# The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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The Most Holy Trinity Year C June 15, 2025 Father's Day

#### 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

Church Secretary, Andrea Moore Webmaster/IT, Mike Dreelin

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: 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: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to con

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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

Holv: #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

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

# <u>June Birthdays</u>

2nd-Walt Donovan & Kim Lovejoy, 7th-Michele Puttman 10th-Jean Box, 11th-Sarah Woods, 13th-Charles Hartz, 14th-Johnna Harris, 17th-Arlene Warren, 20th-David Biederman, 21st-Marla Bury,23-Fritz Sitterding, 24th-Gerri Lohr, 25th-Zaid Wohleking, 26th-Una Kerrigan, 27th-Sharon Hawksworth, Susar Seay & Carl Ambrose, 28th-Baylen Miller.

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

#### June Anniversaries

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS 😳

MARK YOU CALENDA

Today- The Most Holy Trinity-Baptism Wrenley Donner

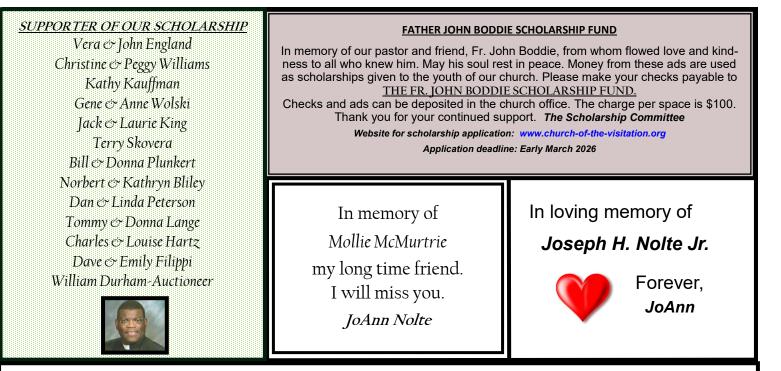
June 22nd-The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) KOC Pancake Breakfast

June 29th-Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles "Father Koo"

30th Anniversary Celebration Mass @ 10:00am/reception

following. Our Guest is Arch Bishop Kwofie from Ghana

	June 15, 2025		
	Sacristy: Linden Community Leader: Harriman		
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	Altar Server: SmithLectors: Sherwood/Ballato		
	Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski		
	Chalice: Seay/Sychterz/Donovan/TBD		
	Music: Messina Counters: Tutak/Harvey		
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	<u>June 22, 2025</u>		
	Sacristy Duty: Delagrange Community Leader: Clair		
	Altar Server: Ambrose/Kirsch Lectors: DeGroot/Dubicki		
	Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Petralia		
ne.	Chalice: Gray/Sychterz/Ambrose/Puleo		
	Music: Powers Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth		
	OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 8, 2025		
	Collection: \$ 2,803		
	Second Collection: Holy Father \$ 295		
	Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 132,585		
	Total Budget Projection: \$ 125,815		
	Loan Balance: \$ 97,014		
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	There is no second collection today.		
	We signed the following principal checks this week:		
	\$1,855 Diocesan Assessments; \$1,428 Loan Payment,		
	\$438 May electric.		
	LEGACY GIFTS		
	Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If		
n,	the endowment agreement states that the principal shall		
,	never be invaded and that income is paid out to support		
	a designated cause through your church, then your gift Promise & Purpose is "forever "		
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a	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		
n	beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church will re-		
	ceive the property after that. There are special tax benefits for		
ff;	these kinds of trusts.		
ffice.	Charitable Remainder Trusts allow you to make a gift to your		
	church while retaining income from the gifted asset during your		
on.	lifetime (and that of your spouse). If the trust is funded with		
011,	appreciated property, capital gains taxes may be avoided. There will also be a significant current income tax deduction at the time		
	the trust is created.		
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	RECURRING EVENTS		
DR R!	Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)		
<b>-</b> .	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)		



Sunday, June 15, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17)

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

During Solomon's reign, civil unrest begins to surface, and at his death the fragile kingdom cracks. Rehoboam succeeds his father as king and refuses the demands of the northern tribes to ease taxation and forced labor. He provokes a revolt that will never heal. The northern tribes choose Jeroboam I as king and break away from Judah. The unity that David had established collapses and from then on the kingdom is divided. The northern ten tribes are thereafter called Israel and the southern kingdom is called Judah.

The political and religious consequences of the schism are enormous. The once-united kingdom is now divided against itself, each part regarding the other as an enemy. Both kingdoms are weaker and far more vulnerable to their enemies. The parallel histories of the northern and southern kingdoms until the destruction of Israel by Assyria are told in 1 Kings 12 through 2 Kings 17.

Jeroboam immediately begins to separate his people from worship in Jerusalem and he establishes religious shrines for sacrifice in Bethel and Dan. Here he sets up golden calves, repeating the sin of the Israelites at Sinai. The weakness caused by division and the idolatry at shrines of worship leads to the gradual decline of the northern kingdom toward disaster.

Assyria is the great empire of the period. After a succession of kings in Israel, Assyrian troops invade the northern kingdom and lay siege to its capital, Samaria, for three years. Israel falls to the armies of Assyria in 721 BC, marking the end of the northern kingdom. Many Israelites are deported to Assyria and people from five foreign populations are brought into the northern kingdom around the city of Samaria. The mixing and intermarriage of the Israelites and these foreigners has led later generations to call these people Samaritans. The Jewish people considered the Samaritans as unfaithful apostates and either ignored or despised them. In John's gospel we will see Jesus accuse the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well of having five husbands, an allusion to the five nations who compromised the covenant faith of the people with their own gods and religious practices.

The conquered northern kingdom wonders if God has abandoned the covenant promises to Abraham, Moses, and David. How could God have allowed them to be taken from the land? The narrator makes clear that the people were conquered because the Israelites sinned against the LORD. They venerated other gods and followed the religious practices of other peoples, serving idols and even offering their children in sacrifice.

"The LORD warned Israel and Judah...Give up your evil ways and keep my commandments...But they did not listen. They grew stiff necked...They rejected his statutes...They followed emptiness and became empty; they followed the surrounding nations whom the LORD commanded them not to imitate." (2 Kings 17:13-15)

The Church of he Visitation is proud to announce the

Baptism of

Wrenley Alice Donner

Proud Parents; Ryan and Brittany Donner

Godfather: John Donner

Proud Grandparents John and Monique Donner



Today we baptize Wrenley in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



The most Holy Trinity is the central and most profound mystery of the Christian faith and life. While we human beings can grasp certain aspects of this ultimate truth about God, precisely as a mystery, a full understanding is beyond our limited human comprehension. Yet, this deep mystery of God's inner life and essence is also one of the most informative on that, reflecting on the Trinity can shed invaluable light on what it means to be a human person.

Throughout history and in cultures throughout the world people have, by reason alone and after much consideration, concluded that God exists. Yet, we would devote ourselves to study over several lifetimes and never come to the conclusion that God is a Trinity of person-one and yet three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know this truth and other divine mysteries in our human weakness only because the Lord has revealed them to us. And he has revealed this truth not as a matter of curious theological trivia disconnected from our everyday lives, but in order to share his divine life with us.

The mystery of the Blessed Trinity, as the mystery of God in himself, is "the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith" (CCC 235).

Since the earliest days-before the Church was born at Pentecost-the Christian faith has been Trinitarian. When Jesus descended into the water at his baptism, for example, the bystanders hear the Father's voice and see the Holy Spirit descend as a dove (Matthew 3:16-17) Later, Jesus will instruct his followers to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Likewise, Saint Paul offered blessings with a Trinitarian formula (2 Corinthians 13:13) and the blessings and prayers of the early Church reflect this faith in the Trinity.

The essential elements of this divine mystery are that we worship one God who is an eternal loving communion of three Persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-who are all equal in power, all co-eternal, and all divine. One divine nature, they differ only in that the Father is not the Son; the Son is not the Father; the Spirit is not the Son; the Spirit is not the Father. While this mystery of one and yet three might at first seem contradictory and irrational by human reckoning, if we delve deeper, we will find, like the other paradoxes of the faith, an amazing and profoundly life-changing truth.

# **BISHOP'S VISIT**

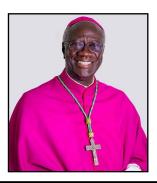


At the end of June, we will observe a special event for our parish and Father Koo.

Arch Bishop John Bonaventure Kwofie from Accra 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 10:00AMMass here at COV jointly with FdS, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Father Koo was ordained on July 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.



# TODAY IS THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



#### Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

June 15 through June 21, 2025

Sun, Jun 15: The Most Holy Trinity Bible Readings (Day 166):1 Kings 17-18; 2 Chronicles 18-19; Song of Solomon 5

\*Prayer Point: For blessings on all fathers

Mon, Jun 16: Bible Readings (Day 167):1 Kings 19-20; 2 Chronicles 20; Song of Solomon 6 \*Prayer Point: For the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

Tue, Jun 17: Bible Readings (Day 168):1 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 21-22; Song of Solomon 7

\*Prayer Point: For the love of God

Wed, Jun 18: Bible Readings (Day 169): 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 23; Song of Solomon 8 \*Prayer Point: For the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Thu, Jun 19: Bible Readings (Day 170): 2 Kings 1; 2 Chronicles 24; Psalm 69

\*Prayer Point: For an end to violence, at home and abroad

Fri, Jun 20: Bible Readings (Day 171): 2 Kings 2; 2 Chronicles 25; Psalm 70 \*Prayer Point: For the protection of the unborn, the aging, and the dying

Sat, Jun 21: Bible Readings (Day 172): 2 Kings 3; 2 Chronicles 26-27; Psalm 72 \*Prayer Point: Teach us to do your will

# A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



- Bless those fathers, who have taken it upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.
- Bless those fathers, who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce, who are parenting their children alone.
- Bless those fathers, who when the money runs low and when we need things; they provide.
- Bless those fathers, who love unconditionally when they think they can't and they do.
- Bless our fathers and give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
- Bless our fathers by strengthening them with Your love that they may become the loving, caring fathers they are meant to be.
- Bless our fathers by guiding them to be good role models and love all Your children.
- Bless our fathers who choose to be brave and serve in the military. Thank you to the fathers who protect us, when we are scared and frightened.
- Bless our fathers that with Your help, will be a father like You.
- God, grant that we, their sons and daughters, will always honor them, love them and respect them.

God, heavenly father, bless all the fathers in the world. We ask you to grant this through Christ Our Lord and the Holy Spirit.



Please pray for the following In Memoriam: Ricky Suyes, Rita Blommel, Mike Lokie and Marge Dembeck

#### 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.

# FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Susan Marcotte, Mike Graham, 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 Delagrange, John Calvin Barnard, Justin Harvey, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Lynn Messina, Gene Sullivan, Diane Petralia, Andy Hetzer, Ryan Jessee.

## FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Brenda Brizendine, Father Bob Brownell, Bobby Brizendine, Gay Ruff, Melanie Crittenden, Dave Gunn, Alex Brown, Jim Bruso Jr., Linda Cryer, Kathy Goyne, 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 HONOR OF ALL FATHER'S Lynne McMurtrie

# 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 the Narthex are the envelopes with your name on them for those who have an existing ads and there are blank envelopes for those who wish to participate. 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 (due in March of their senior year), 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.

Thank you



#### 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 loving memory of our Father Bob Nash

Supporting Our Youth

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 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. 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 '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



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



In Loving Memory o 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* 

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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	<b>True Value</b> 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 &amp; Sharon</i>
We Salute the Youth of Our Church and Their Important Journey. <i>Carmen &amp; Joe Brinkley</i>	Frank & Gerrie Lohr Supporting Higher Education	In Loving Memory of Morgan Wells Forever, Marianne
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