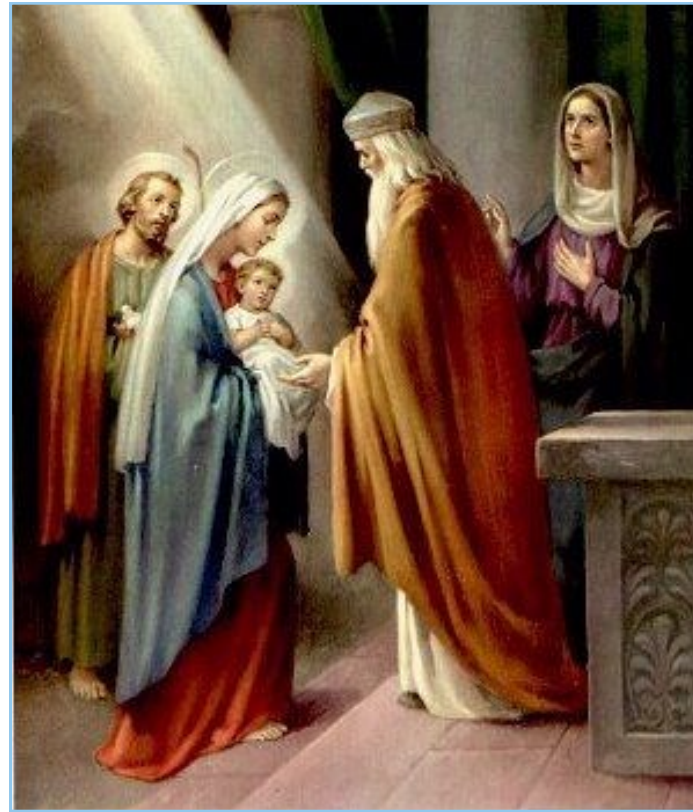


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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025 Year C

PARISH MINISTRIES

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FINANCE COUNCIL

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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
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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.

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MASS/MUSIC

Candle Presentation: In His Temple Now Behold Him #222
Entrance: Christ Be Our Light #518
"Loving and Forgiving" #653

Penitential Act: page 4
Lord Have Mercy #896 Glory To God #897

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel Acclamation: A light of revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 Homily: Father Koo
Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory:
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: I want To Walk As A Child Of The Light #523

Meditation: I Have Loved You #610


Recessional: O God, Our Help In Ages Past #576

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

 4th-Gene & Anne Wolski, 14th-Joe & Mary Sychterz,
15th-Tommy & Donna Lange, 25th-Mike & Lynne Dreelin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-8:45am/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)
March 9th-First Sunday of Lent

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

February 2, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrane Community Leader: Hayes
Altar Server: Ambrose/Miller/Smith Lectors: Nunn/Dubicki
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot
Chalice: Sychterz/Harriman/Donovan/Richardson
Music: Messina Counters: O'Brien/Smith

February 9, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrane Community Leader: McCormack
Altar Server: Kirsch Lectors: Dorman/O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski
Chalice: Sychterz/Marcil/Smith
Music: Messina Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from January 26, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,667
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 73,479
Total Budget Projection: \$ 76,454
Loan Balance: \$ 107,165



Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week.
\$214 monthly telephone; \$709 credit card for January;
\$191 copier usages and service charges.

LEGACY

One of the simplest ways to leave a gift to our church is to use the beneficiary designation on savings and retirement accounts, as well as life insurance policies. These can be done with no cost, and typically only require us to sign a new beneficiary designation form.



Retirement assets and similar accounts are called Income in Respect of a Decedent (IRD) assets. This is taxable income that's earned during life but not received before death, so it is never included in an income tax return. This may be assets in Individual Retirement Accounts or 403(b) plans, accrued interest on Certificates of Deposit and savings bonds, nonqualified stock options, deferred payments of capital gains, or other income that is earned but not acquired.

In most cases, naming the church as the beneficiary of these types of assets gives the estate and heirs the best tax benefits, since it avoids both income and estate taxes.

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 Delagrane)
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

Journey Through the Bible: The Joseph Story (Genesis, Chapters 37-50)

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

Jacob's two wives, Rachel and Leah, together with their maidservants, have among them twelve sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Joseph, and Benjamin. These twelve become the patriarchs from whom the twelve tribes of Israel take their descent.

The last section of Genesis, chapters 37-50, contains the stories of Joseph and his relationship to his brothers. Joseph, the first son of Rachel, is Jacob's spoiled and favorite son. His father loves him best and made him a long ornamented tunic. Joseph's dreams and his ability to interpret them intensify his brothers' jealousy. Rather than kill him, the brothers sell Joseph to traders going to Egypt and tell Jacob his favorite son has been killed by a wild beast. Jacob is deceived by his sons just as he deceived his own father Isaac to obtain his blessing.

In Egypt, Joseph successfully interprets the dreams of Pharaoh and thereby saves Egypt from famine. When Joseph is made a favorite minister of Pharaoh, famine in Canaan brings his brothers to seek help from Egypt. Joseph is now in a position to invite his father and brothers to come down to Egypt to live and escape the famine. Joseph's reunion with his brothers is an emotional event and their father Jacob dies a happy man because he is reunited with his son Joseph.

The account of Joseph reads like a novel. It is a story of injury and forgiveness, of estrangement and reconciliation. We see the development of Joseph from a selfish alienated youth to a mature and selfless leader fully reconciled with his family. Through his generosity and willingness to forgive, Joseph upholds the unity of Israel's family and prevents their extinction. Through all these accounts, the providential hand of God guides the fate of the family of Jacob-Israel as God brings good out of evil and turn disaster into triumph over and over again.

In the Book of Genesis we have moved from the moment of creation through a history of sin to the call of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and finally to Joseph and the tribes in Egypt. In these stories we have learned of God's relationship to the world and to Israel. We have learned of God as creator, as judge, as redeemer. We have met a God who accepts the weakness of humanity and continues to love, a God who guides and directs, a God who is able to bring good out of evil. Genesis is only the beginning of the story, the beginning of the acts of God. The story continues not only through the Old and New Testaments but in our own lives and our world.

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.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor Of Our Family

Jean & Ray Kostaskey

MASS TIME CHANGE

There will be no Rosary before Mass this Sunday.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will start at 8:45am in the Narthex with a candle procession.

After Mass Father Koo will be blessing the throats of all of our parishioners.

Please plan to come earlier than usual to church.

Thank You in advance.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Catholic Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a celebration of Jesus being presented in the Temple as a child and Mary's purification. It is celebrated on February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

What is celebrated?

The Presentation of Jesus: Jesus is presented in the Temple by his parents, Mary & Joseph, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. Purification of Mary: Mary is purified 40 days after giving birth, as required by the Mosaic Law.

What is the significance?

The feast celebrates the meeting of the Old and New Testaments. The feast is a reminder that Jesus is the "light to the gentiles". The feast gives hope and motivation to keep moving forward in life.

How is it celebrated?

The feast is celebrated with the blessing of candles. The feast is also known as Candlemas.

February 2: Presentation of the Lord-Feast

As faithful Jews who obeyed the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph performed two ritual acts that the law prescribed after the birth of the firstborn son—Mary's ritual purification and Jesus' dedication. The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce Mary's Immaculate Heart. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). In the ritual acts in the Temple, Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

We are invited to participate in Mary's ritual purification and Jesus' ritual redemption. Each of us is unworthy of entering the true Temple of the Lord in Heaven, yet we are invited to do so in union with Mary, our Blessed Mother. It was her consent to God's will that opened the door of God's grace to us all. By allowing Jesus to be born in our hearts by grace, we spiritually become Jesus' "mother." With her, we are now able to appear before God, purified and holy in His sight.

Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points for
Feb 2 through Feb 8, 2025

Sun, Feb 2: Feast of The Presentation of the Lord
Bible Readings (Day 33): Exodus 10-11; Leviticus 8; Psalm 50
*Prayer Point: That revelation of the Light of the nations
may bring justice and peace to all nations

Mon, Feb 3: Bible Readings (Day 34): Exodus 12; Leviticus 9;
Psalm 114
*Prayer Point: That the Lord will bless and strengthen
all the men and women in the Church who live the religious life

Tue, Feb 4: Bible Readings (Day 35): Exodus 13-14; Leviticus 10;
Psalm 53
*Prayer Point: For the gift of wisdom to seek forgiveness rather
than vengeance

Wed, Feb 5: Bible Readings (Day 36): Exodus 15-16; Leviticus 11;
Psalm 71
*Prayer Point: That God will remove the false boundaries that set
limits to our love

Thu, Feb 6: Bible Readings (Day 37): Exodus 17-18; Leviticus 12;
Psalm 73
*Prayer Point: For all missionaries as they work to build
communities of faith in many lands, especially in the Asian nations

Fri, Feb 7: Bible Readings (Day 38): Exodus 19-20; Leviticus 13;
Psalm 74
*Prayer Point: That charity may be the root and foundation of our
lives

Sat, Feb 8: Bible Readings (Day 39): Exodus 21;
Leviticus 14; Psalm 75
*Prayer Point: That we would allow God's will to be done
in our lives

THANK YOU, AGAIN

As the snows keep coming, we are
blessed to have parishioner Brandon Putney
(Affordable Lawn Care) available to help us.
After last week's storm, he plowed the parking
lot and cleared all the sidewalks.

Thank you again, Brandon.

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:
Rose Langer, Christian Strotmeyer, Cindy Simmons,
Larry Tewey, Johanna Langer & Jackson Lane

PARISHIONERS

Bob Borden, John McCormack, Donna Lange, Bill Campbell,
Maggie Gerdts, 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
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Goyné, Elizabeth Panzer, Valerie McCarthy, Karen Armstrong.

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.



**APPROACHING DEADLINES FOR
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

The deadline for anyone interested in applying for
the Father John Boddie Scholarship for post high
school education is early March, 2025.

The Website for the scholarship application can
be found at www.church-of-the-visitation.org

GOOD SAMARTIAN FUND-PARISH PENCE

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

This week we helped a family of six with
their electric bill.



SOCIAL SUNDAY

Social Sunday is next Sunday after Mass,
please bring a dish to share and stay for great
food and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.

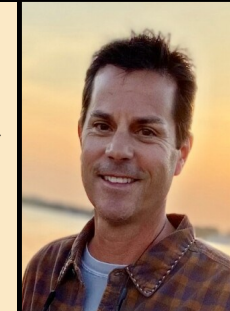
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Dog walkers needed at the Middlesex Dog Park. If you
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Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need,
Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and 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 -
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Love Forever,
Becky



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"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.**

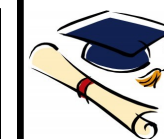


In Loving Memory of
**Carmen and David
Brinkley**

In Loving Memory of
**Vincent "Poppy" &
Vinnie Recupido**
The Recupido &
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In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



In
Loving Memory
Of
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Jack Petralia

Do not fear, for I am with you,
Do not be afraid, for I am your God
Isaiah 41:10

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I love and miss you.
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Jim


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(John 10:14)
John and Diane Weidner

In Loving Memory of
"Lee Hollingsworth"
We love and miss you!
Barb & Tori

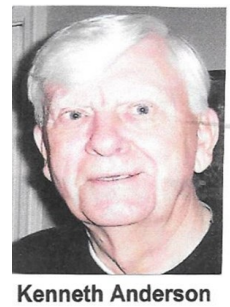
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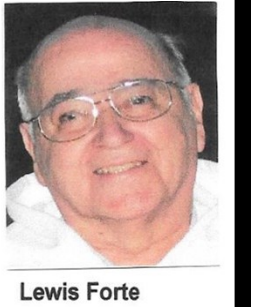

In Memory of
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My Love of My Life
Jenny

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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Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne




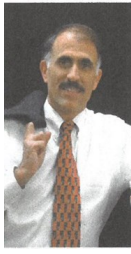

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