

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

APRIL 27 – St. Louis Mary de Montfort
 28 – Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort
 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
 30 – St. Pius V
 1 – St. Joseph the Worker
 2 – St. Athanasius
 3 – Sts. Philip & James
 4 – Blessed Michael Giedroyz

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:30 AM - Evelyn R. Doyle (Bob & Carole Strassheim)
 11 AM - Mary Lou Lucey (Al & Eileen Bracuti)

Saturday, May 3
 5 PM – Anne Krutul (CMS & FCE)

Sunday April 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:30 AM - Members of the Parish
 11 AM - Carolann Hooton (Cannon & Slayton Families)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (4/27) – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 7 - 7:45 AM - Reconciliation
 8:30 AM - MASS
 9:45 AM - Christian Formation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist Classes
 11 AM – MASS
 1 PM - Bi-Parish Haiti Meeting

MONDAY (4/28)
 NOON – MASS
 7 PM'S - Professional Women's Prayer Group

TUESDAY (4/29)
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON – MASS

WEDNESDAY (4/30)
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON – MASS
 NOON - AA Meeting
 6:30 PM - Medjugorie Rosary Prayer Group
 7 PM – Choir Practice

THURSDAY (5/1)
 8 AM - MASS
 NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (5/2)
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON – AA Meeting
 NOON - Daily MASS followed by First Friday Adoration until 6 PM

SATURDAY (5/3)
 8 AM – MASS
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
 5 PM - Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (5/4) – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7 - 7:45 AM - Reconciliation
 8:30 AM - MASS
 9:45 AM - Christian Formation and First Eucharist Classes
 11 AM – Children's MASS - May Crowning

Gifts for God

Offertory - April 19 & 20 = \$13,216
 Justice & Peace Ministry - April 18 = \$390
 Outreach = \$85

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR _____

PARISHIONERS: Winifred Smith, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Jim Cannon, Nancy Hofmann, and Rose Bowker.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Josephine Nampijja, Gloria Aberg, Grace Dawn Wicke, Melyssa Dove, Nicole Carpenter, Beth Mauk, Evan Dotas, Dave Halley, Cullen McQuhae, Bill & Marie Jones, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, Mrs. Jessica Viglietta, Pam D. Goines, Janet D. Gunther, Charlie Previtali, Jessica Viglietta, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Grace R. Salvetti, Kimberly Hasenus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, Merrilee Kubart, June Atherton, Sue Kensek, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, and J. Sloan.

MILITARY: Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, David Alvey, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS: Paula Nania, Ginnie & Peter Gillen, Paul & Windy Forch, Elizabeth Kurland, Maggie Yost, S. Chris McAuliff, Mary Griffin, Steven Powell & Cezelene Panis-Smith, Stephen & Regina Grammatico, Jim Brown, Helene & Lawrence Gaffney, and Mark Floryan & Maya Kumatawa.

BAPTISMS:
 JANUARY 26, 2014: ALEXANDER MICHAEL STORM
 MARCH 1, 2014: EMMA CHARLOTTE NEUBAUER
 MARCH 2, 2014: AVA GRACE UGAS

UPCOMING WEDDINGS:
 APRIL 24, 2014: Samantha Murray & Michael Katner
 May 11, 2014: Bettina Sannenbergl & Christopher Beam

NEWS FROM HAITI

Anne Knasel (STA): anne@stagebridge.net
 Ginny Zeller (HC): ginnyannzeller@gmail.com
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NEWS FROM SALTADERE: Father Ilric, pastor of St. Michel, sends us Easter greetings and asks for our continuing prayerful support of his parish. Please keep all our brothers and sisters in Haiti in prayers.

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE: The committee's next meeting is April 27th at HC 1 PM. *ALL ARE WELCOME.* To learn about the Bi-parish committee, e-mail Anne Knasel or Ginny Zeller.

SAVE THE DATE – PENTECOST POTLUCK – JUNE 8TH

The Parish is planning a Potluck dinner on Pentecost Sunday [June 8th] after the 11 AM Mass. Let's have a big crowd to share food & fellowship. Please feel free to contribute suggestions, comments and/or offers of help to plan the event to Marie at 971-2737 or onejoemurray@yahoo.com. *Thanks.*

JUSTICE & PEACE

PANTRY: While one of the items that we **ALWAYS NEED** is chunky soup, there are a few things that we only need from time to time. These items include 1 pound boxes of sugar and coffee and small boxes of tea bags. Most people never ask if we have these items, but for the few who do, it's wonderful to be able to provide them. And for those who shop for the pantry regularly, it's a welcome change--might even send you to a whole new part of the store.

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

NEW EVANGELIZATION

Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze

"CATHOLICS: ENGAGED IN SPIRITUAL STUDY" BOOK CLUB: Holy Comforter's first spiritual study book will continue to meet at 9:45 AM in the chapel on April 27th, May 4th, and May 11th. Our curriculum will be Chapters 1 & 2 on 4/27, 3 & 4 on 5/4, and 5 & 6 on 5/11 of our first spiritual study book: "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" by Matthew Kelly. Questions & comments should go to Steve Ham @ 295.7820 or at steven_ham@comcast.net. *All are invited.*

PASTORAL CARE CORNER

TAKING HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOME BOUND OR THOSE IN FACILITIES:

A group of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers at HC is available to take Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. If you are a family member, or a caregiver for a person who is home bound, hospitalized, or in a facility, who wishes to receive Holy Communion, please contact Bob Strassheim at 589-7822; and he will make the necessary arrangements for Holy Communion to be brought to the person.



CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.cvillecatholic.org

Congratulations to Charlottesville Catholic School student, **Jasmine Furin**, who was named to the A Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter.

And congratulations to **Seamus Allen** and **Isaac Francis** who were named to the A-B Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Like on the journey to Emmaus we are often blind to seeing Jesus in our spouse. Learn how to see the goodness of Jesus in the one you love. Enrich your Sacrament of Marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* are Jun 27-29, 2014 in Richmond, VA and Aug 8-10, 2014 in Roanoke, VA. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-483-3209.

HELP SOMEONE SAY YES TO LIFE! Do you have a special sensitivity for a woman or teen in an unplanned pregnancy situation? Every day women and men walk into The Pregnancy Centers facing one of the scariest moments of their lives. They need a caring listener who can help them sort out their situation and share the truth with love. We are beginning a spring Counselor Training class soon! Is God speaking to you to join this ministry? You will be blessed as you serve others! The 6 sessions of training are held from 9 am to 1 pm. Classes are May 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 22nd. We also need ladies to answer the phones as well as Spanish speaking counselors! Call Jillian at 434-979-4516 today to sign up!

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Our Most Holy Mother's message of March 25, 2014, asks us to go to confession. During this Lenten season, refresh your soul by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have not been to confession in a while there are wonderful refresher resources added to the New Evangelization tab on our website. Begin this upcoming Easter Season by experiencing the great love of God's tender mercy. As the spring flowers burst forth, let your soul and spirit burst forth refreshed and renewed. *"Dear children! I am calling you anew: begin the battle against sin as in the first days, go to confession and decide for holiness. The love of God will begin to flow through you into the world, peace will begin to rule in your hearts and God's blessing will fill you. I am with you and intercede for all of you before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

IMPACT - MAY 5TH AT JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA: By popular request, Holy Comforter will be seated on the main floor section instead of the balcony! *There is strength in numbers! IMPACT's successes are due to the large number of people who CARE about these problems. Please plan to attend this event, sit with your fellow parishioners and participate in this good work.*

**FROM THE PASTOR
THE MERCY OF GOD ENDURES FOREVER.**

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (Ps.136:1

The Sunday after Easter traditionally known as the "low Sunday" is now called "Divine Mercy Sunday". Blessed John Paul II made the surprise announcement at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: **"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'**" By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" — in other words, the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit — and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust. The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: **"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."** The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. **"The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."**

The Old Testament speaks frequently and with great tenderness about God's mercy. Yet, it was Jesus, who through His words and actions, revealed to us in an extraordinary way, God as a loving Father, rich in mercy and abounding in great kindness and love. In Jesus' merciful love and care for the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the sinful, and especially in His freely choosing to take upon Himself the punishment for our sins (a truly horrible suffering and death on the Cross), so that all may be freed from destructive consequences and death, He manifested in a superabundant and radical way the greatness of God's love and mercy for humanity. In His person as God-Man, one in being with the Father, Jesus both reveals and is God's Love and Mercy Itself.

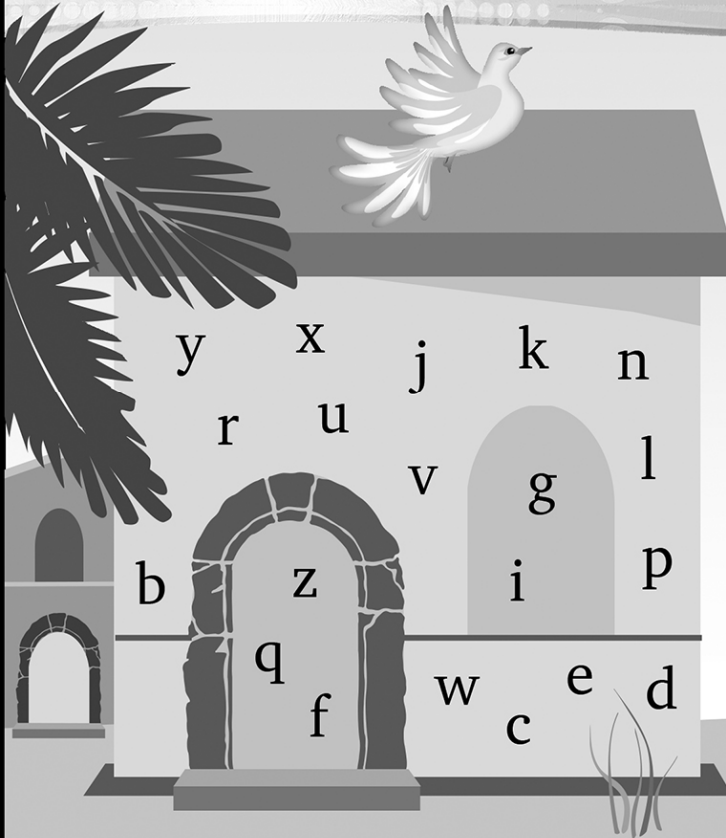
The good news revealed through Jesus Christ is that God's love for each person knows no bounds, and no sin or infidelity, no matter how horrible, will separate us from God and His love when we turn to Him in confidence, and seek his mercy. God's will is our salvation. He has done all on our behalf, but since He made us free, He invites us to choose Him and partake of His divine life. We become partakers of His divine life when we believe in His revealed truth and trust Him, when we love Him and remain true to His word, when we honor Him and seek His Kingdom, when we receive Him in Communion and turn away from sin; when we are mutually caring and forgiving. No matter what anyone has told you in the past, you have a Heavenly Father who wants you to know that He loves you the only way He is capable of loving, totally and unconditionally through Jesus. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."** John 3:16. Divine mercy wraps all existence in its fold, forever enduring in Jesus the only Savior of the world. Let us immersed ourselves in the Divine Mercy with complete surrender and Trust. **Jesus I Trust in you.**

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | Second Sunday of Easter | John 20: 19-31

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." *John 20:21-23*

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Thomas, not being present the first night, did not believe his friends saw Jesus until the following week when Jesus came a second time. This time Thomas was there and said, "My Lord and my God!", and he believed.

The apostle who was not in the locked room with the others when Jesus first appeared the first night after His resurrection was named...

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Write the alphabet letters not found on the house.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence above.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



...or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Find the **bold** words in the sentence below...

By **God's request** to **Saint Faustina**, **Divine Mercy Sunday** is **always observed** the **week following Easter**, when **Jesus gave us** the **Sacrament of Penance** in **John's Gospel**.

Research and learn about...

Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905 - 1938)

St. Faustina wrote in her diary Jesus' simple **ABC** message...Ask for His mercy; **Be merciful**, Completely trust in Jesus

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