

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/28)

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

SUNDAY (7/29) SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (Altar Flowers Provided by Cynthia and Les Berlin)

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

MONDAY (7/30)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
6-8 PM: Schola Rehearsals (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (7/31)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (8/1)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
6:30 PM: Sung Vespers (*Church*)

THURSDAY (8/2)

NOON: Soup Kitchen
6-8 PM: MASS and Adoration

FRIDAY (8/3)

NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (8/4)

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

SUNDAY (8/5) EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

7/29	St. Martha
7/30	St. Peter Chrysologus
7/31	St. Ignatius of Loyola
8/1	St. Alphonsus Liguori
8/2	Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula
8/3	The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen
8/4	St. John Vianney

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the T, T-Coil or telephone position.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 28

8 AM Jill and Steve Paitsel (Jill Paitsel)
5 PM Special Intention (Anonymous)

Sunday, July 29

8:30 AM †Renzo Petroni (Father Joseph Mary and Staff)

11 AM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

1:30 PM †Patrick Hendrix (Holli Traud)

Monday, July 30

NOON Living and Deceased Members of the Knighton Family (The Blumenfeld Family)

Tuesday, July 31

NOON Rev. Gerald Fogarty

Wednesday, August 1

NOON Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Thursday, August 2

6 PM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

Friday, August 3

NOON Rev. Michael Suarez

Saturday, August 4

5 PM Rev. Daniel Kelly

Sunday, August 5

8:30 AM †Renzo Petroni (The Davis Family)

11 AM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

LIGHTHOUSE TALKS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS!

Meet Kids 4 Jesus

Children are made for faith! Children can reach great heights through a real relationship with Jesus and knowledge of their Catholic Faith. This CD features ten songs from the K4J programs that kids are sure to love, and which will help them build their character and teach lessons about the Faith. See how quickly your kids will learn the words and meaning of the songs!

GIFTS FROM GOD

JULY 21-22, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,312
Offertory (online)	1,538
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,650)</i>

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received to Date

Total \$83,045.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Donations to our Parish Ministries may be made 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.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE AUGUST MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICES

MONDAYS, 8/6, 8/20, 8/27: NOON

TUESDAYS, 8/7, 8/21, 8/28: NOON

WEDNESDAYS: 8/8, 8/22, 8/29: NOON

DAILY MASS

MONDAY 8/13: NOON

TUESDAY 8/14: 7 PM Vigil MASS

WEDNESDAY 8/15 (*The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*): NOON and 7 PM

THURSDAYS: 6-8 PM MASS and Adoration

FRIDAYS: NOON

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY: Vigil 5 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM and 11 AM (*exception for 8/11-8/12*)

AUGUST 11-AUGUST 12 WEEKEND

The City of Charlottesville has announced numerous road closures and has issued a Traffic Advisory for Downtown Charlottesville. Therefore, our Church building will be CLOSED beginning 6 PM on Friday August 10 and weekend Masses will be celebrated at the **Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)** on a modified schedule, as follows:

SATURDAY 8/11: 5 PM Vigil MASS at CCS

SUNDAY 8/12: 10 AM MASS at CCS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered.

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: Kitty Moore, Colette Hall, 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: Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Marsha Yost, Richard Yost, 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, 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 Hasenus 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.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 4, 2001: Alix and David Paget-Brown

August 4, 2011: Emily and Robert Cox

August 8, 1981: Lisa and Michael Marshall

August 14, 2004: Daisy and James Hutcherson

August 26, 1989: Amber and John Eros

August 31, 1996: Kelly and Patrick Langan

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group has been gathering for over 5.5 years every Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:15. We are a loving, caring, supportive group and pray the Rosary with true devotion. During these busy summer days, take half an hour to come pray with us, reflect on the love God has shown you, pray for intentions, and find calm and peace. Everyone is welcomed! Even if you can only come one time, please join us. Through prayers come peace and love.

Our Blessed Mother's Message of July 2, 2018 to Mirjana at Medjugorje: *"Dear children, I am the mother of all of you and, therefore, do not be afraid because I hear your prayers. I know that you seek me and that is why I am praying to my Son for you, my Son, who is united with the Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit - the Paraclete - my Son who leads souls to the Kingdom from where He came, the Kingdom of peace and light. My children, you are given the freedom to choose, but, as a mother, I implore you to choose the freedom for the good. You, with pure and simple souls comprehend - even if sometimes you do not understand the words - and within yourselves you feel what the truth is. My children, do not lose the truth and true life so as to follow the false one. By life in truth, the Kingdom of Heaven enters into your hearts, and that is the Kingdom of peace, love and harmony. Then, my children, there will not be the selfishness which distances you from my Son. There will be love and understanding for your neighbors. Because, remember, again I repeat to you, to pray also means to love others, your neighbors, and to give yourself to them. Love and give in my Son, and then He will work in you and for you. My children, ceaselessly think of my Son and love Him immeasurably and you will have true life, and that will be for eternity. Thank you, apostles of my love."*

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI St. Michel Parish in Saltadere, Haiti is in the Diocese of Hinche which is one of several dioceses under the Archdiocese of Cap-Haitien. Pope Francis has named Msgr. Launay Saturne to become Archbishop of Cap-Haitien. Please keep Msgr. Saturne and our twin parish in your prayers.

Save the Date: August 29! Richard Joseph, director of education for the Diocese of Hinche will report to us on progress at St. Michel School.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Our next meeting will be in August. All are welcome! For more information, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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!

VBS REGISTRATION DEADLINE!

This is the **final week** to register your children, ages 4-10, for Vacation Bible School. Join us August 6-10 from 1:00-4:00 pm as we discover stories of Jesus through drama, music, crafts, and games. Registration forms are available on the Religious Education table in the Commons. Contact Sue Dougherty, cre@holycomforterparish.org, for more information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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.

POTENTIAL BOOK STUDY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER, 2018

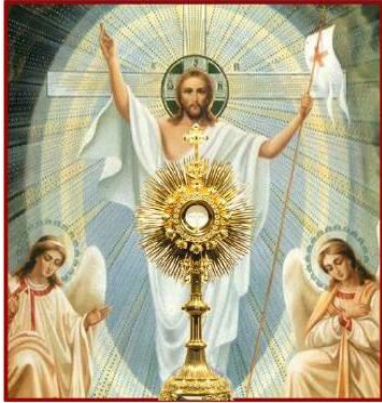
Are you interested in deepening and enriching your prayer life? Learn from a master! We are looking for folks interested in reading ***The Way of Perfection by St. Teresa of Avila***. This classic work of Carmelite Spirituality was written as a response to her nuns' request, "Teach us to pray." Teresa discusses the three essentials of a prayer-filled life -- fraternal love, detachment from material things, and true humility, which are the fruit of her practical experience. She develops these ideas as she directly offers her wisdom for prayer and contemplation. Specific times and dates to be determined depending on the needs of those interested. To indicate your interest, please contact Patricia McAdams, pamcadams@yahoo.com or Sue Dougherty, cre@holycomforterparish.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION 2018-2019

Registration for Christian Formation classes for students in Pre-K (ages 3-4) through high school is open! Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9, but early registration is extremely helpful for planning purposes. There is an *additional* registration for children preparing for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation. In the Richmond Diocese, children age 7 or older are eligible for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Children at least age 15 in tenth grade are eligible for Confirmation. Please pick up registration forms for both programs on the Christian Formation table in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education at cre@holycomforterparish.org, 434-295-6559.

From The Pastor
LOVE BEYOND TELLING ... THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS (Part 8)

This food strengthens us; it emboldens us to speak freely to our God: it is our hope, our salvation, our light and our life. Because of this sacrament earth becomes heaven for you. – St. John Chrysostom.



John Chrysostom speaking from his heart and from his personal experience pronounces the above statement which expresses a gift beyond telling. In the Eucharist, Christ is always renewing His gift of self, which He made on the Cross. His whole life is an act of total sharing of self out of love; thus, He loved to be with His disciples and with the people who He had a chance to know. Devotions to the Eucharist are invitations to prayer and contemplation. On Holy Thursday, after Jesus had transformed bread and wine into His Body and Blood and given the Apostles their First Communion, He proceeded to invite them to prayerful union with Him. As they looked at Him and the chalice in front of Him, they heard him say, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in Him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5) They received the Sacrament, but they had to live in faith-filled union with Christ so they could serve others. Prayer would help them do this. Eucharistic devotions such as adoration, holy hours, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and Eucharistic Congresses are all forms of prayer that increase our interior union with Christ. They help us gain more benefits from the Mass and deepen our desire to serve others. Placing yourself before the tabernacle is a commitment to be a stronger branch on the vine, a healthier one.

Every saint of the Catholic Church has been deeply devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. In fact, there is no sanctity without the Eucharist. We have just to look at the lives of the saints and see how true this is. The saints were devoted to the Mass and also to devotions associated with the Eucharist. Someone once said to St. Teresa of Avila, "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus... If only I had seen Jesus ... If only I had talked with Jesus." Teresa responded, "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us. Why look for more?"

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen believed that his daily hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was essential for his ministry as a priest. "The Holy Hour became like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit" (*Treasure in Clay* [New York: Doubleday, 1980], page 202). Sheen constantly promoted meditative prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. "We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at our Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way."

How many hours do you spend gazing on the TV and internet and come out frustrated and more confused! Why not give an hour to gaze at Jesus in the Eucharist? It is said that we will be remembered by the company we keep. St. Thomas recognized this when he said, "The things we love tell us who we are." Are we too busy to commit to a special specific hour each week with Jesus, who has done everything for us? One thing is for sure - if we faithfully attend Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will recognize and remember us as one of his faithful disciples at our death. St. Thomas used to spend many hours in adoration before our beloved Lord. He once said that he learned more from prayer before the Blessed Sacrament than from many hours of study. "*No other sacrament (except the Holy Eucharist) has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift.*" We have all the reasons to take some time to be with the Lord at the holy hour of adoration.

Let us meet on Thursday for Adoration from 7-8 PM.