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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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
Carroll Ciurczak
John and Carol McCormack

CHRUCH DIRECTORY

Our new directory is about eight months old and many parishioners have learned that in addition to a hard copy, you can download the app from the internet and gain additional features, to include our new members.

Described below is the process to follow to gain entrance to your directory. If you have any questions see Helen Linden or call the office.

If you need a the unique identifier code sent to you for any reason-contact the office .

myUCD App Start Guide

Download The App From The App Store or Google Play

- With your smart phone touch the App Store icon for your type of phone (Apple Store -or- Google Play) then search for: 'Universal Church Directory'
- The App is called **myUCD**
- Click on the "GET" -or- "INSTALL" button
- When the App has finished installing, click "OPEN"

Enter Your Family's UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

- A **Unique Identifier** was sent to the heads-of-household whose email was listed.
 - Enter unique Identifier
 - Click on the gray "Download My Church Directory" button (there may be a few seconds delay)
- "If you did not receive an email please see your church administrator"*

Begin Using Your Church App Features

- Video link
 - Email the church
 - Call the church
 - Church announcements
 - Calendar of events
 - Online giving
 - Link to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
 - Staff contacts
 - YouVersion Bible App
 - Directory of all members
- *Some features may -or- may not be available for your church*

myUCD Desktop Directory

1. Go to directory.ucdir.com
2. Enter unique identifier and hit **GO**
3. Prompts will appear to create your own Username & Password.
4. Click on **'CREATE ACCOUNT'**

ANGEL TREE THANK YOUS

Highlights from the inmates, Thank You Notes, for the COV Parishioners who participated in the Angel Tree ministry.
**Thank you for all you have done to help our family with a blessed Christmas.*



- *Your kindness is appreciated.*
- *You did a fantastic job picking our gifts and thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my child's Christmas come true.*
- *Thanking God for putting and allowing you, with love in your hearts, to make very special Christmas for families.*
- *I look forward to going home and making very good use of all the gifts with my children.*
- *Hopefully I will be able to give back to you all by giving to the Lords house.*
- *We hope that you and your families had a blessed Christmas and will enjoy a Happy New Year.*
- *God Bless you all.*

Lesley Hollowell, of the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center writes: I thank you for your beautiful and generous response to the children of some of the women and men incarcerated in Saluda. They were effusive in expressing to me their gratitude for all of what the COV Parishioners have done. The family members who picked up the gifts were likewise thankful for everything, including the generous Food Lion gift cards. Your participation in the Angel Tree program is a loving demonstration of what God calls for us to be for our fellow human beings.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS

Saturday, March 29,
9:00-12:00 at COV.
"Learning to Love Longevity:
Embracing Elder Roles"



There was a time when being an "Elder" was a respected role in the community.

Whether you have reached this age yourself, or have family or friends who are there, you will want to hear this talk and participate in the conversation.

Our speaker, Dr. Ayn Welleford, is an Associate Professor at VCU and Director of VCU Gerontology Community and Continuing Education.

Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

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

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

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Journey Through the Bible: Israel's Foundational Covenant (Exodus 15-24)

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

After Israel is given birth through the water, the formative period of Israel's young life its spent in the wilderness. Here the Israelites learn how to relate to God, how to trust in God's presence, how to worship God, and how to live as a people specially chosen by God. They begin to leave behind the mentality of slavery and embrace the freedom of serving the LORD, the God who acts on their behalf.

The five books of the Pentateuch are focused on Mount Sinai, which is at the heart of the Torah. Genesis and the first eighteen chapters of Exodus lead up to the mountain. In Exodus 19-40, the whole book of Leviticus, and Numbers 1-10, Israel is at Mount Sinai. Then the remainder of Numbers and the book of Deuteronomy show Israel moving from Sinai toward the Promised Land.

Along their journey from the sea to the mountain, the Israelites experience God's saving power in numerous ways. After three months of desert travel, they reach the mountain of God, the same area where Moses first encountered the LORD. But now God is not just calling one man to a specific mission; God is calling an entire people to be his own.

At Mount Sinai God enters into covenant with Israel, a bond modeled on the relationship of family. The LORD will be the God of Israel and Israel will be the people of God. In covenant, they belong to God, and that family bond implies a relationship that expresses itself in changed behavior. As an expression of this relationship, God speaks the Ten Commandments, literally "the ten words," to Moses. These form the core of covenant law. Israel's understanding of these commandments is intimately related to their covenant with God.

Israel's Torah expresses a level of social awareness unmatched in the ancient world. Reading the list of laws and liturgical regulations throughout the Pentateuch reminds us of the commitment our ancestors made to right living and dedicated worship. Even though many of the social laws and rules of worship no long apply literally today, they can inspire us to give our very best to God, both in worship and relationship with God's people. Like Israel, we must try to understand God's commandments not as a constraint, but as keys to living the fullness life for which we were made.

Israel confirms their covenant with God at Mount Sinai and seals their bond in a sacrificial liturgy. A covenant requires two willing participants. In Exodus 24, we see that Moses recites all the words and ordinances of the LORD and writes them down. God does not coerce, but invites Israel into a covenant that will make them his people. Following the covenant ceremony, the remainder of Israel's history is basically a narration of how faithfully (or unfaithfully) Israel lives up toe its call given at Mount Sinai.

Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points
Feb 16 through Feb 22, 2025

Sun, Feb 16: Bible Readings (Day 47): Exodus 32; Leviticus 23; Psalm 80

*Prayer Point: With thanks for the artists who gladden our lives with beauty

Mon, Feb 17: Bible Readings (Day 48): Exodus 33-34; Leviticus 24; Psalm 81

*Prayer Point: That our national leaders may work to promote the common good and true justice

Tue, Feb 18: Bible Readings (Day 49): Exodus 35-36; Leviticus 25; Psalm 82

*Prayer Point: That we should use the gift of forgiveness unsparingly

Wed, Feb 19: Bible Readings (Day 50): Exodus 37-38; Leviticus 26; Psalm 83

*Prayer Point: That God will forgive us our sins

Thu, Feb 20: Bible Readings (Day 51): Exodus 39-40; Leviticus 27; Psalm 84

*Prayer Point: With thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fri, Feb 21: Bible Readings (Day 52): Numbers 1; Deuteronomy 1; Psalm 85

*Prayer Point: With thanks for deacons

Sat, Feb 22: Bible Readings (Day 53): Numbers 2; Deuteronomy 2; Psalm 87

*Prayer Point: For wise and faithful leaders in the Church

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Our first "Journey Through the Bible Q&A with Father Koo" is scheduled for Wednesday morning, February 19th, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the first few books of our Journey Through the Bible reading plan in a relaxed setting over coffee and continental breakfast. Father Koo is ready to address some of our questions, and he will likely ask us a few questions in return.

If you cannot make the meeting in the fellowship hall but wish to participate online, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. You will receive a code with a link, prior to the meeting. We are using Google meet, and it is very user friendly.

All you should have to do is click the link. If you don't want to download the app, choose join on the web. Please make sure your microphone is muted, until you need to speak. You can still participate in the meeting even if you do not have a camera on your computer. Looking forward to the upcoming discussion.



Please pray for the following
In Memoriam:



Dave Wirth, Donald Crotteau, John Baker, Jim Vajda,
Lavonne Pearce & Jeanne Lessner

PARISHIONERS

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

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Dave Gunn, Alex Brown, Jim Bruso Jr., Allen Hines, Linda Cryer, Kathy Goyne, Elizabeth Panzer, Valerie McCarthey, 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



SOCIAL SUNDAY

We have a lot of events happening in March and have moved our Social Sunday to March 30th, following Mass.



The KOC Pancake Breakfast will take place on March 23rd, after Mass.



PALMS TO ASHES

If you have any palms at home from previous years and wish to donate them, please bring them to the office. We plan to make our ashes this year. All palms that have been blessed should be buried or burned.

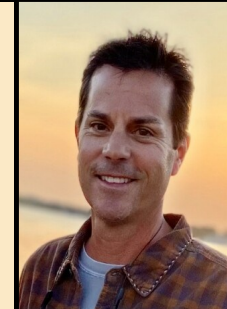


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- *K of C is a not-for-profit organization whose principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- *Donations support: Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR) Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the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

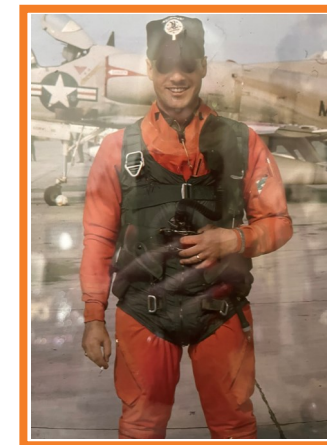
In memory of
our son
Christian Strotmeyer

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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**SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA'S
"ANYWAY PRAYER"**

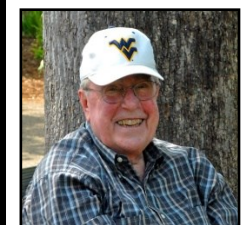
People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat 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.**

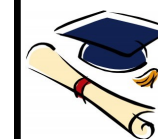


In Loving Memory of
*Carmen and David
Brinkley*

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



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



In
Loving Memory
Of

Alma and Fritz Sitterding


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♥ Emily & Anna

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-Benjamin Franklin*
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The Kirsch Family

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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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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

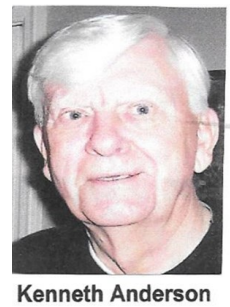
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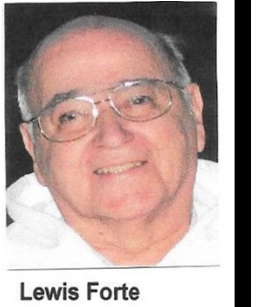
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My Love of My Life
Jenny

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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In Loving Memory of
Morgan Wells
Forever,
Marianne




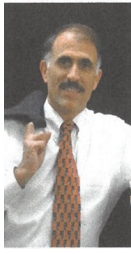
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