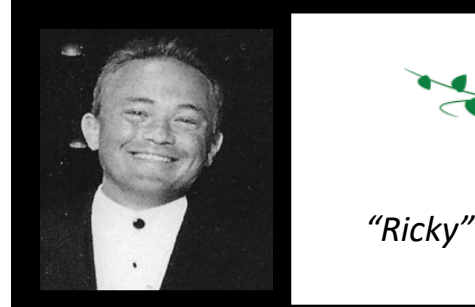

"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was".



We Salute the Youth of Our Church and Their Important Journey.
Carmen & Joe Brinkley


Frank & Gerrie Lohr
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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