

# The Catholic Church of the Visitation

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

**THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. TOM WANTLAND:** Fr. Wantland sent us a kind thank you note concerning his visit to our parish on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Excerpts are as follows:

“Thanks for the opportunity of visiting your two parishes to raise the level of consciousness and support for those in the third world countries. Your people were very warm, welcoming, and interested in the work at hand... Finally, know that the people are making the transition from Fr. John to you during this grieving period and that they are growing to appreciate and love you as the days move along. Enthusiastic people with good spirit! Thanks again for allowing our visit”.

**PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE:** For those who need a copy of the Lenten Schedule, extra copies are in the back of the church.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2010 Fr. John Boddie Memorial Golf Classic is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Piankatank River Golf Course. This tournament will support our building fund to reduce our mortgage debt as well as support local outreach ministries. Help is needed in the planning and execution of this event. Please contact Jack Jensen <?XML:NAMESPACE PREFIX = SKYPE /> 804-776-7680 804-776-7680 if you can help. To register for the tournament, call Gary Richardson 804-776-0949 804-776-0949.

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND:** Our Good Samaritan fund (Parish Pence) helped restore the electricity for an elderly gentleman in need this week.

**PARISH INFORMATION:** To assist us in communicating more effectively with you in the future, please visit our website ([www.visitationcatholicchurch.org](http://www.visitationcatholicchurch.org)) to register your email address. Our plan is to use the site in the future to communicate events of immediate significance.

**HAITI RELIEF DONATIONS:** A new law allows you to claim donations for Haiti relief made between January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and before March 1<sup>st</sup>. You have the option of deducting these contributions on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return. Contact the office if you need a special contribution letter to claim the deduction in 2009.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry is still in need of items of all types for the needy. Your contributions are most welcomed.

**USED CRUTCH COLLECTION FOR HAITI:** There is a serious need for crutches in Haiti as a result of the recent earthquake. If you or your neighbors have a pair that is not in use, you may donate them in February. A container will leave for Haiti, with items such as this, approximately March 1<sup>st</sup>. Leroy Homan (776-7426) has agreed to pick them up or you may bring them to church and give them to Leroy after Mass on Sunday's.

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN HAITI GATHERING** will be held on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville from 8:45AM to 4PM: All those involved in Haiti Twinning or interested in Haiti are welcome to join in a day of celebration, education and networking. This year's focus is "Haiti Solidarity – After the Earthquake, Our Stories, Our Struggles, and Our Search for Solutions". The registration fee of \$20 includes continental breakfast, lunch and handouts. To register call Patrice 804-545-5974 804-545-5974 or email [Patrice.schwermer@cccovfa.org](mailto:Patrice.schwermer@cccovfa.org). See the bulletin board for additional information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Next Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> we will have our first of four Wednesday Soup and Station celebrations. We begin at 6PM with the Stations followed by a short talk on a Lenten theme by the Station's presider. Immediately thereafter we dine on soup and bread provided by two parishioners each. The other dates for our celebrations are March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. If Wednesdays are an inconvenient night for you, Frances de Sales holds a similar celebration on Tuesday nights. A sign-up list for those who desire to donate soup and/or bread is located at the rear of the church.

**MESSAGE FROM HAITI:** Last week we received the following message from Deacon Ben Johnston, The Chair of The Haiti outreach Program.

To the good people of Visitation Church,

**Just wanted all to know that with your parish's donation of \$2,629 and other donations of \$2,000, yesterday, I bought around \$10, 000 of pain medicine and other prescription medicine that is to be loaded on our charter flight scheduled to depart Tuesday at 5AM from Knoxville directly to Port Au Prince. The charter flight was also donated as is the time of the 17 doctors and nurses on the 4 surgical teams going.**

**RCIA:** If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith please call Louise Petralia at (804) 435-9027 (804) 435-9027. Catholics and non Catholics are invited to attend the Adult Ed discussions.

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**YEARBOOK PHOTOS:** I will begin taking yearbook photos of different groups; knitters, lectors, counters, sacristans, etc. If your group has a meeting planned, please call me at (804)815-6917 (804)815-6917 or email at [baysands@hotmail.com](mailto:baysands@hotmail.com) to let me know so that I can show up to take a picture. Otherwise, I will be taking them after Mass. If you have 2009 photos you would like to share in the yearbook, please email a full resolution photo to [covpictures@gmail.com](mailto:covpictures@gmail.com). Thank you,  
*Leslie Krom*

**CANCER CAUSE:** We still have headscarves to give out to those members of the parish who are suffering from the after effects of chemotherapy. Please contact Mary Jacobs (435-9803) to obtain one. Recipients will be kept confidential. We are still collecting headscarves.

**Pastoral Care:** To help us be attentive to the needs of the sick and homebound in our parish, the pastoral care team asks that you call Lynne Richardson (776-0949), or the church office (758-5160), when a member of your family enters the hospital or nursing home or is homebound for any reason. We will follow up to be certain that the spiritual needs of your family member are addressed.

**CARE NOTE CHATTER:** Young and old will like this one. “When Your Pet Dies”, care note in the foyer of the church. From those scary feelings, saying goodbye, giving that last hug and more. Try it, for now and the future.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Ann Truffer, Bryan & Kathy Neff, Fr. John Boddie*

**PARISHIONERS:** Maryanne Grubbs, Edna Duel, Jeanne Lessner, Jean Golembicki, Margo Couzens, Elizabeth Gallagher, Theresa and Alice Foley, Virginia Banks, Barbara Keck, Tyra Freed, Genie Kauffman, Audrey Sidoli, Jean Harris, Michael Pollard, Sal & Lori Messina, Clara Thorne, Mary Pinchbeck, Lucy Hock, Chris Henkel, Beryl O’Connor, Elsie Zent, Ron Beville, Allen Hines, Chris Morrell, Tom and Lynn Shepherd, Jodie Riley, Ed Mahoney, Jim Dreelin, Jennifer Harris.

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