

The Catholic Church Of The Visitation

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 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 Kstesky

FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman
Tom Hawksworth
Tom Jessee
Debbie McNeil
Gary Richardson
Fritz Sitterding-Chairman
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)

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

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: As We Gather At Your Table #217
“Loving and Forgiving” #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896 Glory To God #897
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O God You Search Me #566

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: In the Breaking of the Bread #188

Meditation: You Are Near #572

Recessional: We Are the Light of the World #520



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-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
No Daily Masses August 20th & 21st

July 20, 2025

Sacristy: Linden Community Leader: McCormack
Altar Server: Smith Lectors: Weidner/O’Brien
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Petralia
Chalice: Marcil/Harvey/Donovan/Ambrose
Music: Jan Smith Counters: Tutak/Dixon

July 27, 2025

Sacristy: Harvey Community Leader: Harriman
Altar Server: Kstesky Lectors: Ballato/Sherwood
Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: TBD
Chalice: Harriman/Seay/Gray/TBD
Music: Jan Smith Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from July 13, 2025

Collection:	\$	3,753
Second Collection:	\$	n/a
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date	\$	6,415
Total Budget Projection:	\$	7,184
Loan Balance:	\$	90,898

Our second collection today is for Parish Pence.



We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$597 June Electricity, \$249 Copier Usage and Service.

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 Delagrangre)
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
Jack & Laurie King
Terry Skovera
Bill & Donna Plunkert
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson
Charles & Louise Hartz
Dave & Annette Marcil



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 20, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: The Prophets in Israel

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

The role of the prophet is to challenge, to chastise, and to call to repentance and conversion. The prophets are the conscience of Israel. They upset people; they say things people don’t want to hear. The prophet in Israel is not one who foretells the future like a fortune-teller. Rather, the role of the prophet is to speak on behalf of God, to communicate “the word of the LORD.” Prophets are concerned primarily with current events, with their own historical situation before God. The task of the prophets is to tell how God sees things - in the past or in the future but especially in the present. The role of the prophet develops alongside the monarchy, and political action is characteristic of the prophets. The king can usually depend upon the prophet to tell him what he doesn’t want to hear.

The latter prophets, sometimes called the “classical” prophets, are those whose prophecies have been written down and are now part of the biblical canon. We have extensive collections of these latter prophets that were collected and edited by their disciples. These prophetic books are divided into the four major prophets - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel - and the twelve minor prophets - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. The first four prophets are called major prophets simply because their books are the longest.

Most of Israel’s prophets are associated in one way or another with the reign of the kings. The prophets begin to speak out in times of political and religious crisis. It is helpful to know something about the historical context of the period in order to understand better the words of the prophet. The earlier prophets spoke out during the period of the united monarchy: Samuel during the reign of Saul, Nathan during David’s reign, and Ahijah during the reign of Solomon. Beginning with the division of the kingdom, Elijah and Elisha prophesy during the reign of King Ahab in the ninth century in the northern kingdom.

The period of the classical prophets begins in the eight century with Amos and Hosea, They prophesy against unfaithfulness and injustice during the reign of Jeroboam II in the northern kingdom. Shortly thereafter, Isaiah and Micah begin to proclaim God’s word during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. The seventh-century prophets - Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, and Naham - are all associated with the kingdom of Judah. They speak out during the reigns of the last kings of Judah, leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile.

The political circumstances within which the prophets speak influence whether they offer a message of accusation and condemnation or a word of hope and encouragement. Generally, pre-exilic prophets offer messages of doom, while post-exilic prophets are oracles of salvation.



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



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 \$5,725.
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.

DON TYRRELL UPDATE

Parishioner Don Tyrrell started his stem cell treatment on July 10th. As part of his treatment, for the next 2 months he must remain in Charlottesville, and he would love to hear from his friends. If you’d like to send him a card or letter you can send mail to Don at:
1511 Vine Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE PRESENTATION BY FATHER KOO: THE PROPHETS

Father Koo will give his third "Journey Through the Bible" presentation on Wednesday morning, July 23 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Father will 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 enter the new fiscal year in the Diocese, many offices 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 requirements.



ALUMINUM CANS FUNDRAISING

Under the guidance of dedicated parishioner Bob Borden, our aluminum can sales continue to benefit the church. Bob recently brought a load to Middlesex metals which paid \$168 for the batch. We thank Bob for his efforts on our behalf. As a reminder, the receptacle for the cans is located on the right side of the yard sale storage shed as you go past the office side of the building. Please remember that the container is for aluminum cans only.



ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place the first Thursday of every month from 9:30am-10am.

You can come in any time during this hour and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Koo will give the Benediction at 10:30am. Please consider adding this practice to your prayer life.



Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points

July 20 through July 26, 2025

Sun, Jul 20: Bible Readings (Day 201): Isaiah 21-22; Nahum 3;
Proverbs 10:29-32

**Prayer Point: For the spiritual growth of our parish community*

Mon, Jul 21: Bible Readings (Day 202): Isaiah 23-24; Habakkuk 1-2;
Proverbs 11:1-4

**Prayer Point: For peaceful resolution to all conflicts between nations*

Tue, Jul 22: Saint Mary Magdalene

Bible Readings (Day 203): Isaiah 25-27; Habakkuk 3; Proverbs 11:5-8

**Prayer Point: Inspire us to proclaim the Gospel in freedom and joy*

Wed, Jul 23: Bible Readings (Day 204): Isaiah 28-29; Zephaniah 1-2;
Proverbs 11:9-12

**Prayer Point: Lord, have mercy on me, a poor sinner*

Thu, Jul 24: Bible Readings (Day 205): Isaiah 30-31; Zephaniah 3;
Proverbs 11:13-16

**Prayer Point: Calm the noise of our busy lives so we might hear your Word of life*

Fri, Jul 25: Saint James, Apostle

Bible Readings (Day 206): Isaiah 32-33; Baruch 1-2; Proverbs 11:17-20

**Prayer Point: Prepare all hearts to welcome with joy the Word of life*

Sat, Jul 26: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bible Readings (Day 207): Isaiah 34-36; Baruch 3-4; Proverbs 11:21-24

**Prayer Point: Keep in your care all abandoned, orphaned and abused children*

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Change in phone number for Pat DeGroot: 804-480-0559

Change in phone number for Pat Marchant: 410-610-9081



KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast July 27th, after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. Please stay after and enjoy breakfast and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.

Your generous donation helps support the efforts of the KOC & Our Parish.

DIOCESAN GRANT

The Diocesan Home Mission Office has awarded us a \$10,000 Grant for a new air conditioning unit to replace a 40 year old unit for the fellowship hall. The unit still works, but could go at any moment. As with all grants, our parish is obligated to pledge and have the assets to cover 20% of the total cost. We will do this upon installation, which will cost approximately \$14,000.

We extend a heartfelt "Thank you!" to Ray for submitting the application to receive this much needed grant.



Please pray for the following

In Memoriam:

Marilynne Cerullo, Marge Dembeck,
and Judith & Gerald Tully



PARISHIONERS

Jim Crumley, Helen Lyons, Paul Dubicki, Suzanne Sitterding, John McCormack, Donna Lange, Bill Campbell, Maggie Gerdtz, 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

Theresa, 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 Goynes, Elizabeth Panzer, Valerie McCarthey.

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

David and Barbara Morrison.



URBANNA OYSTER FESTIVAL ORNAMENTS

Susan Seay is starting a craft project for the Urbanna Oyster Festival and is need of old fashion light bulbs that will be used to make Christmas ornaments.

Below are examples of the ornaments that will be made. If you have any of the old fashioned light bulbs that you no longer need, or that are burned out please save them for this project, and deliver them to the Narthex. Thank you for your donations.



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.*

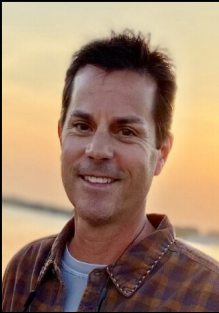
**Activities that provide funding: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection, Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.*

**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



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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. 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 our Father Bob Nash



In
Loving Memory
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"

**TO SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH,
THEIR DREAMS,
& OUR FUTURE.**

Lynne & Gary Richardson

Thanks for always
supporting us in
everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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



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



I
love
and
miss
you.
♥

In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving
memory of
Marty
Hawksworth
Tom & Sharon



Frank & Gerrie Lohr
Supporting
Higher Education

In Loving
Memory of
Morgan
Wells
Forever,
Marianne



In Loving Memory Of
Judith & Gerald Tully
The Puleo Family

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COUNCIL 11210



"An investment in
knowledge pays
the best interest."
-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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 support of our
Future Leaders
"Our Youth"
The Kirsch Family

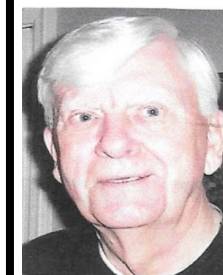
FOR OUR CHURCH KITTIES
Choco, Tabby & Rufus



We Support The Youth Scholarship
John & Carol McCormack

In Loving Memory of
"Pop, Lee & Vinnie"
We love and miss you!
Barb & Tori

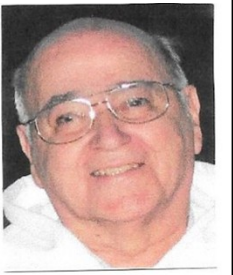
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Kenneth Anderson



"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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