

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (6/23)

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

SUNDAY (6/24) NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
(Altar Flowers Provided by The Horan Family)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)
11 AM: MASS
NOON: "Evangelizing with the Saints" (*Lower Level*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (6/25)

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

TUESDAY (6/26)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
7 PM: Grappling with the Sin of Racism (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (6/27)

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 (6/28)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (6/29)

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

SATURDAY (6/30)

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

SUNDAY (7/1) THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Donations Gladly Accepted)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:00 AM: MASS (**Please Note Time Change**)
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)
11 AM: MASS and Sanctuary Consecration,
 The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, D.D. Presiding
NOON: Reception and Lower Level Dedication

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 23

5 PM Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Sunday, June 24 Father's Day

8:30 AM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

11 AM †Tam Nguyen (My Nguyen)

1:30 PM †Helen Savino †James Savino (Patricia McAdams)

Monday, June 25

NOON †Victoria Gee (Rose and Charlie Cona)

Tuesday, June 26

NOON Rev. Gerald Fogarty

Wednesday, June 27

NOON Rev. Dan Kelly

Thursday, June 28

8 AM Rev. Michael Suarez

Friday, June 29

8 AM †Elaine Avitabile (Mary Frances Lilly)

Saturday, June 30

8 AM Members of Our Parish

5 PM Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Sunday, July 1 Sanctuary Consecration

8:00 AM †Wilson Coffin (Pat Jarvis)

11 AM †Tam Nguyen (My Nguyen)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for having rescued us

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (shorter form, Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43)

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus' daughter from death.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

6/24	Birth of St. John the Baptist
6/25	St. William of Vercelli
6/26	St. Josemaria Escriva
6/27	St. Cyril of Alexandria
6/28	St. Irenaeus
6/29	Sts. Peter and Paul
6/30	Protomartyrs of Rome

GIFTS FROM GOD

JUNE 16-17, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$9,138
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403</u>
<i>Above Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$1,735</i>

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received to Date

Current Week	\$ 483.00
Total	\$77,464.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS

We gratefully accept your donations to our Parish Ministries at any time: Christian Formation, Haiti, Justice and Peace, as well as for the costs associated with sending the Catholic Virginian and purchasing fresh flowers for our altar.

PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS

If you will be away this summer, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from wherever you are! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. All Second Collections are accepted online, as well. Please visit holycomforterparish.org for the **Online Giving** link.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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St. Michel Parish is twinned with the parishes of St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Comforter. The relationship dates back thirty years and has had wonderful support. As the ninth and thirteenth grade students of St. Michel School prepare for the national exams, let us pray for their success. Thank you for helping provide quality education to St. Michel students. May God bless the school and its teachers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Our next meeting will be in August. All are welcome! For more information, visit www.saltadere.org or contact Ginny Zeller ginnyanzeller@gmail.com or Anne Knasel anne@stagebridge.net

FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning Monday July 9th we will start a new Food Pantry distribution schedule. Food will be distributed Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 AM-Noon. We will be closed on Fridays. Soup Kitchen will remain on Thursdays with lunch being served at Noon.

PARISH NEWS

THE BISHOP IS COMING NEXT SUNDAY!

The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, DD, Bishop of Richmond, will consecrate our beautiful sanctuary next 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! If you would like to assist our Parish Life Ministry with this very special event, please call the parish office 434.295.7185 or contact Kees Boogaart keesboog@gmail.com.

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

The Maggie and Gareth Knox Family

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: 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: Louis Ross, Marsha Yost, Richard Yost, Lloyd T. Smith, Jr. 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 and 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing to Grapple with the Sin of Racism

Even if you have not attended previous sessions, you are welcome to attend the final session of our series on this important and timely issue on **Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Bernard Moore Room. The discussion is led by Laura Brown of Casa Alma. Notes from previous sessions may be found at casa-alma.org/get-involved

Evangelizing with the Saints (2 part series)

Please join Heather Burns following the 11:00 Mass on the lower level this Sunday for her presentation on "Evangelizing with the Saints." Today we will consider how calling on the intercession of the saints for the specific needs of others can call them to God. Light lunch will be provided.

Personal Spiritual Growth

Interested in enhancing your daily spiritual growth or forming a small group to do the same? See the suggestions on the handout found on the Christian Formation table in the commons. Or contact Sue Dougherty, CRE, if you would like to start a Bible or book study.

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. This training, required of all adult volunteers working with children in any capacity in the church, will be held on **Thursday, June 28 from 1-4 PM** at Holy Comforter. Register online at www.virtusonline.org. For assistance or questions, please contact Sue Dougherty.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults and teens who love working with children are needed for various roles for Vacation Bible School. In particular, we are looking for a person to lead the 4-year old program. Folks who enjoy music, making crafts, leading games, teaching Bible story lessons, and making creative snacks are needed. Materials and guidelines are provided. VBS will be held August 6-10 from 1-4 PM daily. Please pick up a volunteer form from the Christian Formation table in the Commons. Contact Sue Dougherty, CRE at cre@holycorforterparish.org for questions or more information.

TAKE JESUS WITH YOU ON VACATION THIS SUMMER!

Jesus never takes a vacation away from us, so why should we forget about Him this summer? In the spirit of "Flat Stanley," pick up a "Flat Jesus on Vacation" marker on the CF table in the Commons. Have your children color it and take it with you for all your summer adventures! When you attend Mass in a new place, snap a photo of your family with Flat Jesus in front of the church, and then share it on the Holy Comforter Facebook page. Let's see how many places we visit!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Children ages 4-10 are invited to take part in a fun week of **DISCOVERING JESUS** as we explore Bible stories of surprise. Daily activities include music, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible stories. Join us August 6-10 from 1-4. Registration forms are available on the Christian Formation table in the Commons, or contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycorforterparish.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Don't Get Rid of it. Donate it!

When you and your vehicle have come to the end of your journey together, don't get rid of it, donate it! We accept cars, boats, RVs and many other vehicles—we can even tow them away for you. Donating is easy and your gift is tax deductible. Call 804.545.5942 or visit www.cccofva.org/donate to learn more.

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.

MARK YOU CALENDARS

Holy Name of Mary's tent revival, "Behold, I Make All Things New" will be held September 28-29. The keynote speaker will be Deacon Larry Oney, who has been on EWTN, and was recently featured in "The Word Among Us". The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. For information and to register visit holynamenameofmary.net



From The Pastor
LOVE BEYOND TELLING ... THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS (Part 3)

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. (Jn. 13:1)



Imagine that you had to say good-bye to those you love very deeply, and they did not know whether they would ever see you again. What would be the best possible farewell gift you could give them? Perhaps all of us will face this situation in our lives at some time. The emotions are strong. The memories of the time we have shared come flooding in. We wish for just one more day, one more hour, with those we love. In our sorrow at parting, love promises to provide a bond across the miles and across the years. So we rely on pictures, treasured gifts, letters and in our modern era, e-mail and Web pages. Perhaps occasionally we are even able to pay a visit. While this is a great gift, we also know the same anguish of parting all over again. What would be the best farewell gift, the ideal expression of our abiding promise of love, support, and fidelity? It would be somehow not to

go ... to somehow remain personally present even across the miles, across the years. Jesus in fulfilling what He said: ***"Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!" (Matt 28:20)***, chose a memorial banquet that could speak volumes about His love. As He prepared to leave this world to go to His Father through the sacrifice of His life for us on the Cross, Jesus left us that greatest of all possible farewell gifts. He remains with those He loves until we are reunited with Him in the perfect life of glory. **This farewell gift is the Eucharist.**

St. John Paul II wrote in his first encyclical letter, **"Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it."** It is here, at the altar, it is here at the tabernacle that we encounter the God of unconditional love. It is through the Eucharist that we truly experience love. This is why the Eucharist is called the sacrament of love. The Catechism of the Church says; *"It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to His Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take His departure from His own in His visible form, He wanted to give us His sacramental presence; since He was about to offer Himself on the cross to save us, He wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which He loved us 'to the end', even to the giving of his life. In His Eucharistic presence He remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave Himself up for us, and He remains under signs that express and communicate this love"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1380). I have never really understood why people who could attend Mass or make Eucharistic visits during the week simply choose not to do so. It is quite possible that with the availability of so many parishes and adoration chapels, that people simply begin to take the gift of the Eucharist for granted. However, what would happen if you were in a prolonged situation where you did not have the regular availability of a priest? What would happen if even Sunday Mass was no longer accessible? Many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world experience these kinds of terrible situations. I can say what one writer said; "If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade."
Let us meet at the Holy Hour on Thursday from 7-8 PM. (To be continued...)