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June 8, 2025 Year C

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman
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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

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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.

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MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: Come Holy Ghost #440

“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 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Send Out Your Spirit #436

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: God's Holy Gifts #348

Meditation: One Spirit One Church #445

Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth #382



June Birthdays

1st-Fritz Sitterding, 2nd-Walt Donovan & Kim Lovejoy,
7th-Michele Puttmann, 10th-Jean Box, 11th-Sarah Woods,
13th-Charles Hartz, 14th-Johnna Harris, 17th-Arlene Warren,
20th-David Biederman, 21st-Marla Bury, 24th-Gerri Lohr,
25th-Zaida Wohleking, 26th-Una Kerrigan, 27th-Sharon
Hawksworth, Susan Seay & Carl Ambrose, 28th-Baylen Miller.

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



June Anniversaries

1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Lynne & Gary Richardson,
21st-Scott & Kathy Kauffman, Dave & Emily Filippi,
25th-Ray & Jean Kstesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrang, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today -Pentecost Sunday



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

June 9th-Ordinary Time Begins

June 10th-Father John Boddie Scholarship Meeting 11:00am

June 14th-Mass of the Resurrection “Marge Dembeck” 1:00pm

June 15th– The Most Holy Trinity-Baptism Wrenley Donner

June 8, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Harvey

Community Leader: Hayes

Altar Server: Ambrose/Kstesky

Lectors: Dorman/O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Harvey

Chalice: Gray/Dreelin/Ambrose/Donovan

Music: Lange

Counters: King/Angell

June 15, 2025

Sacristy: Delagrang

Community Leader: Harriman

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Sherwood/Ballato

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Seay/Sychterz/Donovan/TBD

Music: Messina

Counters: Tutak/Dixon

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 1, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,804

Second Collection: Debt Reduction \$ 665

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 129,782

Total Budget Projection: \$ 123,509

Loan Balance: \$ 97,014

Our second collection today is for Holy Father



We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$468 May credit card charges; \$225 Lawn care.

LEGACY GIFTS OF STOCK

By creating a legal will or living trust, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won't face the daunting task of making decisions that you could have made.

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!



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 9:00am; 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
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 2026

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: The Gospel According to Mark

This commentary is adapted from Little Rock Scripture Study’s “Panorama of the New Testament”.

Most biblical scholars acknowledge that Mark’s gospel was written first, and that Matthew and Luke use Mark’s writings as the foundation of their works. This explains why nearly all the events contained in the Gospel of Mark are also contained in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. For many centuries, the Gospel of Mark was neglected and unappreciated among the four gospels. Since nearly every verse contained in Mark is also included in Matthew’s gospel, a previous age thought it unnecessary to pay much attention to Mark. But in recent decades, there has been a rediscovery of Mark’s literary genius. In fact, Mark is most probably the originator of the literary genre that we call “gospel.”

Mark describes the episodes of Jesus’ life in a rapid-fire string of events that lead to his suffering on the cross. His narrative of the life of Jesus is full of colorful, down-to-earth detail. More than any other gospel, he helps us appreciate the real humanity of Jesus by presenting his emotion, passion, and conviction.

Mark shows that the coming of Jesus Christ is both the continuation and the decisive culmination of God’s saving plan for the world. He begins with reference to Isaiah the prophet, yet these verses recall the entire book, especially the later parts of Isaiah in exile on which his gospel will be built. Mark is proclaiming that what Isaiah announces is now unfolding in its fullness. It is the news of comfort, the glad tidings that a way is being prepared in the wilderness for God’s decisive return to his people.

Mark fashioned his gospel in order to enable his readers to answer two fundamental questions: Who is Jesus? and How do I follow him? The gospel is about understanding Jesus and understanding discipleship. Mark’s gospel gradually reveals the identity of Jesus: through his preaching and teaching, through his miracles, and finally through his suffering and cross. And the gospel gradually teaches readers how to be disciples: through the good example of those called by Jesus to follow him and also through their many failures.

The opening verse, in which Jesus is proclaimed with the titles Christ (Messiah) and Son of God, previews the whole gospel. Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29), to which Peter immediately replies, “You are the Messiah.” While true, Peter shows only a partial understanding of who Jesus is, for he does not understand the role of the cross in Jesus’ identity.

The central question of the gospel, “Who is Jesus?” can be answered fully only at the cross. Ironically, the response comes from the lips of a Roman officer who sees the manner of his death. “Truly this man is the son of God!” the soldier proclaimed (Mark 15:39), making the announcement that Jesus’ disciples should have been there to make.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Christian feast of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, (50 days after Easter Sunday) commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). In Christian Tradition, this event represents the birth of the early church.

As one of the most important solemnities on the Church's calendar, it has a rich depth of meaning, but here is how Pope Benedict summarized it in 2012:

This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (cf. Acts 2:1-11). Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbor.



BISHOP’S VISIT

At the end of June, we will observe a special event for our parish and Father Koo. Arch Bishop Kwofie from Ghana will visit the Diocese from June 25th-30th, staying at the Rectory and helping us celebrate Father Koo’s 30th year of Ordination.

On Sunday, June 29th, and in a slight departure from our normal Sunday schedule, we will celebrate a 10:00AM Mass here at COV jointly with FdS, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Father Koo was ordained on June 22, 1995, and we welcome the opportunity to honor him and host the visit of a distinguished guest along with parishioners from our sister church.



CUDOS

Don and Sandi Delagrange completed mounting the acoustic tiles on the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall last week. Our sincere appreciation goes out to them for a task that would have cost us thousands of dollars if farmed out. The tiles will improve the sound in the hall to an unknown degree. Ideas are welcome to further improve the sound. If you have one, please give it to Don and/or Roseanne Moncure.



Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

June 8 through June 14, 2025

Sun, Jun 8: Pentecost Sunday
Bible Readings (Day 159): Mark 11-12; Psalm 67
**Prayer Point: Holy Spirit, inspire us!*

Mon, Jun 9: Bible Readings (Day 160): Mark 13-14; Psalm 68
**Prayer Point: That the peace of the Holy Spirit may bring new life to the poor*

Tue, Jun 10: Bible Readings (Day 161): Mark 15-16; Psalm 22
**Prayer Point: That the Spirit of truth will enable us to give faithful testimony*

Wed, Jun 11: Bible Readings (Day 162): 1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 10-11; Song of Solomon 1
**Prayer Point: With thanks for those who sing songs of praise*

Thu, Jun 12: Bible Readings (Day 163): 1 Kings 13; 2 Chronicles 12-13; Song of Solomon 2
**Prayer Point: With thanks for a few quiet minutes each day*

Fri, Jun 13: Bible Readings (Day 164): 1 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 14-15; Song of Solomon 3
**Prayer Point: Deliver our beloved dead into your eternal light*

Sat, Jun 14: Bible Readings (Day 165): 1 Kings 15-16; 2 Chronicles 10-11; Song of Solomon 4
**Prayer Point: Keep us firm in faith and service all the days of our lives*

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.

Today 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.



Thank you for your continued support to the Father John Boddie Scholarship. It supports many needs within our community.

COV FLOWER GUILD

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to contribute summer altar flowers so far! Maybe you, too, wish to join us in beautifying our Sanctuary? You can commemorate an important event, honor a loved one or a special intention.

For those who prefer, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted and will be used to purchase flowers and plants. The Flower Guild is currently seeking donations to provide flowers for the following Sundays:

June 15th July 20th, 27th August 17th

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex after Mass. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please feel free to contact Kari Lee at 732-690-7143 or email @ kari-lee-donovan@protonmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Please pray for the following

In Memoriam:

Jason Mark Los, Nancy Dixon, & Doris Ann Melanco

PARISHIONERS

Helen Lyons, Paul Dubicki, Jean Box, Suzanne Sitterding, 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, Tom Hawksworth, Linda Gray, Pat Reamy, Lynn Vajda.

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FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Father Bob Brownell, Bobby Brizendine, Gay Ruff, Melanie Crittenden, Dave Gunn, Alex Brown, Jim Bruso Jr., Linda Cryer, Kathy Goynes, Elizabeth Panzer, Valerie McCarthey.

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 memory of Jason Los and Nancy Dixon.

Jason thanks for showing us everyday that it's a Wonderful Life. We sure do miss you down here. Germaine & Kevin Hayes

Nancy I miss you every second of everyday. Love always. Jim Dixon

OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL 11210 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.

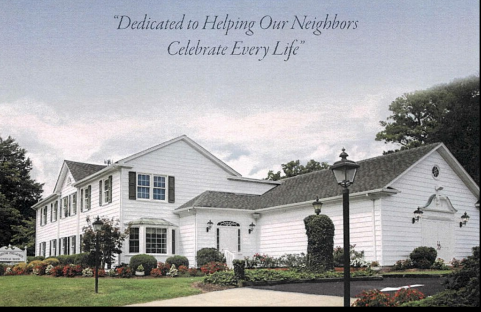
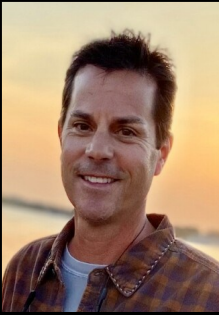
*We are active participants in many ministries to include Alter servers, Choir members, Collection counter, Community Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Council Members and Ushers.

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



In Loving Memory of Bobby Warren

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Tom Shoemaker 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 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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Lynne & Gary Richardson

Thanks for always
supporting us in
everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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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

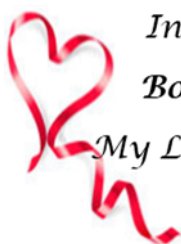
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and
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John & Kevin Walsh

 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.

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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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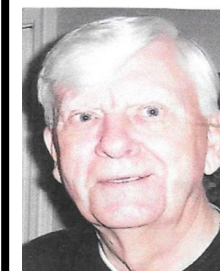


"I am the good shepherd...
and I will lay down my
life for the sheep."
(John 10:14)
John and Diane Weidner

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

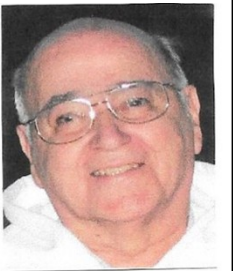
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Kenneth Anderson


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



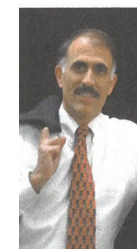
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In Loving Memory

"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