

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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3rd Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

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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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: Lift Up Your Hearts #548

“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 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Come To The Water #611

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: In The Breaking Of The Bread #188

Meditation: You Are Mine

Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia #190



May Birthdays

1st- Pat DeGroot, 3rd- Scott Kauffman, 5th- Lynn Vajda,
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- 3rd Sunday of Easter “Derdock Baptism”

May 8th- Adoration 10:00am

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.

May 22nd- Parish Council 3pm

May 25th- 6th Sunday of Easter and Pancake Breakfast

May 4, 2025

Sacristy: Linden

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Dorman

Lectors: Kstesky/Sherwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot
Chalice: Dreelin/Seay/Sychterz/Ballato

Music: Krop

Counters: O’Brien/Smith

May 11, 2025- Mother’s Day

Community Leader: Annabel Clair Flowers for Mary: Cayden Miller

Altar Server: Baylen & Benton Greeter/Books: Blaise Katsuki

Lectors: Brennan Williams & Quinn Kennedy

Gifts: Andrew Reys/Annabella Reys/Camdyn Putney

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harriman
Chalice: Wolski/Seay/Sychterz/Donovan

Music: Smith Paino: Ambrose Smith Counters: King/Angel

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from April 27, 2025

Collection: \$ 3,184

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 115,202

Total Budget Projection: \$ 109,885

Loan Balance: \$ 98,067

Our second collection today is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$440 Credit card expenses for April; \$708 Pastor and Rectory
Expenses for March.



LEGACY GIFTS OF STOCK

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)

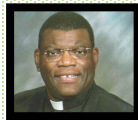
1st- Friday each month at 9:00am; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals.
(Louise Petralia/Eileen O’Brien)

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



SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Vera & John England
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Kathy Kauffman
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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: 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 Deuteronomistic 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.



The Church of the Visitation

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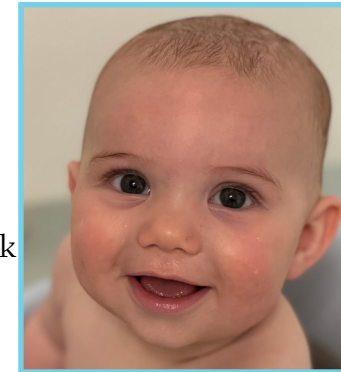
Baptism of

Calvin Joseph Derdock

Proud Parents:
Nicholas & Katrina Derdock

Proud Godparents:
Michael Borden
Cynthia Gupta

Grandparents:
Bob & Ingrid Borden



On this day,
May 4, 2025

Calvin

is Baptized
in the name of the
Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Please stay after Mass
for some cake and coffee
with the family.



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 today. If you would like to make a donation through cash or check please reach out to Helen Linden at helenlinden@cox.net or at 571-216-2399. "Your Change-Changes Lives"

SACRISTY MINISTRY

Our Sacristy Ministry is looking for interested individuals to join this important ministry. If you are interested in joining please see Sandi Delagrange after Mass or contact the church office.



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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER RENEWAL/
ORIENTATION PROGRAM

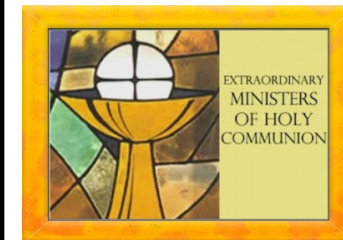
The purpose is to provide the required renewal for our current Extraordinary Ministers plus Orientation for our New Minister. It includes a Spiritual session plus a practical session. Please mark the date on your calendar and let us know that you will be there.

Thursday, May 15, 2025

10:30am-2:30pm

Church of the Visitation Fellowship Hall

A short lunch break is planned and request you bring something to share.



Please RSVP to Andrea @
office@covtopping.org
or
Anne Wolski via email
awolski43@gmail.com

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



Father Koo sends his heartfelt thanks to the 56 families who donated to this year's Appeal for their generosity in reaching 198% of goal with a total of \$17,560 either already donated or pledged. We still need 2 more families to participate and the campaign is still active, so if you were considering a donation, be it large or small, let's beat last year's number.

SOCIAL SUNDAY IN MAY

On May 18th we will be celebrating First Communion and the EMHC Commissioning. Please plan to stay after for the celebration of all the events. Bring something to share with fellow parishioners.



Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

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*

MASS OF RESURRECTION

On June 14, 2025 we will have a Mass of the Resurrection for Marge Dembeck. More details will follow as we receive them.

Upcoming Shoebox item drives

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STUFFED ANIMALS

These "wow" items dont need to be expensive; get them from the Dollar tree or after Easter clearance!

MAY

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

A comb, toothbrush and soap go in every box. You can even bring in the toothbrush your dentist gives you or soap from a hotel when traveling. Just no liquids!

JUNE

TOYS

Kids of all ages need something fun! Look for small items such as matchbox cars, balls, jump ropes, fidget spinners, small legos or Barbies

Shop the wishlist online:



Please pray for the following



In Memoriam:

Lee Hollingsworth, Alan Hines & Marge Dembeck

PARISHIONERS

Jean Box, Suzanne Sitterding, Bob Borden, John McCormack, Donna Lange, Bill Campbell, 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.

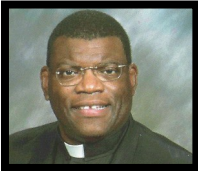
FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Jill Shores, Lisa & Joann Ferari, Andy & Barb Woods, Carol Kelly, Elycse Hudson, 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 Delagrane, John Calvin Barnard, Justin Harvey, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Lynn Messina, Gene Sullivan, Diane Petralia, Andy Hetzer, Ryan Jessee.

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

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 ad 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.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS

Next week is Mother's Day and on this special occasion the key assignments of the Mass will be filled by our faith formation students. The participants are as follows: Community Leader- Annabel Clair; Lectors- Brennan Williams & Quinn Kenndey; Gift Bearers- Andrew Reyes/Annabella Reyes/Camdyn Putney; Altar Servers- Baylen & Benton Miller; Piano- Carl Ambrose; Greeter/Books- Blaise Katsuki; Flowers for Mary- Cayden Miller.

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.*

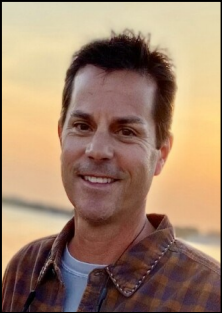
**Activities that provide funding: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.*

**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



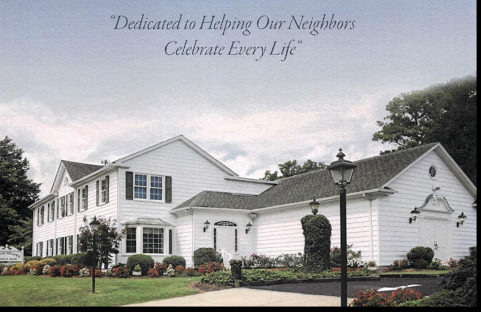
The KOC meet at 5:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church of the Visitation.

We start with the Rosary.

All are welcome! Any questions call

Our Grand Knight -

Al Langer at 804-815-1328.



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In Memory of JoAn



PRAYERS

MEMORIES

LOVE

Jerry
McMurtrie

**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

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



*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


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OUR YOUTH,
THEIR DREAMS,
& OUR FUTURE.**

Lynne & Gary Richardson

Thanks for always
supporting us in
everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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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

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I
love
and
miss
you.
♥
Jim

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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
Supporting
Higher Education

In Loving
Memory of
Morgan
Wells
Forever,
Marianne



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Al Langer
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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

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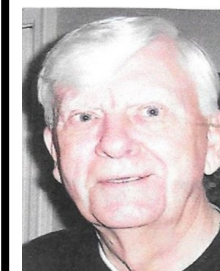


"I am the good shepherd...
and I will lay down my
life for the sheep."
(John 10:14)
John and Diane Weidner

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

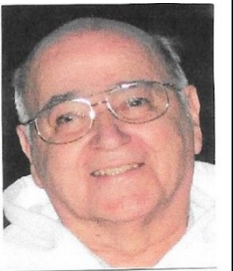
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Kenneth Anderson


"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