

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/19)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (5/20) PENTECOST SUNDAY

(Altar Flower Provided by Anonymous Donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)
11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (5/21)

NOON: MASS
5:15-8 PM: Youth, Women's and Men's Schola Rehearsals (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (5/22)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (5/23)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6-7 PM: Lawyers Helping Lawyers (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
6:30 PM: Sung Vespers (*Church*)
7-8:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

THURSDAY (5/24)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (5/25)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (5/26)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (5/27) THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(Altar Flower Provided in Memory of Cliff and Joan Fusco by The Mackey Family)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (5/28) Memorial Day

(Church Offices are Closed Today)

NOON: Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 19

8 AM The Persecuted Church (Dominique Faust)
5 PM The Souls of Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, May 20

8:30 AM Our Parish and Priests (Dominique Faust);
 †Ralph Marra (Barbara Marra)
11 AM The Souls of Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Monday, May 21

NOON The Elderly (Dominique Faust); †Conchita Moore (Colette Hall)

Tuesday, May 22

NOON The Victims of all Hatred (Dominique Faust)

Wednesday, May 23

NOON The Conversion of all Hearts (Dominique Faust)

Thursday, May 24

8 AM The Protection and Respect of All Children (Dominique Faust)

Friday, May 25

8 AM Thanksgiving to God (Dominique Faust);
 †Lester C. Berlin (Cynthia and Les Berlin)

Saturday, May 26

8 AM David Paget-Brown Family (Dominique Faust)
5 PM The Souls of Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, May 27

8:30 AM Lee Faust Family and Benefactors (Dominique Faust)

11 AM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

1:30 PM †Juan Astruc (John Noble)

Monday, May 28

NOON Dick (Dominique Faust)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

A prayer for the Lord's mercy

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

GIFTS FROM GOD

MAY 12-13, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$5,070
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,333)</i>

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received

Current Week	\$2,500.00
Total	\$69,249.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend is the annual collection for Diocesan Home Missions and next weekend we will accept contributions for the cost to renovate our Sanctuary.

ALL PARISH DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLINE

Contributions for our Offertory, Sanctuary Renovation, as well as all second collections, may be made by mail, in church, or online. Please find the **Online Giving** link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

5/20	St. Bernardine of Siena
5/21	St. Godric of Finchale
5/22	St. Rita of Cascia
5/23	St. John Baptiste de Rossi
5/24	St. Vincent of Lerins
5/25	St. Bede
5/26	St. Philip Neri

PARISH NEWS



HONOR MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

DURING MAY. We so often forget the power of prayer; the power of small acts of kindness and virtue; the power

of our own lives when we live them in imitation of Jesus. It's the small things that hold the powers of hell at bay. Every May, the Church devotes an entire month to celebrating the example of our Blessed Mother. She is among the simplest and smallest people who ever lived. Hell could never have guessed that its armies were about to be overturned by the YES of a simple teenage girl living in near poverty on the outskirts of the Roman Empire. But she, like every Mother, and like every one of us, held the future of the world in her bosom. Please join your fellow parishioners after each daily Mass in the Church and every Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the Chapel. Rosaries and instructions on How to Pray the Rosary are available in the Commons.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at office@holycomforterparish.org if you would like a name added to or removed from this list. To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Jill Paitzel, Richard Fagan, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Tam Nguyen, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Marlene Schmidt, John Putalik, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Fred Cardona, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicis, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Father Gerald Fogarty, Mary Ann Kline, Beatrice Stack, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

GIFT FOR MOM

Your New Evangelization Committee is pleased to be able to distribute copies of a very special book for our mothers after Mass this weekend. Ultimate Makeover: The Transforming Power of Motherhood by Carrie Gress suggests how to use the often exasperating daily experiences of motherhood into opportunities to grow gracefully as a woman, mother, wife, and friend. Help yourself to a copy in the Commons.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3670

The annual **KOVAR** collection to benefit Virginians with intellectual disabilities, will be held after all Masses on Memorial Day weekend, May 26-27. *Lift High the Cross* is the theme of this year's campaign. Make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus, or to KOVAR. Cash will be welcome too.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018:

Our second annual Vacation Bible School program called **"SURPRISE: Discovering Jesus,"** will take place **August 6-10 from 1:00 to 4:00pm**. Children ages 4-10 are welcome! Take a registration form from the table in the Commons. Volunteer adults and teens are needed! Please email Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org for more information.

HOLY COMFORTER FAMILY PICNIC

Save the date! Bring your family for a fun social afternoon at Pen Park on **Sunday, June 10 from 3:30-6:30pm**. RSVP and/or volunteer to help by signing the clipboard on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Pick up an information sheet on the Christian Formation table in the Commons for suggestions on how you can nurture your spiritual growth daily during the summer months.

Our next adult presentation will be *"Evangelizing with the Saints: How we can use the work of the saints in our daily lives to bring others to Christ,"* a two part session offered by Heather Burns, **Sunday, June 17 and Sunday June 24 following the 11:00 Mass**. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

There are many opportunities to volunteer as a catechist, facilitator or helper in many areas. Please visit Christian Formation table in the Commons or the website to see how you can offer your talents!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

St. Michel Parish and School need our prayers for them as they are praying for us. Can you sponsor a student? We still need sponsors for many St. Michel students—see the display on the Haiti table. May God bless St. Michel Parish and its pastor, Father Petina.

Help Needed: The Haiti ministry is planning upcoming events, and need help with ongoing fundraising. In addition, we seek help with laptop computers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Our next meeting will be a potluck at The Knasels on June 10th at 1 PM. All are welcome. For more information, contact Anne Knasel anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller ginnyzeller@gmail.com or visit www.saltadere.org

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of paper grocery bags. Kindly bring your donations to the lower level.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This May, during National Foster Care Awareness Month, we challenge you to think about becoming a foster parent and providing a place at your table to a child who needs security, stability, and love. To read our FAQs and learn more about fostering, visit www.cccofva.org/foster-care.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking a part-time gardener for the summer. For more information, please contact Frank Murphy, f.murphy@cvillecatholic.org or 434-964-0400.



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

ROSARY ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The Office for Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministries invites the faithful of the Diocese to join us in a yearlong prayer for racial harmony hosted every 1st Friday of the month. Please join us on Friday, June 1, 2:00pm as we pray the Glorious Mysteries. Call in number is (844) 572-5683, ext. 4828689. Follow us on Twitter, @cdrobc and @CDROSM. For more information please contact obc@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

WWME

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

AFRICAN MASS

The Office for Black Catholics' African Mass will be held on Saturday, May 26, 11 AM at St. Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road Williamsburg VA. Fr. John Kazibwe, will celebrate and music will be provided by the Swahili/French Joint Choir from the Diocese of Raleigh. Dress in your finest African attire!

From The Pastor

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF LOVE IN OUR HEARTS. (Part 1)



“—the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rm. 5:5) “The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love---”(Gal. 5:22).

The day of Pentecost opens a new chapter in the Father’s plan of salvation. This new chapter is of the Third Person of the Trinity - THE HOLY SPIRIT - who is nothing but the One who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and He is Love. I invite you to reflect with me on the Love of God that is given by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God. He has the power to create love in our hearts any way He pleases. Why then does He create that love only through our conscious trust in the promises of Jesus? According to Galatians 5:22, **“The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love.”** And that is what he gives, because in Him is the fullness of love. So it is clear that the Holy Spirit is the One who produces genuine love in the heart of the believer. The love that the Holy Spirit infuses into our hearts—the love for which we have been created and in which we find happiness—fosters an authentic way of loving. It leads not to a superficial, passing sentiment, but to a generous self-giving shown in deeds. This is the core of Christian life, as Pope St. John Paul II used to remind us, citing a well-known text from Vatican II: **“Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.”**

God gave Himself for us and wants us to give ourselves to Him totally. He addresses to each of us the words that St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: **“For I seek not what is yours but you.” (2 Cor. 24:14)** Or, as St. Josemaría put it, **“Jesus is never satisfied with ‘sharing.’ He wants all.”** We have to keep in mind that the same God who asks our self-giving makes that possible with his gifts. With the gift of Himself we realize that converting our life into a pleasing offering to God is truly within our reach. The grace granted to us with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit enables us to love God without restriction and with a love that shares in the love of God the Father who has loved us to the point of sending His Son into the world to become man and shed his blood for us. We may ask: *Is love produced by the Holy Spirit, or is it faith that which produces love?* The way that faith and the Spirit combine to bring about love is that the Spirit works his miraculous way through faith. When we exercise faith, the Holy Spirit is flowing in the channel of that faith with love-producing power. The Holy Spirit does not produce the fruit of love apart from faith in Jesus and His word, and particular acts of faith in His promises bring empowerments of love. Now the question is raised: *Why does the Spirit limit Himself to bring about love only through conscious faith in the word of Jesus?* The answer seems to be that the Holy Spirit loves to glorify the all-satisfying dependability of Christ and His Word (Jn 16:14: “The Spirit shall glorify me.”) If the Holy Spirit simply caused acts of love in the human heart without any clear, ongoing causal connection between love and faith in Christ’s promises, then it would not be plain that Christ’s all-satisfying dependability is honored through love. The Holy Spirit is utterly committed to getting glory for Jesus, so he keeps himself quietly beneath the surface, as it were, and puts forward “hearing with faith” as the conscious cause of love.

(To be continued....).