

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER 18** – St. Luke  
 19 – St. Isaac Jogues & John de Brebauf  
 20 – St. Paul of the Cross  
 21 – St. St. Hilarion  
 22 – Blessed John Paul II  
 23 – St. John of Capistrano  
 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret  
 25 – St. Antonio de Sant’Anna Galvao  
 26 –Blessed Contardo Ferrini

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 18**  
 5 PM – Members of the Parish  
**Sunday, October 19**  
 8:30 AM – Lorenzo Petroni (Petroni Family)  
 11 AM – Jerry Gallagher (Mary Pat Gallagher)  
**Saturday, October 25**  
 8 AM – Dr. Allen de Paredes (Betty Jane Prufer)  
 5 PM – Helen Ciaccio (Charlie Ciaccio)  
**Sunday, October 26**  
 8:30 AM – Members of the Parish  
 11 AM – Peter Dwyer (Bob Maley)

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (10/18)**  
 8 AM– MASS  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation  
 5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/19)**  
 7 - 7:45 AM Reconciliation  
 8:30 AM –MASS  
 9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes  
 11 AM –MASS

**MONDAY (10/20)**  
 NOON – MASS

**TUESDAY (10/21)**  
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON – MASS

**WEDNESDAY (10/22)**  
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON – MASS  
 NOON - AA Meeting  
 6:30 PM - Medjugorie Rosary Prayer Group  
 7 – 8:30 PM: Choir Practice

**THURSDAY (10/23)**  
 8 AM– MASS  
 NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (10/24)**  
 8 AM - MASS  
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON - AA Meeting

**SATURDAY (10/25)**  
 8 AM– MASS  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation  
 5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/26)**  
 7 - 7:45 AM Reconciliation  
 8:30 AM –MASS  
 9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes  
 11 AM –MASS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR \_\_\_\_\_**

**PARISHIONERS:** Winifred Smith, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Tom O’Rourke, Hermann Ortmann, and Les Berlin.

**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, Charlie Previtali, Jessica Viglietta, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Grace R. Salvetti, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, Merrilee Kubart, June Atherton, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, J. Sloan, Paul Hillard, Dale Evans, Michael Reisinger, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Stanley Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O’Rourke, Bob Spann, Deborah Bryant, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, Michele Gavigan, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Lisa Light, and Isabel Perry.

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

**PARISH NEWS**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Mark Floryan & Maya Kumatawa, Robert & Jean Brandon, Fran & Marshall Slayton, Kay & Patrick Humes, Eileen Foster, Rocky & Patricia Murdough, Andre & Charlie Anne Xavier, Donald & Helen Dudley, Francis & Marylouise Coolidge, Joseph Kuhn, Melanie & Jeff Henderson, Geoffrey & Brandy Garbaccio, Daniel & Mary Ann Kosut, Matthew Semanik, Diana & Daniel George, Linh Vu, and Mike & Denise James.

**WEDDINGS:**  
 October 11, 2014: Tona Boyd & Michael Cartwright

**UPCOMING WEDDINGS:**  
 October 19, 2014: Alessandra Saucino & Jonathan Keephart  
 October 25, 2014: Casey Kramer & Mark Shaw  
 November 30, 2014: Kim Hoang & Linh Vu  
 December 20, 2014: Grace Rinehart & Matthew Semanik

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
 IN  
 ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**  
 This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**  
 Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**  
 Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, “Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?” With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one’s entire being; the second is to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

# Gifts for God

Offertory - October 11/12- \$5,275  
 Retired Religious - \$200  
 Justice & Peace - \$60  
 Outreach - \$1,463

### NEWS FROM HAITI

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**TRAVELERS TO SALTADERE:** Please keep parishioners, Bob Fromm and Monica Walker in your prayers. They are in Haiti to help our twin parish with water supply issues and with upgrading the computer lab at the school.

**DONATION OPPORTUNITY:** For the computer project and training planned by parishioner Monica Walker, donations for three computer hard drives (\$70 each) would be welcome. One is for St. Michel, one for an untwined school and one for the Hinche diocese education office.

**BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE:** The committee's next meeting is today, October 19. We will meet at St. Thomas Aquinas at 1 PM in the Library Room. *All are welcome.* To learn about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Anne Knasel or Ginny Zeller.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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**KEVIN HART LECTURES:** Kevin Hart continues his lecture series on the Nicene Creed today (the 19<sup>th</sup>) and next Sunday (the 26<sup>th</sup>) after the 11 am masses in the downstairs commons. Feel free to bring "adult refreshments" for our spread. The series explores the theological battles of 4<sup>th</sup> century bishops as they struggled to articulate what would become the orthodox positions of the church on such topics as the Trinity and the nature of the relation among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Dr. Hart is the Edwin B. Kyle Professor of Christian Studies at UVA, and former chair of the university's department of Religious Studies. He recently edited *Jean-Luc Marion: The Essential Works* (from Fordham University Press and in our Holy Comforter library), and author of the very recently published *Kingdoms of God*, the topic of last year's lecture series.

**ALL SAINTS PAGEANT:** "Prep night" for this year's All Saints Pageant is coming up ... **Wednesday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 pm downstairs. Students gather to learn about the importance of the Saints in our tradition, the significance of iconography, and the legends of Saint lives. They also get help picking *which* Saint they will choose to emulate in this year's pageant. Plus ... pizza will be served!

The All Saints Pageant itself is scheduled for **November 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30. Pictures of some of our last year's saints are posted on our Formation board in the Commons. They are in fact pretty wonderful. (Thanks to Peter Netland for those pictures.)

Older students are invited to research and make a presentation about a Saint of their choosing. More on this to come in your Christian Formation classes, and upcoming e-mails.

**ST. NICHOLAS NIGHT:** Our annual celebration of St. Nicholas Night takes place on **December 5<sup>th</sup>** this year. In this event, children arrive in their pajamas (with shoes and socks) to listen to stories about this 3<sup>rd</sup> century saint. Music, a special visitor, downstairs refreshments, and special surprises are involved. More to come about this special event that has been such a success in the past.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS:** This year, Holy Comforter will host a special Children's Christmas Mass with a celebration for children and their families on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Children are invited to participate as angels, shepherds, Magi, animals, and of course the Holy Family. "Roles" will be chosen closer to time by lottery.

Children will also participate as lectors, gift bearers (I'm thinking these should be the Magi -frankincense, myrrh and gold contributions welcome), ushers and greeters. And, this year we organize a Choir of Angels, a kick-off to our Children's Choir (see below).

If your children are interested in participating, please contact Dawn Aberg in the Formation office. The ten weeks between now and then are going to pass before we know it!

**HOLY COMFORTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Parishioners have expressed a lot of interest in a Children's Choir here at Holy Comforter. As always, trying to agree on practice times (and choirs DO need to practice) is the hardest part. To start off slowly, we have decided to begin this year with a "Choir of Angels" (and perhaps some sheep and shepherds and a camel and king or two) to sing at our Children's Christmas Mass this year on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

Christmas songs seem a good way to start, and we will only need a couple of rehearsals that we can schedule closer to time. If your children are interested in participating, please let Dawn know, and we will start making a list. No musical knowledge or training is required. Just a willingness and eagerness to sing out to make a joyful noise. (Quiet voices are very welcome, too.)

**UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS:** The Formation program works to schedule a talk on End of Life issues later this fall. We also plan a presentation on scripture study, looking to Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction*. A former Benedictine, Dr. Johnson is the Robert W. Woodruff professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. We will keep you posted on dates!

### FIRE CONCERT

You are invited to hear Fire, the Charlottesville-based women's a cappella choir, in performance on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in our sanctuary. The program includes music ancient and modern and features Holst's Ave Maria as well as the Magnificat by American composer Lana Walter. The concert is offered as a benefit for PACEM. Contributions will be received with enthusiastic gratitude.

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**PANTRY:** Most of the time between the USDA and our Outreach program, we manage to provide an assortment of nourishing foods. There are, however, a few times when someone needs something we cannot provide. For example, a diabetic who cannot tolerate white rice would like brown rice instead. We wouldn't need a zillion bags of brown rice-- just a few. Could you provide one of those bags of brown rice? Thank you.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

**THE SICK & HOME BOUND:** A group of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers at HC is available to take Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion should contact Bob Strassheim at 589-7822 to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Have we worked to make our marriage of God, or is it of the worldly things? Come and learn how to bring God into your marriage. The next weekends are 14-16 Nov 2014 and 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon, VA. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org](http://www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-483-3209.

**UPCOMING RETREAT AT SHALOM HOUSE NOVEMBER 7-9:** A Retreat with Pope Francis: Who is Pope Francis and what is his message for us? In his exhortation, the Joy of the Gospel, he invites us to embark on a new chapter of evangelization. Come discover your call to mission, discern the Spirit's call to you as we pray, study and learn from our Holy Father, Pope Francis. To register or for more info, call 804-883-6149 or visit [shalomhouseretreatcenter.com](http://shalomhouseretreatcenter.com).

**UPCOMING HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- Friday, October 31 – 12 PM & 5 PM [VIGIL]
- ALL SAINTS DAY - Saturday, November 1 – 8 AM & 5 PM
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Monday, December 8 – 12 PM & 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, December 24 – 2:30 PM [Children's Mass], 4 PM, and 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, December 25 – 11 AM
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL/NEW YEAR'S EVE – Wednesday, December 31 – 5 PM
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY/NEW YEAR'S DAY – January 1 – 11 AM

**MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Our Blessed Mother's message of Sept 2, 2014, "'Dear children, I, your mother, am coming anew among you out of love which has no end, from endless love of the endless Heavenly Father. And as I am looking into your hearts I see that many of you accept me as a mother and, with sincere and pure hearts, you desire to be my apostles. But, I am also the mother of those of you who do not accept me and who, in the hardness of your hearts, do not desire to come to know the love of my Son. And you do not know how much my heart suffers and how much I pray to my Son for you. I pray to Him to heal your souls because He can do so. I pray to Him to illuminate you with the miracle of the Holy Spirit so that you may stop, always anew, betraying, cursing and wounding Him. With all my heart I pray for you to understand that only my Son is the salvation and the light of the world. And you, my children, my dear apostles, always carry my Son in your hearts and thoughts. In this way you are carrying love. All those who do not know Him will recognize Him in your love. I am always beside you. In a special way I am beside your shepherds because my Son has called them to lead you on the way to eternity. Thank you, my apostles, for your sacrifice and love." Our Blessed Mother calls us to pray and fast. Come pray the rosary with us every Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:30 PM.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Do you have good secretarial skills? Can you spare a few hours a year for a worthy cause? Our Lady of Peace is seeking someone to act as Secretary, on a volunteer basis, and take minutes of our Board meetings. The Board meets three times per year (the 3rd Thursday of January, May and September) at 12 PM. After the meeting, you will be invited to join Board members for a delicious lunch. Interested? Please contact John Chamales at 296-9786 or [Chamales@embargo.com](mailto:Chamales@embargo.com).



**2014 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**  
*Our Faith Alive in Love*

The 2014 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. Pledge envelopes will be distributed at the Masses this weekend. Please return the envelopes to the ushers next weekend!!

Feeding the poor, supporting our clergy, evangelizing all people in the Diocese and handing on to our children the rich faith and traditions of our Church are all components of the larger work we carry out to advance the mission of the Catholic Church. All of these ministries are vital components of the Annual Appeal. The 2014 Appeal supports nineteen ministries including new funding for the Museum of Virginia Catholic History, the Appalachian Fund and Asian Ministry.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities.

All pledges can be paid in 10 convenient monthly installments. Please answer Bishop DiLorenzo's request and make a generous gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

**2014 RED MASS:** The Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **31st Annual Red Mass & Dinner on Friday, November 7**. Rev. Msgr. R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond, will celebrate the Red Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 300 N Sheppard St, Richmond. Dinner will follow in the Halsey Lecture Hall at the VA Historical Society. Dinner tickets are \$50 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an educational, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. Further information can be obtained from James Schliessmann at [jeschliessmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jeschliessmann@hotmail.com) or 804-873-1035.

**WHITE MASS:** *Open Wide the Doors!* On October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Bishop DiLorenzo invites you to attend one of the Annual White Masses listed below. The White Mass honors the giftedness of persons with disabilities held during a regular Mass time. It sends a message to all parishioners and affirms that through the Sacrament of Baptism, "each of us has a place at the table of the Lord." You are invited to attend to witness the participants giving glory and praise to God, and thereby reminding us that we are all created in His Image.

- \***St. Benedict**, RIC: Msgr. Mark Lane will preside – 10/26 at 11 am
- \***St. Mary of the Annunciation**, Caroline County - Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo will preside - 10/26 at 11 am

**WORLD PRIEST DAY:** Please join us in celebrating and affirming the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, concurrently with Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday, honors our priests on World Priest Day, October 26, 2014. Please take this opportunity to thank and affirm your priests who live out their call to serve as Jesus does, in self-giving love for all. A Prayer for Priests: **Father, we ask Your blessing on our brothers, whom You have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Jesus, please support them with Your presence and fill them with grace to serve faithfully. Holy Spirit, unite us in service with those whom You have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to hear and answer Your call to this most blessed sacrament. Amen.**

**225<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** In observance of its 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Archdiocese of Baltimore will celebrate an archdiocesan-wide Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 2, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Archbishop William E. Lori, the principal celebrant, will be joined by Cardinals Dolan, O'Brien, O'Malley, Stafford, and Wuerl, the former bishops of Baltimore, and bishops from the neighboring dioceses. All members of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond are invited to participate. No tickets are required. The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen is located at [5200 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21210](http://5200NCharlesSt). The web address is [cathedralofmary.org](http://cathedralofmary.org). For more info, go to [www.archbalt.org/about-us/anniversary](http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/anniversary).

FROM THE PASTOR  
**SOMETHING TO HOLD ON TO? THE ROSARY**



Recently, I came across the following words written by a Redemptorist priest by the name of Father John Hamrogue....**"The rosary is clearly something to hold on to, literally hold on to, like a rope in the ocean. In grave illness or death, it will be enough just to clutch the rosary or wordlessly rub the beads."** There are times in my own life when, feeling somewhat "low" before falling asleep, I hold my rosary without attempting to recite it, in order to make contact with the higher power.

Pope Francis said; **"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it's a prayer from my heart."** Reflecting over the first year of Francis' pontificate, Mgr. Alfred Xuereb, the Pope's former secretary, told Vatican Radio: **"Pope Francis "does not waste a minute! He works tirelessly and, when he feels the need to take a moment's pause, he closes his eyes and does nothing: he simply sits and prays the Rosary. He prays at least three Rosaries a day I think. "This helps me unwind" he told me. Then he sets to work again."**

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he prayed the rosary with the faithful a few years back said: **"Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime.-- "The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each "Hail Mary".**

On October 16, 2002, the 24th Anniversary of his election as Roman Pontiff, Pope John Paul II signed the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (**the Rosary of the Virgin Mary**) that presents the Rosary as an outstanding way to contemplate the face and mysteries of Christ. He also proclaimed a "Year of the Rosary", which extended from October 2002 to October 2003.

If these three spiritual giants of our time pray(ed) the rosary and insist on the recitation and meditation of the Rosary, it is because they know the Church and mankind are facing great dangers, like the threats of an impending war and the attacks against the family, that can only be stopped through an intervention from on high. As St. Pope John Paul II wrote: **"The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation."**

There are people who do not believe in this prayer of the rosary, claiming that the repetition of the words of the Hail Mary are of no value. But a few things in life need repeating e.g "Please" and "Thank you" and "I'm sorry" and "I love you." The same can be said of the words of the Hail Mary, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners....."

There's healing in touching the very beads themselves, a lowly healing maybe, yet something basic and instinctive. When all around is collapsing and the center cannot hold, it is something to hold on to. Someone called the rosary the **"Worry beads that brings peace"**. They let the sense of touch do its healing work. It is not uncommon to find a worried child calms itself to sleep grasping a much loved teddy bear. A frightened adult reaches for a comforting hand in times of stress. Heaven has its own psychology, and the Rosary beads must have a high rating in its pain department. Not just something, but someone! The sacred string of beads is something to hold on to, indeed. But more importantly, someone to hold on to! It is the Nurse of heaven who holds the other end of the golden string. Nurse of the shining white Lamb as an Irish poet called her, Mary invites us to grasp this life-line.

*To be continued*