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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2025 Year C

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 Kostaskey

FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman
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Tom Jessee
Debbie McNeil
Gary Richardson
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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)

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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: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the Earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Summons #391

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: Taste and See #337

Meditation: Here I Am Lord #393

Recessional: Tell The Good News #389



July Birthdays

1st-Kimberly Rector, Yvelisse Cabocel; 2nd-Kathy Kauffman;
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-Rosella
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 office.



July Anniversaries

7th-Bill and Georgia Campbell



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Today- July 6th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10th-Liturgy Meeting 11:30am
July 13th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24-Parish Council Meeting at 4:30 pm
July 27-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Pancake Breakfast
August 3-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 6, 2025

Sacristy: Harvey Community Leader: Hayes
Altar Server: Dorman Lectors: Nunn/O'Donnell
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: DeGroot
Chalice: Marcil/Seay/Dreelin
Music: McCormack Counters: O'Brien/Smith

July 13, 2025

Sacristy: Delegrange Community Leader: Puttman
Altar Server: Kirsch Lectors: Dreelin/Dubicki
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski
Chalice: Gray/Donovan/Ambrose/Puleo
Music: Krop Counters: King/Angell

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 29, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,567
Second Collection: \$ n/a
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 140,321
Total Budget Projection: \$ 132,180
Loan Balance: \$ 91,971
Today's second collection is for Debt Reduction.

We signed the following principal checks this
week: \$216 June taxes, \$204 A/C repairs, \$745
rectory repairs, \$496 credit card charges.



LEGACY GIFTS

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If
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
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
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.

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
the trust is created.



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 Delagrangue)
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


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Dan & Linda Peterson
Tommy & Donna Lange
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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, July 6, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: The Fall of Judah (2 Kings 12-25)

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

The final chapters of 2 Kings tell of the last kings of Judah, the southern kingdom. Judah maintains the succession of kings in the dynasty of David. In relating the lives of each king, the Deuteronomic writer focuses on their fidelity (or infidelity) to the LORD. Unfortunately their general tendency is to follow the terrible example of the north. Most of the kings rule unfaithfully, failing to keep the covenant, thus contributing to the kingdom’s decline.

However, two kings of Judah stand out as faithful. King Hezekiah, reigning from 715 to 687 BC, revolts against Assyria and initiates religious reform. Although Assyria attacks and pillages much of Judah, Jerusalem is miraculously spared and Hezekiah retains his throne. The other faithful king is Josiah, reigning from 640 to 609 BC. He bases his religious reform movement on the book of the covenant, discovered in the temple during his reign. He repudiates the Assyrian gods and centralizes the worship of God in Jerusalem. Leading the people of Judah in public repentance, he renews God’s covenant with them.

Josiah pleases God through his actions, but it seems to be too little too late. The people’s tendency toward apostasy continues into the next generations. The fall of Assyria during Josiah’s reign opens the way for the rise of Babylon. Then, after several more unfaithful kings, Babylon invades the southern kingdom. During the reign of King Zedekiah, the armies of Babylon set fire to the temple and the king’s palace. In 587 BC Jerusalem is destroyed and all the religious institutions of God’s people are in ruin. The great nation established by David and Solomon has died. Many are killed; others flee and go down to Egypt and other places. The king and the leading citizens are all taken into captivity in Babylon.

The deportation to Babylon seems like the end. Jerusalem and its temple are destroyed. Where is God while Babylon triumphs over the people of God? What has come of God’s assurances that David’s lineage will continue forever? What has happened to God’s promises to redeem the nations of the world through the descendants of Abraham?

The seeming end of Israel as a nation does not mark the end of God or of God’s promises. Although the Israelites are crushed and defeated, God is still the LORD and the divine purposes endure. Although God has graciously lived in the land with his people, God is not confined to the land.

The double book of Kings ends with a glimpse of hope. The new king of Babylon frees King Jehoiachin of Judah from prison and invites him to eat regularly at his royal table. Perhaps the story of Israel and the lineage of David has in fact not ended.

FATHER’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A BASKET OF THANKS FROM FATHER

Our celebration of Mass and Father Koo’s 30th year of ordination before family and friends was a signature Parish event that involved many ministries and Church organizations.

For fear of missing someone(s) by name who contributed time and/or talent, Father Koo wishes to express his heartfelt thanks and eternal praise to the choir, the parish life crew, the ushers and servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, the Knights of Columbus, our Environment Committee, our visitors from FDS, and all participants in the Mass. It was an event he will truly remember and cherish the memories.

JOHNNA HARRIS: PARISH LIFE THANKS

Congratulations to Fr. Koo on celebrating 30 years of priesthood. The celebratory Mass and reception were wonderful! We had super turnout!

Thanks to all who provided food donations - the salads, sandwiches, and desserts were plentiful and quite delicious. Thanks also to all those who spent time on Saturday and Sunday decorating the parish hall, preparing food and drinks, and cleaning up after. The many hands made light work of these tasks.

Special thanks go out to Johnna Harris for coordinating and organizing the reception, and to Roseanne Moncure for the amazing flowers for the day.

CAROL MCCORMACK: CHOIR THANKS

Thank you to each and every one of you for being such faithful choir members and for the beautiful performance at Fathers celebratory Mass. Thanks for the extra practices, the extra Masses, and for being so flexible. Emotions were flowing, especially during the beautiful meditation song from Ghana when Father and his family and friends were all singing. The piece was so beautiful.

We heard many compliments from our COV parishioners and visitors. We appreciate all that our choir does to add beautiful music to our Masses.



VIRTUS AND BACKGROUND SCREENING

As we approach a new fiscal year in the Diocese, it is normal for many offices to revise procedures and processes. In a major change, starting July 1, the Office of Safe Environment will require the following individuals/groups to attend a Virtus Class and complete a background check:

- All individuals possessing a key to the Church
- Ushers
- Pastoral Care ministers
- Faith Formation instructors and personnel.

Having attended a Virtus class in the past, irrespective of date, exempts a person from that requirement. Our plan is to schedule a Virtus class locally in the Fall. However, if you want to attend online or at another location, the class schedule is available at virtusonline.org. This website also contains the application form for a background check.

Accordingly, if you are an individual in the above categories, go online and initiate a background check. If you haven’t attended a Virtus Class, either sign up for a class or wait for our announcement of a class locally and register for it. As always, please call the office if you have a question about these new procedures.

OUR PARISH REPRESENTATIVES VOTE



“Parish Vote Report” prepared by the Virginia Catholic Conference – which represents our Commonwealth’s bishops at the 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. Knowing the outcomes and how your legislators voted is critical to staying informed and engaged. Please review the vote report and join the Virginia Catholic Conference email network at vacatholic.org/action.

There are ongoing efforts to add an extreme abortion amendment to Virginia’s constitution. The results are located in the Narthex. Please stop by the table.

Join our email network @Vacatholic.org/action

THANK YOU FROM MARY’S CHOICE RVA

Mary’s Choice in Richmond extends a very heartfelt thank you to Father Koo and the COV parishioners for their generosity during the recent Baby Bottle Campaign. A total of \$1,528.40 was raised through the campaign. Thank you for helping MCRVA continue to provide support for mothers and their children. You are making a difference in the lives of our mothers and their babies and we are grateful!

Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

Sun, Jul 6 - Bible Readings (Day 187): 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 32; Psalm 145
Prayer Point: For the safety of missionaries as they travel the world

Mon, Jul 7 - Bible Readings (Day 188): 2 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 33; Proverbs 7
Prayer Point: For those who have left the Church, that they may quickly return

Tue, Jul 8 - Bible Readings (Day 189): 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 34; Proverbs 8:1-21
Prayer Point: For all the faithful departed

Wed, Jul 9- Bible Readings (Day 190): 2 Kings 24; 2 Chronicles 35; Proverbs 8:22-36
Prayer Point: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood

Thu, Jul 10 - Bible Readings (Day 191): 2 Kings 25 ; 2 Chronicles 36; Proverbs 9:1-6
Prayer Point: In thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fri, Jul 11 -**Saint Benedict**
Bible Readings (Day 192): Isaiah 1-2; Tobit 1-2; Proverbs 9:7-12
Prayer Point: Show us the habit of holy living

Sat, Jul 12 Bible Readings (Day 193): Isaiah 3-4; Tobit 3-4; Proverbs 9:13-18
Prayer Point: Send us your spirit of love

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS FOR FDS!

Beginning July 1, 2025, our parish office will open on Tuesdays and Fridays 8 am-4 pm. Joanne Norton 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.

LOCK UP AND TURN OUT THE LIGHTS, PLEASE!

There have been several instances recently where doors were left unlocked or propped open, lights were left on, etc. following Mass. We request the last person that leaves the Church following Mass each week to check to ensure that doors are locked and closed, and lights are turned off before they leave. This will help reduce utility costs for the parish and ensure the safety and security of our Church.

HELP WANTED FOR FAITH FORMATION

Attention teenagers and adults who enjoy working with teens. Our Faith Formation Program would like to expand and provide a much needed Youth Group. If you are an adult or teen and would like to help make this possible, please contact Linda Peterson at Ljpetel2@gmail.com for more details. Linda would like to get our group ready to meet in September . Please help if you can!



Please pray for the following

In Memoriam:

✶ Vinnie Recupido, Father Dan Bond, Julian Alter, Lee Paul, ✶
And Jenny Johnson Ramey



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

Ellen Johnson, 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.



Our Altar Flowers today are in
Memory of
Vincent (Vinnie) Recupido Jr.

Barbara Hollingsworth



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 \$4,225.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONER

Pete Wrike
831 Rocky Point Landing
Cobbs Creek, VA 23035



OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL 11210 OF MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

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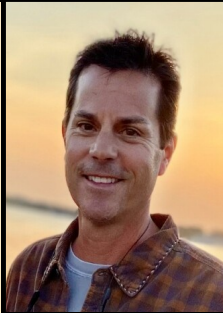
*Donations support: Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR)
Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need,
Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and The Father John Boddie Scholarship Fund.

*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



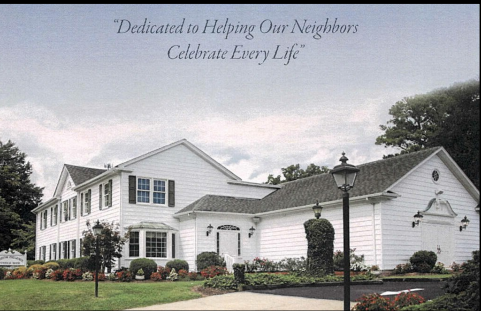
The KOC meet at 5:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday
of the month at the Church of the Visitation.

We start with the Rosary.

All are welcome! Any questions call

Our Grand Knight -

Al Langer at 804-815-1328.



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Of

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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 FUTURE.
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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

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you.

Jim

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 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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**Morgan
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knowledge pays
the best interest."
-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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Future Leaders
"Our Youth"
The Kirsch Family

FOR OUR CHURCH KITTIES

Choco, Tabby & Rufus



In Loving Memory of
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Fred and Betty Meister

We Support The Youth Scholarship
John & Carol McCormack

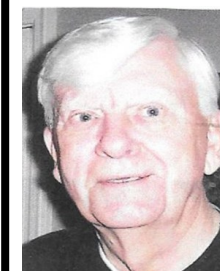


"I am the good shepherd...
and I will lay down my
life for the sheep."
(John 10:14)
John and Diane Weidner

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

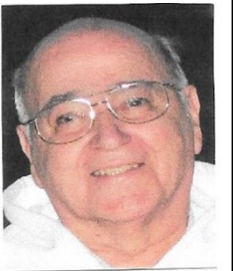
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Kenneth Anderson


"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