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Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025 Year C

PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Noelle Harvey
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Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kostaske

FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman
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Tom Jessee
Debbie McNeil
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.

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: The Glory of These Forty Days #141

"Loving and Forgiving" #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896

Glory To God #897

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O God, You Search Me #566

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: Christ Be Our Light #518

Meditation: Irish Blessing #381

Recessional: Change Our Hearts #651

March Birthdays



1st-David Bushey & Melissa Cabocel, 5th-Tommy Lange,
7th-Mark Levy, 8th-Sandi Delagrang & Patrick O'Donnell,
15th-Tori Hollingsworth & Gloria Matthews, 20th-Gary
Richardson, 21st-Peggy Williams, 23rd-Barbara Morrison,
24th-Barbara Hollingsworth, 25th-Michael Pycha, 29th-Eugene
Wolski, 30th-Michele Meanley & Joe Sychterz.

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

March Anniversaries



13th-Jan & Nathalie Smith, 15th-Frank & Gerri Lohr,
24th-Bill & Johnna Harris

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today-2nd Sunday of Lent
March 19th-Stations of the Cross and Soup #2 5:30pm
March 20th-1st Day of Spring
March 23rd-3rd Sunday of Lent/KOC Pancake Breakfast
March 25th-Confirmation 7pm @St. Beede
March 26th-Stations of the Cross and Soup #3 5:30pm
March 29th-Loving Our Longevity "Seminar" 9:00am-12:30



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

March 16, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Linden

Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Kostaske/Ambrose

Lectors: Dorman/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harriman

Chalice: Donovan/Harvey/Gray/Smith

Music: Lohr

Counters: Tutak/Wohleking

March 23, 2025

Sacristy: Linden

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Dorman/Ambrose/Miller

Lectors: Sherwood/Dubicki

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harvey

Chalice: Sychterz/Marcil/Gray/Ballato

Music: Mears

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from March 9, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,943

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 93,511

Total Budget Projection: \$ 90,422

Loan Balance: \$ 99,102

Our second collection today is for Catholic Relief Services.

We signed the following principal checks this week:

\$1,428 Loan Payment; \$1,857 Diocesan Assessment;

\$1,767 February Electric.



LEGACY

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have – in both material and non-material things – have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?



Potential
Promise & Purpose

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 Delagrang)
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: The Final Testament of Moses (Deuteronomy 1-34)

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

The final book of the Pentateuch is Deuteronomy. The setting is the plains of Moab across the Jordan River, with the Israelites encamped and on the verge of entering the Promised Land. Moses will not enter the land with them, but will die here. Most of the book takes the form of several eloquent speeches given by Moses to the people on the eve of his death. The book is a restatement, explanation, and further development of much of the Pentateuch. By reminding the Israelites of their past and preparing them for the future, he urges them to be faithful to the covenant.

In his first speech (Deut 1-4), Moses reviews the events of the past forty years, from Mount Sinai to the present moment. He tells the new generation of the important lessons learned from the experiences of their parents' generation. The future well-being of God's people will depend on loving and serving God from the heart.

The second address (Deut 5-28) is a restatement and expansion of God's commandments with applications for their future in the land. Following in the way of the covenant is the way to love God with your whole being. The Shema forms their daily prayer.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is your God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with all your whole being, and with your whole strength." (Deut 6:4)

In addressing the new generation, Moses urges them to "remember." By remembering, God's people form an identity. By remembering, the past becomes real in the present, and life can be lived more faithfully and genuinely. The moment that is most important for the book of Deuteronomy is not the past; it is "this day." The critical time for every person is "today."

"This day the LORD, your God, is commanding you to observe these statutes and ordinances. Be careful, then, to observe them with all your whole heart and with your whole being." (Deut 26:16)

The final address of Moses before his death (Deut 29-33) presents the Israelites with the choice that will determine their future.

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him." (Deut 30:19)

After appointing Joshua as his successor, Moses goes up to Mount Nebo and looks out upon the Promised Land that he will not enter, knowing that a new generation will live in that land. Then Moses dies and is buried on the mountain. He was the leader of the people, a mediator before God, a wonderworker, teacher and Israel's greatest prophet. The Torah, given to Israel through Moses, would form the foundation of Israel's life through the centuries.

GOT CATHOLIC QUESTIONS?

OCIA HAS ANSWERS!

OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. In short, it is the process through which catechumens, who are unbaptized adults or older children, are formed in the teachings of the Catholicism and are initiated into the Catholic Church. This process may also include baptized adult Christians or Catholics who are preparing to receive the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist. Baptized persons moving through OCIA are known as candidates.

Our parish Adult Faith Formation team has begun meeting with two candidates and will be working through a set of Inquiry lessons over the next few months according to the following schedule:

- March 9th Q3: The Holy Trinity;
Q4: Who is Jesus Christ?
- March 30th Q5: The Bible; Q6: Divine Revelation
- April 6th Q7: Your Prayer Life,
Q8: Catholic Prayers and Practices
- April 13th Q9: The Mass;
C5: The Sacrament of the Eucharist
- April 27th Q10: The Church Year;
Q11: Places in a Catholic Church
- May 4th Q12: Who Shepherds the Church?;
Q13: The Church as Community
- May 18th Q14: Mary; Q15: The Saints
- June 8th Q16: Eschatology: the "Last Things"

We meet after Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join. While the discussions use structured materials, we try to set a casual mood and welcome all questions, even those that may fall outside the scope of the prepared lesson.

For further information about OCIA and how it could be adapted to the person you would like to see in full communion with the Catholic Church, contact John Weidner, Dave Marcil, or the church



LENT, TRIDUUM, AND EASTER



In a slight departure from previous practice, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross with soup initially on Wednesdays and later in Lent on Fridays, as is traditional throughout the church.

The Triduum (Holy Thursday through the Easter Vigil) will be held at FdS this year.

The reconciliation service at COV is scheduled for April 9th @ 6pm, and FdS April 3rd @ 6:30pm.

On the admin table in the Narthex are the "Little Black Books" to assist you in your Lenten devotions. If you desire to participate in the Rice Bowl, the bowls are also on the Admin table.

Some other practices we should be aware of are; The Alleluia is not used until the Easter Vigil; the Altar should not be decorated with flowers except for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday); there are two solemnities during Lent, March 19th-Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin and March 25th-Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP



Stations of the Cross and Soup for Wednesday, March 19th @ 5:30pm Sign up sheet for soup makers and bread bakers can be found in the Narthex.

Thank you

ADDRESS UPDATE

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A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

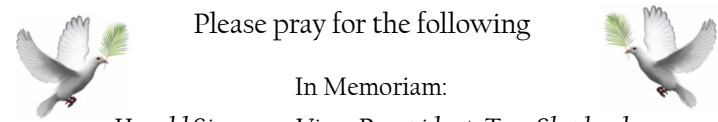


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Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer

Points for Mar 16 through Mar 22, 2025

- Sun, Mar 16:** Bible Readings (Day 75): Numbers 29-30; Deuteronomy 29; Psalm 113
**Prayer Point: That this season of Lent will be a time of deeper conversion for our parish*
- Mon, Mar 17:** Saint Patrick, Bishop
 Bible Readings (Day 76): Numbers 31; Deuteronomy 30; Psalm 116
**Prayer Point: That the sinful will return to Christ*
- Tue, Mar 18:** Bible Readings (Day 77): Numbers 32; Deuteronomy 31; Psalm 117
**Prayer Point: Grant the gifts of humility and charity to those who judge their neighbors*
- Wed, Mar 19:** Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Bible Readings (Day 78): Numbers 33; Deuteronomy 32; Psalm 118
**Prayer Point: For self giving men leading their domestic churches*
- Thu, Mar 20:** Bible Readings (Day 79): Numbers 34; Deuteronomy 33; Psalm 120
**Prayer Point: Help us to love the unloved and unlovable*
- Fri, Mar 21:** Bible Readings (Day 80): Numbers 35-36; Deuteronomy 34; Psalm 121
**Prayer Point: For an end to war and mass killing*
- Sat, Mar 22:** Bible Readings (Day 81): Joshua 1-4; Psalm 123
**Prayer Point: For our young people, that they will remain close to Jesus*



Please pray for the following

In Memoriam:

Harold Simmons, Vince Recupido & Tom Shepherd

PARISHIONERS

Suzanne Sitterding, Mike Dreelin, 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 Krop, Michele Meanley, Louise Petralia, Natalie Smith, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Linda Gray, Pat Reamy, Lynn Vajda.

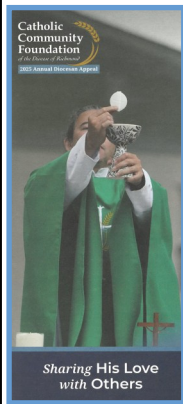
FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Martha Buesinger, Michele MacFarland, Joseph Borzelleca, Larry Hersh, Patty Pace, Polly Beall, Dick Patton, Peggy Smith, Brian Dubicki, Anthony Pace, John & Debbie Stockhorst, Lester Stockhorst, KJ Edwards, Alex Brown, Chloe Pearson, Tom Delagrange, John Calvin Barnard, Justin Harvey, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Lynn Messina, Gene Sullivan, Diane Petralia, Andy Hetzer, Ryan Jessee, Eric Currie.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Gay Ruff, Melanie Crittenden, Dave Gunn, Alex Brown, Jim Brusco Jr., Allen Hines, Linda Cryer, Kathy Goyne, 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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

As announced last week, the second of two in-pew process weekends for the Appeal occurs today. Many parishioners have received a Bishop's letter soliciting a donation, and the in-pew weekends give others an opportunity to participate as well.

After Mass, Father will address the Appeal and during his remarks briefly, the ushers will pass out Appeal envelopes and a

brochure to those who desire it. Please fill them out as appropriate and either mail it to the Diocese or return it next week and place it in the Collection basket. As an alternative, a QR Code is in the bulletin for your donation, if desired.

As a Mission Parish, half of the donations received by the Diocese will be returned to us. In the past, we have been the beneficiary of Grants from several of the organizations supported by the Appeal. This year, those Grants totaled \$12,500.

Our parish goal is \$8,880, an 8% increase over last year, and a formidable task. As you decide whether to make a donation and an amount, please consider the appeal's needs and the fact we benefit greatly from your generosity.



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Please stay after Mass today for cake and coffee in celebration of *Aden Calderin's*

First Communion. He will also be confirmed at St. Bede's on March 25th along with

Baylen Miller, Henry and Lucas Clair.



We are Blessed to have four youth receiving confirmation and will celebrate their Christian growth on Social Sunday, March 30th.



KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast, March 23rd. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners. *Donations accepted.*



MARK YOUR CALANDERS

Saturday, March 29th, 9:00-12:30 at COV. "Learning to Love Longevity: Embracing Elder Roles" *Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.*

Please see Mary Flaherty @ FdS or call - Lynne Richardson @ 571-239-0980 to register/questions.

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.

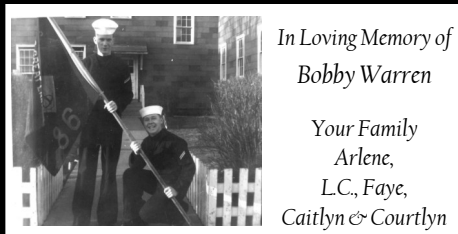


In memory of my beloved Spike. Where he was, there was Eden Love Forever, Becky



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In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren
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 "Gone but not to be forgotten"

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Tom Shoemaker
 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.
Breathe in Love, Exhale Peace.

In Loving Memory of *Carmen and David Brinkley*

PRAYERS MEMORIES LOVE
 Jerry McMurtrie

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*
 Supporting Our Youth

TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, THEIR DREAMS, & OUR FUTURE.
Lynne & Gary Richardson

Thanks for always supporting us in everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

In support of our
Future Leaders
"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

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

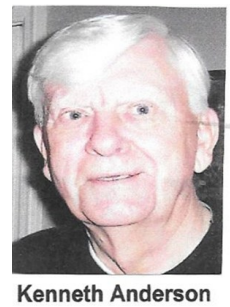
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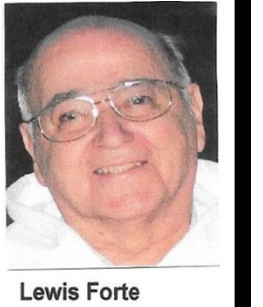

In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

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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&
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"Our Beloved Sons"
Spike and Becky Nunn

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&
Mary Borzelleca
Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca