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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles: Day Year C June 29, 2025

Our Mass Intention Today is for Nancy Dixon

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 Kostesky

FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman Tom Hawksworth 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

PARISH COUNCIL

(elected members) Kevin Hayes Cindy Jessee-Vice Chair Shelley Katsuki-Secretary Steve Kirsch Helen Linden Dave Marcil Mary Ellen Sherwood John Weidner-Chair Peggy Williams

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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.

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: For All The Saints #708

"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 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Second Reading: Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation: You are Peter and upon this rock I will bui my Church, and the gates of the netherworshall not prevail against it.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Center Of My Life #475

Holy: #900

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Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again

Lamb of God: #905

Communion: Be Not Afraid #563

Meditation: Special Song

Lord's Prayer: page 26

Recessional: City of God #385

<u>July Birthdays</u>

88 1st-Kimberly Rector, Yvelisse Cabocel; 2nd-Kathy Kauffmar 5th-Leisa DeCollibus; 6th-Colin Walsh; 11th-Brendan O'Brien John Clair; 13th-William Plunkert; 15th-John Weidner; 16th-Jim Brown; 17th-Sal Messina; 18th-Wayne Savage; Andrew Bury; 21st-Kathy Swinehart; 24th-Laurie Mears; 25th-Rosell Indorf; 27th-Ingrid Borden, & Josephine Brown; 28th-Sylvia Ogden;

29th-Christine Tutak; 30th-Bill Harris; 31st-Kyla Savage.

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

July Anniversaries

7th-Bill and Georgia Campbell

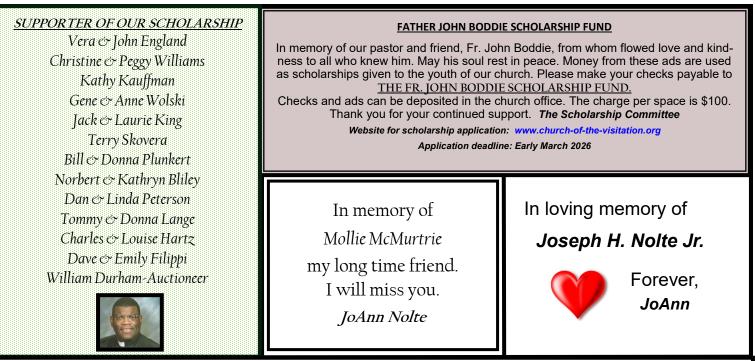


MARK YOU CALENDA

- Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles "Father Koo" Today-30th Anniversary Celebration Mass @ 10:00am/reception following. Our guest is Arch Bishop John Bonaventure Kwo from Ghana. July 3rd-Adoration @ 9:30am
- July 6th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- July 10th-Liturgy Meeting 11:30am /Parish Council Meeting @
- July 13th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- July 20-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- July 27-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Pancake Breakfast



	June 29, 2025		
	Sacristy Duty: Harvey Community Leader: Harriman		
	Altar Server: Kostesky/SmithLectors: Petralia/Sychterz		
	Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski		
	Chalice: Plunkert/Donovan/Ballato's		
	Music: Meanley Counters: Harriman/McNeil		
	<u>July 6, 2025</u>		
	Sacristy: Harvey Community Leader: TBD		
	Altar Server: TBD Lectors: Nunn/O'Donnell		
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	Music: McCormack Counters: O'Brien/Smith		
	OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 22, 2025 Collection: \$ 2,219		
	Second Collection: Catholic Virginia \$ 255		
	Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 137,754		
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	Total Budget Projection:\$ 130,506LD		
n.	Loan Balance: \$ 97,014		
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	LEGACY GIFTS		
	Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall		
1;	never be invaded and that income is paid out to support		
\mathcal{O}	a designated cause through your church, then your gift Promise & Purpose		
	is "forever."		
	Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church in the future. You may set up the trust now and keep the income for yourself or other		
а	beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church will		
	receive the property after that. There are special tax benefits for		
	these kinds of trusts.		
fice.	Charitable Remainder Trusts allow you to make a gift to your		
	church while retaining income from the gifted asset during your lifetime (and that of your spouse). If the trust is funded with		
	appreciated property, capital gains taxes may be avoided. There		
	will also be a significant current income tax deduction at the time		
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	RECURRING EVENTS		
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	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)		
	Ist-Briday each month at 900 am: other weeks on Thursdays at 0:45 am. (10) (Table 1 Main		
	1st-Friday each month at 9:00am; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals. (Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)		



Sunday, June 29, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: A Look Back at The Psalms

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

During the week ahead we will reach the half-way point of our journey through the Bible. We will also have worked our way through all 150 songs contained in the book of Psalms. This compilation is sometimes called the hymnbook of the temple or Israel's prayer book. Perhaps the most important thing to consider about the Psalms is that they are prayers. Their language and purpose differ from most other parts of the Bible as they are intended to express praise, gratitude, grief, and petition to God.

The Psalms are filled with feeling. They contain probably every human emotion possible, from joy, hope, and thanksgiving to anger, frustration, and desperation. Nothing about us can be hidden from God, so the psalms are genuine and honest expressions rising from the human heart.

These sung poems include hymns for public celebrations in the temple, individual meditations at times of danger or suffering, expressions of awe at God's creation, and much more. Taken together the Psalms offer us a broad impression of the temple, priesthood, and nation, but individually they offer us personal voices expressing peril, doubt, and celebration.

David is the patron saint of the psalms. Over half the psalms belong to the Davidic collection. This does not mean that David composed all these works, but rather the superscriptions indicate how these psalms should be prayed in the spirit of David and with his faith. David certainly wrote some of the psalms and is known as a singer and poet. In addition, he is described as zealous in promoting and beautifying Israel's liturgical prayer. So it is fitting that the whole Psalter is put under his patronage.

All the psalms can teach us to pray better. They expand our vocabulary and imagery of prayer. They teach us to be totally open and honest with God. The psalms are at the heart of the church's daily prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. The prayer at every prescribed time - Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer - as well as the Office of Readings, consists primarily of the psalms. The church inherited this practice of using psalms for daily prayer from Judaism and continues it to this day in gratitude for the privilege of praising God with the prayer book of Jesus. Early Christian writers heard every one of these Old Testament prayers as either a prayer of Christ, a prayer to Christ, or a prayer about Christ. Saint Augustine, for example, often points out that even though Christ our head is in heaven, the Body of Christ on earth still cries out in lament as well as praise. Those who pray the Liturgy of the Hours take on the responsibility of giving voice to Christ's members, praying in the name of the whole church and the whole world.

SAINT PETER AND PAUL

Saints Peter and Paul are two of the most important figures in the history of the Church. They were leaders who spread the message of Jesus and helped build the early Christian community. Both are remembered as apostles who gave their lives for their faith. The Church celebrates them together because of their deep connection in spreading the Gospel.

Peter was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus. He became the leader of the apostles and is known as the first Pope. Jesus called Peter "the rock" on which He would build His Church. Peter's role was to guide and strengthen the early Christians.

Paul was not one of the twelve apostles, but he became an important leader. At first, Paul persecuted Christians, but he had a powerful experience of Jesus and became a believer. Paul traveled far and preached to people who had never heard about Jesus. He wrote letters that helped explain the teachings of the Church.

Peter and Paul both died in Rome as martyrs. They gave their lives to follow Jesus. The Church celebrates their feast day on June 29 to honor their work and their sacrifice. Their stories show the courage and faith that built the Church.

SAINTS PERTER AND PAUL: LESSONS FOR EVERYDAY FAITH

The lives of Peter and Paul teach us that God can use anyone to do His work. Peter was an ordinary fisherman, and Paul started as someone who opposed Christians. Both became leaders of the Church. This reminds us that no matter our past or weaknesses, we can serve God if we are willing to follow Him.

Peter's life teaches us about trust and forgiveness. He made mistakes, like when he denied Jesus three times. But Peter repented and accepted Jesus' forgiveness. He went on to lead the early Church with courage. This shows us that failure is not the end. When we turn back to God, He gives us another chance.

Paul's life shows the power of change. He was once an enemy of Christians, but after his conversion, he became one of the greatest missionaries. Paul reminds us that God's grace can change even the hardest hearts. No one is too far away from God to come back to Him.

Both Peter and Paul show us how to be brave in our faith. They faced threats, prison, and even death, but they kept preaching the Gospel. Their courage inspires us to stand firm in our beliefs, even when it is not easy.

Another lesson from their lives is the importance of working together. Peter and Paul had different missions and sometimes disagreed. But they worked for the same goal: spreading the message of Jesus. They remind us that unity is more important than differences.

The examples of Peter and Paul teach us to trust God, seek forgiveness, be open to change, and stay strong in faith. Their lives encourage us to live with purpose and to share the message of Jesus with others.

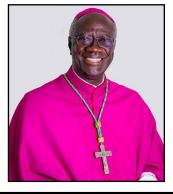




Greetings to Father Koo's Family and Friends!

We extend a warm and gracious welcome to all the family and friends that have traveled from near and far to join us today to celebrate Fr. Koo's 30th Anniversary. We are especially honored to have Archbishop John Bonaventure Kwofie of Accra, Ghana with us today.

We appreciate your presence and the role you played in forming Father Koo into the Pastor and spiritual leader that we have grown to appreciate so much! We send up prayers for safe travels to all who will be returning home over the next few days.





OUR PARISH REPRESENTATIVES VOTE



"Parish Vote Report" prepared by the Virginia Catholic Conference - which represents our Commonwealth's bishops at our state capitol in Richmond. The report shows how the legislators who represent our parish area voted on some highly consequential issues earlier this year.

One key vote was the ongoing attempt to add an extreme so called "right to abortion" amendment to the Virginia Constitution – a matter you will continue to hear much more about. Many people took an active part in these debates. Knowing the outcomes and how your legislators voted is a critical part of staying informed and engaged. Please review the vote report and join the Virginia Catholic Conference email network at vacatholic.org/action.

Though the session has concluded, there are ongoing efforts to add an extreme abortion amendment to Virginia's constitution. Please note each parish has two reports, one for its delegate and one for its senator. The results are located in the Narthex. Please stop by the table.

Currently, three amendments have made it past Step Two. Elections for the House of Delegates will take place in Nov. 2025. the amendments will then be voted on again next session and, if passed in the 2026 General Assembly, sent to the voters in Nov. 2026.

Join our email network @Vacatholic.org/action

Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points June 29 through July 5, 2025

Sun, Jun 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Bible Readings (Day 180): 2 Kings 13-14; Amos 7-9; Psalm 124 *Prayer Point: For Pope Leo, the Successor of Saint Peter, that he may govern the Church with wisdom.

Mon, Jun 30: Bible Readings (Day 181): 2 Kings 15; Jonah 1-4; Psalm 138 *Prayer Point: Through the intercession of Saint Paul may the Church commit itself wholeheartedly to evangelization.

Tue, Jul 1: Saint Junipero Serra

Bible Readings (Day 182): 2 Kings 16; Micah 1-4; Psalm 139 *Prayer Point: Send pastors and teachers to all who have not heard the Word of God

Wed, Jul 2: Bible Readings (Day 183): 2 Kings 17; Micah 5-7; Psalm 14 *Prayer Point: The LORD look upon us kindly and give us peace.

Thu, Jul 3: Saint Thomas, Apostle Bible Readings (Day 184): 2 Kings 18; 2 Chron. 29; Psalm 141 *Prayer Point: Amid doubt, darkness and fears, strengthen our faith. O LORD.

Fri, Jul 4: Independence Day

Bible Readings (Day 185): 2 Kings 19; 2 Chron 30; Psalm 143 *Prayer Point: God bless the United States of America.

Sat, Jul 5: Bible Readings (Day 186): 2 Kings 20; 2 Chron. 31; Psalm 14-*Prayer Point: Hear the prayers of your servants and guide us in the way of justice.

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS FOR FDS!

Beginning July 1, 2025, our parish office will open on Tuesdays and Fridays 8 am-4 pm. This is due to Mary Marshall's medical leave and the time acceptable to Joanne Norton, who will be our Temporary Parish Secretary. You will be able to reach Joanne by phone at (804) 725-2776 or by email at: office@fdschurch.org.

SACRISTY MINISTRY

Our Sacristy Ministry is looking for individuals who would like to join/learn about this ministry. If you are Interested please see Sandi Delagrange after Mass or contact the church office.

A Hearty Welcome to Our New Parishioners!



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Denis & Rosella Indorf Christie & Kelly Dennis: 540-209-7808 DennisIndorf52@gmail.com Rosella: 540-419-0169 IndorfRosella@gmailcom



Please pray for the following In Memoriam: Sue Ferari, Bobby Warren, Eugene Sidoli & Kenneth Anderson

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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.

Our Altar Flowers today are in honor of

Father Koo's 30th Anniversary of His Ordination. Thank you Father Koo

for all that you do for us.



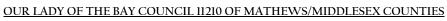
FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to those who have sent in your donations to the Fr. John Boddie scholarship. -The bulletin ads will be updated during the month of July. Its still not to late to get your new ad or renewal in the bulletin. So far we are at \$2,150.

The envelopes are located in the Narthex, with the John Boddie poster. Please pick up your information when you leave church. If you have not purchased an ad and desire to support this worthy cause, there are envelopes available for you as well.

We thank you for all your continued support.

Any questions please call the office.



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*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 loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

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. f you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway 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 find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. he 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 'ou see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them



In Loving Memory 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	"DOC "JONES Since 1970 Pre-Tested New & Used Auto & Truck Parts -Junk Cars Removed- Hours: 9am-1pm Closed Monday/Sunday/Holidays/Rainy Days Route 3, Box 205, Hartfield, VA 23071 Cell Phone: 804-512-9210 Clarence D. Jones, Prop	WE WISH OUR YOUTH 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 HURD'S, INC. Where Shopping Is Fun Deltaville, VA 23043 (804) 776-9241	Plove 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 <i>Tom & Sharon</i>
We Salute the Youth of Our Church and Their Important Journey. <i>Carmen & Joe Brinkley</i>	Frank & Gerrie Lohr Supporting Higher Education	In Loving Memory of Morgan Wells Forever, Marianne
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