

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13, 2025 Year C

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Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
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FINANCE COUNCIL

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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: Gather The People #305

“Loving and Forgiving” #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896

Glory To God #897

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in you need, and you will live.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: In your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Servant Song #388

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: Bread for the World #329

Meditation: Shelter Me

Recessional: The Spirit Sends Us Forth #382



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-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20th-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24th-Parish Council Meeting at 4:30 pm
July 27th-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/KOC Pancake Breakfast
August 3rd-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time/McCormack Baptism
August 6th-Transfiguration of the Lord-COV 9am.
August 10th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15th-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9am@COV/6:30pm@FdS

July 13, 2025

Sacristy: Delagrange

Community Leader: Puttman

Altar Server: Kirsch

Lectors: Dreelin/Dubicki

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Wolski

Chalice: Gray/Donovan/Ambrose/Puleo

Music: Krop

Counters: King/Angell

July 20, 2025

Sacristy: Linden

Community Leader: McCormack

Altar Server: Smith

Lectors: Nunn/O'Donnell

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Petralia

Chalice: Marcil/Harvey/Donovan/Ambrose

Music: Jan Smith

Counters: Tutak/

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 6, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,567

Second Collection: \$ 713

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 2,662

Total Budget Projection: \$ 3,211

Loan Balance: \$ 90,898

There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$1,857 Diocesan Assessment, \$225 Lawn Care.



LEGACY GIFTS

In many areas, annuities are among the most popular ways of making lasting gift to your parish. As a simple contract between you and The Catholic Foundation, you make an irrevocable gift and The Catholic Foundation agrees to pay one or two donor-recipients a fixed dollar amount each year for life. The amount is based on life expectancy - the older you are at the time of the gift, the larger the payment will be annually.

You may fund charitable gift annuities with cash, real estate or appreciated securities. Tax deductions are received based on your age, the payment rate and the federal discount rate. If you use an appreciated asset, a portion of each payment will be capital gain, spread throughout your lifetime. A part of each payment is tax-free return of principal, increasing each payment's after-tax value. And because you have in essence removed these assets from your estate, you avoid estate taxes.



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)



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Charles & Louise Hartz
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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, July 13, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: Overview of the Book of Isaiah

This commentary is adapted from Little Rock Scripture Study’s “Isaiah - Part One”.

By any measure, the book of Isaiah is among the world’s greatest works of religious literature. The church’s early theologians referred to the book of Isaiah as “the fifth Gospel,” because they discerned the significance of this book for the New Testament, which cites Isaiah more often than any book of the Hebrew Bible except the book of Psalms.

Modern scholars view the book as a composite work that reflects three different periods of Jerusalem’s history. Chapters 1-23 and 28-39 contain material relating to the ministry of the eight-century prophet, Isaiah, son of Amoz. He condemned the social, political, and economic system of the kingdom of Judah because it created a two-tiered society made up of the very rich and the very poor. The rich acquired and maintained their position in the Judahite society by taking advantage of the poor. Even worse, the temple and its liturgy assured the oppressors that God would continue to protect Judah despite its failure to maintain a community of justice. The prophet saw the Assyrian Empire as God’s instrument of judgment on the kingdom of Judah.

Isaiah 40-55 are the product of an anonymous prophet whose ministry took place about 125 years after that of Isaiah, son of Amoz. The message of these chapters is that there is a future for Jerusalem beyond the disaster that occurred when Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, captured Jerusalem, destroyed the temple, ended the Judahite monarchy and national state, and led many leading citizens into exile. The rise of Cyrus, the Persian, convinced the anonymous prophet of the exile that Judah’s time of judgment was over and that Cyrus was God’s chosen instrument to rebuild Jerusalem and its temple. The prophet’s exquisite poems helped the people of Judah to make sense of the disaster they experienced and to see that there was future beyond judgment.

Isaiah 56-66 are a collection of poems that reflected the disillusionment of some when the hopes engendered by Isaiah 40-55 did not materialize. While the temple had been rebuilt, the national state was not restored, the economy was in shambles, and conflict between the wealthy and the poor resurfaced. Despite the disappointment, the poems of chapters 56-66 expect a full and glorious restoration for Judah.

The final component of Isaiah, in chapters 24-27, looks forward to a day of judgment when God will finally defeat the powers of evil, vindicate the just, and punish evildoers. The day of judgment will end with all God’s people, scattered about the world, returning to worship God in Jerusalem.

It is not entirely clear how the book of Isaiah took the form it now has. What is clear is the book’s purpose: to give the people of Judah and Jerusalem hope for the future and the will to re-embrace their ancestral religious traditions.

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



JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE PRESENTATION BY FATHER KOO: THE PROPHETS

Father Koo is planning to give his third "Journey Through the Bible" presentation on Wednesday morning, July 23 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Father plans to give us a quick overview of what we have read in the History Books followed by a more in depth look ahead at The Prophets. Father’s first two presentations covering the Pentateuch were supplemented with slides, were easy to follow and were very well received by parishioners who attended.

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 virtsonline.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.



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!



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONER



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Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

Sun, Jul 13: Bible Readings (Day 194):
Isaiah 5-6 ; Tobit 5-6; Proverbs 10:1-4
*Prayer Point: That we would recognize and love our neighbors

Mon, Jul 14: **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
Bible Readings (Day 195): Isaiah 7-8; Tobit 7-9; Proverbs 10:5-8
*Prayer Point: Give strength to those mocked and persecuted because they have chosen Christ

Tue, Jul 15: **Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Bible Readings (Day 196): Isaiah 9-10; Tobit 10-12; Proverbs 10:9-12
*Prayer Point: Grant us the grace to live in humility and single-minded devotion to Christ Send

Wed, Jul 16: Bible Readings (Day 197): Isaiah 11-13; Tobit 13-14;
Proverbs 10:13-16
*Prayer Point: Grant wisdom and inspiration to those seeking to cure childhood diseases

Thu, Jul 17: Bible Readings (Day 198): Isaiah 14-15 ; Joel 1-2;
Proverbs 10:17-20
*Prayer Point: Release us from the desire for power and prestige

Fri, Jul 18: Bible Readings (Day 199): Isaiah 16-17 ; Joel 3;
Proverbs 10:21-24
*Prayer Point: Deliver us from the lure of self-sufficiency

Sat, Jul 19: Bible Readings (Day 200): Isaiah 18-20 ; Nahum 1-2;
Proverbs 10:25-28

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS



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 Ljpete12@gmail.com for more details. Linda would like to get our group ready to meet in September.
Please help if you can!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Please register your children for Faith Formation Classes (PreK through 8th grade) that will begin in September. The forms are located in the Narthex in the yellow box. Please take an envelope, fill out the form inside and return the form and envelope to the yellow box. I will collect the envelopes each week. Please register as soon as possible so we can order our resources.
Thank you and God Bless



Please pray for the following
In Memoriam:
Susie Reber, Lee Reamy, and Marguerite Hock



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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If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office,

Our Altar Flowers today are from
Jean and Ray Kstesky
in honor of our family.



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 \$4,925.
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.



The Church of the Visitation is proud to announce the
Baptism of
Isabella Lisi Costello
July 9, 2025

Proud Parents:
Patrick & Julie Costello
Proud Godparent's:
Joseph & Josette Costello

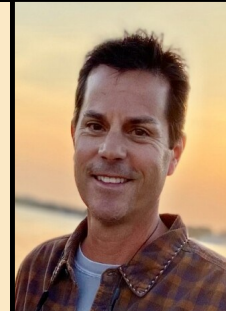


OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL #210 OF MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

*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
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Of
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*

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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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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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-Benjamin Franklin
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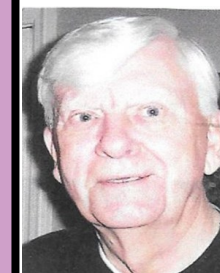
In Loving Memory of
Bob and Catherine Borden
Fred and Betty Meister

"I will instruct you and teach you
the way to go; I will counsel you
with my eye on you."

Psalm 32:8
John and Diane Weidner

In Loving Memory of
Reinald Carter
&
Mary Borzelleca

Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca



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 Loving Memory of
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We love and miss you!
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