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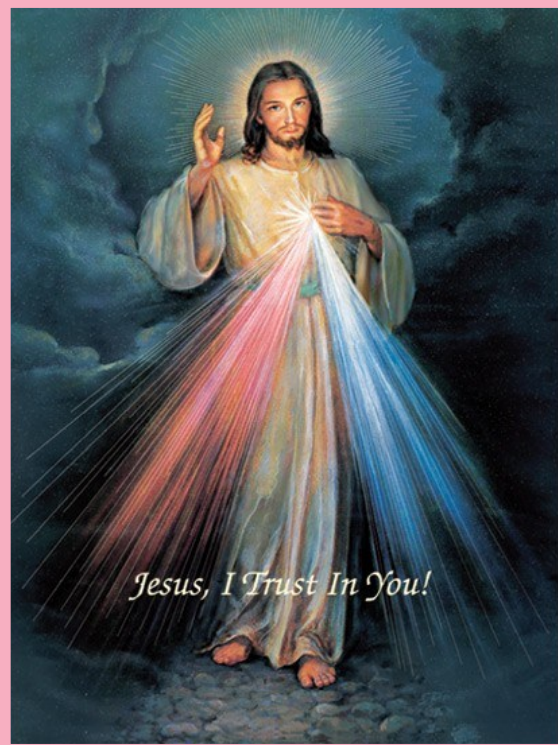
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Sundy of Divine Mercy  
April 27, 2025

Our Mass Intention today is for Jessica Aber

## 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  
Tom Hawsworth  
Tom Jessee  
Debbie McNeil  
Gary Richardson  
Fritz Sitterding-Chairman  
Anne Wolski

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.

## 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

## PARISH COUNCIL (elected members)

Kevin Hayes  
Cindy Jessee-Vice Chair  
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Dave Marcil  
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John Weidner-Chair  
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Church Secretary, Andrea Moore  
Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

## MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Alleluia, Alleluia Let The Holy Anthem Rise #177

“Loving and Forgiving” #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896

Glory To God #897

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have  
seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen  
me, but still believe.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: In The Breaking of the Bread #353

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: Eye Has Not Seen #464

Meditation: Dona Nobis Pacem #213

Recessional: All the Ends of the Earth #549



## May Birthdays

1st-Pat DeGroot, 3rd-Scott Kauffman, 5th-LynnVajda,  
6th-Camdyn Putney, 8th-Donna Lange, 9th-Denise Miller,  
10th-Terry Skovera, 13th-Mike Harvey, 14th-Nicholas Wohleking,  
15th-Nikii Ambrose, 18th-Don Delagrange & Grace Puleo,  
20th-Mary Coyle, 21st, Billy Coyle, 24th-Jennifer Miller,  
27th-Lynne Richardson, 28th-Tim Wohleking, 29th-Charlie Hock.

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



## May Anniversaries

6th-Jacob & Kim Lovejoy, 11th-Bob & Maura Puleo

## UPCOMING EVENTS



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

Today-Divine Mercy Sunday & KOC Pancake Breakfast

April 30th & 31st-Daily Mass @9am

May 1st- Adoration @ COV @ 10:00am

May 4th-3rd Sunday of Easter “Derdock Baptism”

May 11th-4th Sunday of Easter “Mothers Day”

May 15th-EMC workshop 10:30am

May 18th-5th Sunday of Easter-Social Sunday, 1st Holy Communion,  
EMC Renewal of Commitment Blessing.

## April 27, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Delagrange

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Kstesky/Ambrose/Miller

Lectors: Ballato/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Plunkert

Chalice: Seay/Ballato/Marcil/Harvey

Music: McCormack

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

## May 4, 2025

Sacristy: Delagrange

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: TBD

Lectors: Kstesky/Sherwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot

Chalice: Dreelin/Seay/Sychterz/Ballato

Music: TBD

Counters: O'Brien/Smith

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 20, 2025

Collection: \$ 3,431

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 112,018

Total Budget Projection: \$ 107,371

Loan Balance: \$ 98,067

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$220 Locksmith repair.



## LEGACY GIFTS OF STOCK



Principal  
Promise & Purpose

How long has it been since you updated your will?  
Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a  
gift to your church to carry on its ministry after  
your death?

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful  
estate planning which includes your church in your will.  
During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that  
whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry  
through your church after your death.

When your estate planning documents are prepared by your  
attorney, you can include your church as the final beneficiary  
to receive any benefits that remain after other beneficiaries  
are remembered.

## 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)

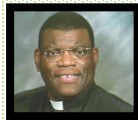
2nd-Thursday of the month Liturgy Meeting (Noelle Harvey)





**SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP**

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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](http://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: God's Covenant with King David (2 Samuel 1-7)**

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

The book of 2 Samuel covers the reign of David, remembered as Israel's ideal king, a man after God's own heart. He understands that God is Israel's true king and that he himself is bound to God's covenant. King David brings new vision to Israel. Within a few years he transforms the Israelites from a divided and dispirited conglomeration of tribes to a united nation.

David's reign is marked by several great accomplishments that affect the ongoing development of God's saving plan. First, David captures the city of Jerusalem from the Jebusites. Second, David decisively defeats the Philistines. And third, David brings the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, making the city not only the political capital of the nation but also the religious center.

Jerusalem is the ideal city for the center of Israel's life. As an ancient fortress city, its height makes it easy to defend from enemies. It is also located north of Judah so that it belongs neither to the northern or southern tribes and saves to unite the tribes of the North with those of the South.

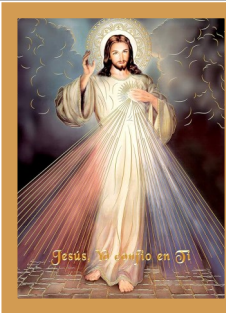
The primary purpose of all the books of the Deuteronomic history (Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings) is to demonstrate the establishment of the reign of David. They show how the covenant of God with Israel will be bound up with the family of David. Victory or defeat in battle is not what is truly important. Rather, what is crucial is loving faithfulness in relationship with God.

From his royal palace, David laments that he is living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent. David desires to build a "house" for the LORD. The word for "house" in Hebrew can mean either temple or dynasty. David states that he wants to build a house for God, a temple where God may dwell among the Israelites. But God speaks through David's prophet Nathan, saying that God will instead build a house for David, a dynasty that will last through the ages.

With Nathan's oracle (2 Sam 7:11-17), God establishes a covenant with David, promising David that his "house" - his dynasty and his kingdom - is firmly established forever. Although David's heir will build a temple for God's dwelling, the throne of David will always be firmly established.

The covenant made with Abraham establishes the "family of God," the covenant made with Moses establishes the "people of God," and now the covenant with David establishes "the kingdom of God." The Israelites place their future hopes in David. This mortal king, chosen by God and anointed with God's spirit, becomes "the LORD's anointed one" or messiah, and this promise of an eternal reign will provide the foundation for Israel's expectation of the coming of its future messiah.

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**



Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday following Easter, is a Catholic feast day honoring the divine mercy of Jesus Christ. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, who reported visions and messages about God's mercy. This day is a time for Catholics to reflect on Jesus' love and forgiveness, seeking a plenary indulgence through confession, communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions

**EMBRACING MERCY AND FAITH TOGETHER**

Divine Mercy Sunday Year C is a special day to reflect on God's mercy and our faith. The Gospel reading reminds us of the importance of faith in our lives as Catholics. Like Thomas, we may have doubts and uncertainties in our faith journey. But Jesus is always with us, ready to strengthen our faith when we ask Him. We should trust in God's promises, even when we can't see them clearly.

The readings also highlight the value of community. The disciples gathered in the Upper Room and experienced the risen Lord together. This shows us the strength we can find in being part of a community of believers. As Catholics, we are called to support and encourage one another in our faith. Being together helps us grow and face challenges with a stronger faith.

On Divine Mercy Sunday Year C, we remember Jesus' message of peace. When He appeared to the disciples, He said, "Peace be with you." This peace is a gift from God that can calm our hearts and minds. In our busy lives, we can find peace by turning to Jesus in prayer and trusting in His mercy. This peace helps us to be more loving and forgiving towards others.

*Extracted from Bishop Robert Barrons' lecture on Divine Mercy Sunday*



**A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW PARISHIONERS**

Matt & Angie Cobey



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The funds for the Baby Bottle Campaign for Mary's Choice, RVA are due. If you've collected funds using the bottles, please return by next Sunday, May 4th. If you would like to make a donation through cash or check please reach out to Helen Linden at [helenlinden@cox.net](mailto:helenlinden@cox.net) or at 571-216-2399.

*"Your Change-Changes Lives"*



**VISITS TO SICK  
AND HOMEBOUND  
ARE AVAILABLE**

Father Koo and our Pastoral Care Ministry want to be attentive to the needs of the sick and homebound in our parish. Please notify Lynne Richardson (571-239-0980) or the church office (804-758-5160) if a friend or family member enters a hospital or nursing home or is homebound for any reason.

We will follow up to be certain that the spiritual needs of your family member are addressed.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL ADDITION**

In our effort to improve the sound in the fellowship hall, we completed phase I of a two phase operation to install acoustic tile in the ceiling. The "we" is Don and Sandi Delagrange and Al Langer who worked tirelessly for two days in the installation. Phase II will occur in a few weeks. In the interim, the parish thanks our industrious trio for their effort.



**ANNUAL APPEAL 2025**

As the campaign ebbs, we continue to demonstrate our willingness to support the Diocesan Appeal and its call for help. Our donation total of direct and pledged funds has reached \$14,760 or 167% of goal. Importantly, our number of donor families is up to 52, six short of last year. Please remember that any gift, large or small, is gratefully and still welcome.



**KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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

*Your generous donation helps support the efforts of the KOC & Our Parish.*



**Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points**  
**May 4 through May 10, 2025**

Sun, May 4: Bible Readings (Day 124): 2 Samuel 5; 1 Chronicles 7-8;  
Psalm 27

*\*Prayer Point: With thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis*

Mon, May 5: Bible Readings (Day 125): 2 Samuel 6-7; 1 Chronicles 9;  
Psalm 89

*\*Prayer Point: That we would allow God's will to be done in our lives*

Tue, May 6: Bible Readings (Day 126): 2 Samuel 8; 1 Chronicles 10-11;  
Psalm 60

*\*Prayer Point: That the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts of the cardinals in conclave*

Wed, May 7: Bible Readings (Day 127): 2 Samuel 9; 1 Chronicles 12;  
Psalm 28

*\*Prayer Point: For the safety of evangelists in prisons and on the streets*

Thu, May 8: Bible Readings (Day 128): 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 13;  
Psalm 31

*\*Prayer Point: For lasting peace in the Middle East*

Fri, May 9: Bible Readings (Day 129): 2 Samuel 11; 1 Chronicles 14-15;  
Psalm 32

*Prayer Point: With thanks for our parish life ministry*

Sat, May 10: Bible Readings (Day 130): 2 Samuel 12; 1 Chronicles 16;  
Psalm 51

*\*Prayer Point: That our national leaders may work to promote true justice*

**ST NOA SCHOOL UPDATE**

Our second collection two weeks ago was for St. Noa school, which is now seven years old and a burgeoning project, consisting of classrooms, offices, a kitchen, dining space, meeting space, dormitories, and staff housing, a well, among others Student enrollment is now 504, which has necessitated a need for more teachers and non-teaching staff and because the school houses the teachers, the immediate need is for more teacher houses (4). The eventual cost for these additions which include a lavatory, kitchen, living room, and social halls will be \$87,000. Please keep this in mind as you consider a donation to the school project.



A display of the St. Noa School Project is located in the Narthex. Please stop by and see how much progress the Church of the Visitation and FDS has made for the lives of Father Gerry's home town.



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

*Bruno Tassone, Marge Dembeck & Marie Butler*

**PARISHIONERS**

Jean Box, Donna Plunkert, Suzanne Sitterding, 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.

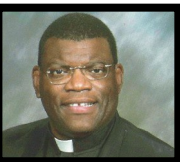
**FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS**

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**FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS**

Bobby Brizendine, Gay Ruff, Melanie Crittenden, Dave Gunn, Alex Brown, Jim Bruso Jr., Linda Cryer, Kathy Goyne, Elizabeth Panzer, Valerie McCarthy.

*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.*



**FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP**

"Any individual or group requesting a grant from the Fr. John Boddie Scholarship Fund for any educational purposes please submit the request before spending any money. If approved the check should be written to the company. In your request, please provide the company name and address to whom the check will be written. Thank you."

Annually we solicit donations for the scholarship fund, designed to help parishioners with higher education and the parish itself with on-going adult education. The donations purchase an add in our bulletin for one year. In June we will hand out donation request letters to parishioners. By mail we will solicit donations from local businesses and former donors unaffiliated with the parish.

Scholarships are available from the fund for high school seniors entering college, higher and post-graduate education, continuing education, and special adult education. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the office.

**OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL #210 OF MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES**

*\*K of C is a not-for-profit organization whose principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.*

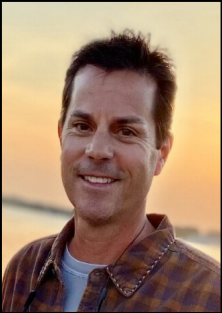
*\*Donations support: Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR) Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need, Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and The Father John Boddie Scholarship Fund.*

*\*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*

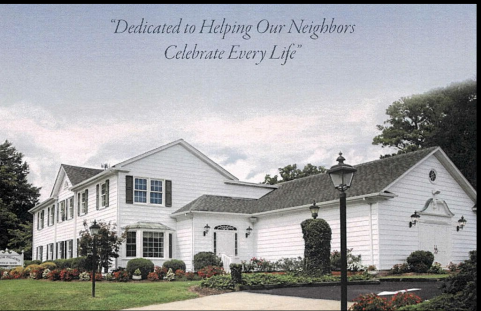
*John & Pam  
Strotmeyer*



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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**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.***



PRAYERS  
MEMORIES  
  
LOVE  
  
Jerry  
McMurtrie



*In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash*



In  
Loving Memory  
Of

*Alma and Fritz Sitterding*

*Supporting Our Youth*



*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  
**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*



Thanks for always  
supporting us in  
everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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CLEAR SAILING  
  
DEBBY AND ED HARRIMAN



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

Pray that the youth of today  
will help make the world a  
better place for tomorrow.

**Frank & Terry Sisto**

**True Value**

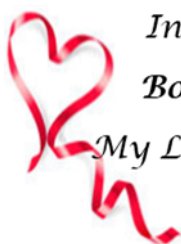
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love  
and  
miss  
you.  
♥  
Jim

Thank you for supporting  
our education

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

We Salute the Youth  
of Our Church and  
Their Important Journey.

**Carmen & Joe Brinkley**

**Frank & Gerrie Lohr**  
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In Loving  
Memory of  
Morgan  
Wells  
Forever,  
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OUR LADY OF THE BAY  
COUNCIL 11210

  
"An investment in  
knowledge pays  
the best interest."  
-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  
Bob and Catherine Borden  
Fred and Betty Meister

We Support The Youth Scholarship  
**John & Carol McCormack**

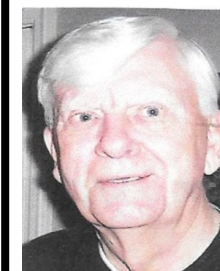


"I am the good shepherd...  
and I will lay down my  
life for the sheep."  
(John 10:14)  
John and Diane Weidner

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

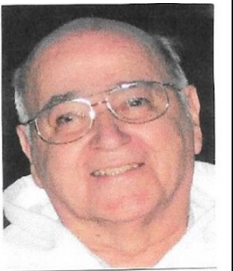
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Kenneth Anderson

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



Lewis Forte



  
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