THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (6/2)

8 AM: MASS

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (6/3) MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Altar Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

8:30 AM: MASS

10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

11 AM: MASS

NOON: Corpus Christi Procession **12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation *(Chapel)*

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (5/4)

NOON: Mass

5:15-8 PM: Youth, Women's and Men's Schola

Rehearsals (Lower Level)

TUESDAY (5/5)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS WEDNESDAY (5/6)

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 (5/7)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel) **7-8 PM:** Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (6/8)

8 AM: MASS

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

SATURDAY (6/9)

8 AM: MASS

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (6/10) TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 2

8 AM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

5 PM †Peter Esposito (Nancy and Paul Dierdorf)

Sunday, June 3

8:30 AM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

11 AM †Helen Edwards (Mary Jane Prufer)

1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

Monday, June 4

NOON Meg Provast and Family (Kate Burke)

Tuesday, June 5

NOON Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, June 6

NOON Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, June 7

8 AM Kathleen Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Friday, June 8

8 AM Sandy Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, June 9

8 AM †Pam Reagan (Pat Jarvis)

5 PM †Julia Papilli (The Crowley Family)

Sunday, June 10

8:30 AM Marianne Webster and her intentions (Kate Burke)

11 AM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

1:30 PM Shirley Rice (The Blumenfeld Family)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15

Adam and Eve eat the fruit of the forbidden tree.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4,5–6,7–8 (7bc)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

We believe and so we speak.

Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20-35

Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.



GIFTS FROM GOD

MAY 26-27, 2018

Offertory (plate) \$4,115 Weekly Offertory Budget $\frac{7,403}{8}$ Below Weekly Budget (\$3,288)

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received to Date

Current Week \$2,221.00 Total \$71,470.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend will be the annual national collection for Peter's Pence. We welcome contributions for our Outreach Ministry next weekend.

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 6/3 Sts. Charles Lwanga, Joseph Mkasa, Martyrs of Uganda 6/4 St. Francis Caracciolo 6/5 St. Boniface 6/6 St. Norbert 6/7 St. Robert of Newminster 6/8 St. Medard 6/9 St. Ephrem of Syria

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, DD, Bishop of Richmond, will consecrate our beautiful sanctuary on Sunday, July 1st at the 11 AM Mass. Our renovated lower level will be officially dedicated during a reception immediately following the Mass. Please join us!

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Are you interested in becoming part of Holy Comforter's current and future planning as a Catholic community in Charlottesville? If yes, Holy Comforter is seeking two registered parishioners to serve on the Pastoral Council for a three-year term beginning September 2018. If interested, please fill out the Pastoral Council membership form available on the table in the commons area and submit your completed form by June 3 in the box also located on the table. Thank you.

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

<u>Parishioners</u>: Colette Hall, Jill Paitsel, Richard Fagan, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW COLLEGE STUDENT RECEPTIONS

The Office for Evangelization will be hosting regional receptions for students, and their parents, who are entering college this fall. There will be an opportunity to meet fellow students, as well as campus ministry staff. The central vicariate reception will be held on **Tuesday**, **July 24 from 6-9 PM at Saint Michael in Richmond**.

The reception includes dinner and is free of charge, but registration is requested by July 10th: https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/new-college-student-receptions/

If you have any questions please contact evangelization@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5159.

RICHMOND AREA YOUNG ADULT (18-20) SPEAKER SERIES

His Excellency the Most Reverend Bishop Knestout will be speaking on June 6 @ St. Benedict's, 300 North Shepherd Street, Richmond. The talk, "Why St. Barnabas is my Favorite Saint: An Encouragement for Young Adults," begins at 7 PM with food and beer trucks on site from 6-9 PM. This event will take place rain or shine and is an opportunity for young adults, years of age, to welcome our new bishop.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS is seeking qualified candidates to fill a number of open positions for the 2018-19 school year. Please visit www.cvillecatholic.org for the complete job listings and for more information.

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES World Refugee Day is June 20

Did you know that CCC is the only agency in Virginia offering foster care placement to Unaccompanied Refugee Minors—children who have fled their home countries because of persecution for their race, religion, politics, or national origin. The children arrive in the U.S. without parents, guardians, or resources. Learn more today by visiting www.cccofva.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

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

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!

HOLY COMFORTER FAMILY PICNIC

Save the date! Bring your family for a fun social afternoon at Pen Park on **Sunday, June 10 from 3:30-6:30 pm**. RSVP and/or volunteer to help by signing the clipboard on the Christian Formation table in the Commons, or use the Sign-up Genius here: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4faeac2ca5fc1-holy

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY Continuing to Grapple with the Sin of Racism:

Rooted in our identity as children of God, how do we move toward healing, wholeness, and thriving for all in an unjust world? All are welcome to attend four sessions on racial justice on Tuesdays June 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Bernard Moore Room on the lower level. Attend as many as you can; materials will be posted online. We will prayerfully consider individual and structural racism, share concerns across political and ideological lines, and ponder how to engage around the anniversary of August 12 and beyond. Questions? Contact Laura Brown at Casa Alma, the Charlottesville Worker Catholic at 434-202-2221 or cvillecw@gmail.com. Please indicate your interest by signing up in the Commons.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

Fuel and Hunger Grant

Once again, the Diocese of Richmond has awarded Holy Comforter with a \$2,500 Fuel and Hunger Grant. This money is used to supplement the supply of food and personal items distributed in the Food Pantry and to purchase fresh salads and fruit to be served in the Soup kitchen. This grant is made possible through the generosity of donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you.

HAITI



St. Michel Parish is the principal structure in the village of Saltadere. Next to the church is the enclosed

rectory compound which has several buildings including Father Petina's residence and the original church building, constructed by Belgian priests, which now serves as housing and offices for parish staff. May God bless St. Michel Parish and its pastor.

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 ginnyannzeller@gmail.com or visit www.saltadere.org

From The Pastor THE HOLY SPIRIT OF LOVE IN OUR HEARTS. (Part 3)



"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love..."

Perhaps you have been "on fire" for God before, but now you can't remember how that felt, and you wonder if the fire that once burned inside of you can ever be rekindled. Just as fire needs fuel to keep it burning brightly, spiritual passion, that love which God poured into our hearts, also needs fueling and refueling to keep it alive. The One to fuel this is none other than the Holy Spirit. That is why in the prayer to the Holy Spirit we have this phrase; "...fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love..." In the book of Revelation we read these words against the Church of Ephesus, "Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." (Rev. 2:4-5)

You may notice that people who are no longer on fire with the love of God do not have time for anything related to God. Even picking up a spiritual book to read is a great struggle. As 'the spiritual fathers' say, such people are suffering from "acedia". They have lost their passion for the love of God. If you are in this situation, it's time to replenish your spiritual energy with the Word of God in order to stoke the fire of the Holy Spirit. When a Christian does not take in spiritual food by reading the Bible daily, his or her love will grow dim and cold. Only the Holy Spirit can resuscitate you by the fire of His love, and the Word of God really is needed to keep the love of the Holy Spirit alive within us.

Besides the Holy Scriptures, we learn also that the Holy Spirit works through the community of believers. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit indeed came upon the gathered community, giving us power, and insight, and wisdom to be used in mighty ways for the Kingdom of God. So, believers need each other to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in our lives. Some Christians think they do not need to go to Church. They think they will do just fine on their own. However, the Word of God warns us against forsaking the assembling of ourselves together; "...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb.10:25) Spiritual growth is never a lonely route and that is why Jesus established the Church. The church is a community of believers who worship together, work together, serve together and grow together to lend each other support.

We need other Christians in order to grow in the love of God and one another. We need regular interaction, fellowship and mutual support. We are "to encourage and edify one another." (1 Thess. 5:11) Christians who choose to isolate themselves do not grow, they are rarely strong and effective. In order to keep our love burning, we need to be constantly tapping into the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We should not put out or extinguish the fire of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19). How is the fire of the Holy Spirit in your life? Is it burning brightly and strong? Or is it flickering and may die out soon? You may want to examine yourself. Do you feel tired? Have you lost your spiritual appetite? Are you still energetic in serving God and others?