

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/12)

8 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Memorial Mass for Robert D'Angio
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (1/13) THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Altar Flowers Provided by Marie Johnston
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation
11 AM: MASS (*Followed by an 80th Birthday Celebration for Father Gerald Fogarty*)
12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (1/14)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
5:15 PM: Schola Rehearsals
7 PM: Pastoral Council Meeting (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (1/15)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (1/16)

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

THURSDAY (1/17)

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

FRIDAY (1/18)

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

SAINTS TO REMEMBER



1/13	St. Hilary of Poitiers
1/14	St. Sava
1/15	St. Ita
1/16	St. Berard of Carbio
1/17	St. Anthony the Abbot
1/18	St. Volusian
1/19	St. Canute IV

SATURDAY (1/19)

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

SUNDAY (1/20) SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation
12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation

MONDAY (1/21) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Parish Offices Closed)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 12

8 AM †Kirsten Zeiss
5 PM †Theresa Kkonde (Kay Laurick)

Sunday, January 13

8:30 AM †Helen Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)
11 AM Members of the Parish
1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Monday, January 14

NOON Alan Blumenfeld (Tina and Matt Blumenfeld)

Tuesday, January 15

NOON Nancy Blumenfeld (Tina and Matt Blumenfeld)

Wednesday, January 16

NOON Julia Stanley (Tina and Matt Blumenfeld)

Thursday, January 17

7 AM Thomas Stanley (Tina and Matt Blumenfeld)

Friday, January 18

NOON †Angie Morrisard (Jolene Green and Family)

Saturday, January 19

8 AM † Kirsten Zeiss
5 PM †Theresa Kkonde (Kay Laurick)

Sunday, January 20

8:30 AM †Gerard Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)
11 AM †June Kiminki

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER FOGARTY!

Please join the celebration this weekend after the 11 AM Mass, Sunday, January 13, 2019!!

GIFTS FROM GOD

DECEMBER 29 and 30, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,593.00
Offertory (other)	\$8,842.15
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Above Weekly Budget	(\$5,935.15)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Offertory (plate)	\$4,762.00
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JANUARY 5 AND 6, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$4,824.00
Offertory (online)	\$4,318.00
Offertory (other)	\$ 250.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Above Weekly Budget	(\$1,892.00)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend is our monthly collection for Outreach and next weekend in the annual Respect Life Collection. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

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

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

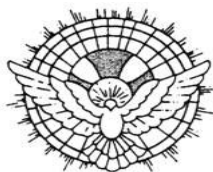
All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

PARISH NEWS



LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD

Holy Comforter offers low gluten hosts that have been fully approved by the Holy See for use in any Catholic Mass. Every host is individually packaged to prevent cross contamination. Please notify an usher if you require this option.

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: Hank Rainville, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker.

Friends and Relatives: Hallam Harper, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Kirsten Zeiss, Marian Dolliver, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, 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.

HELP NEEDED

Sacristy

We are in need of Sacristans to help with altar care, laundering of altar linens, and cleaning wax from brass candles. This is a rewarding ministry that can accommodate most schedules. Several tasks can be performed in your home. If interested, please contact Suzanne Bailey at (434) 296-5033 or slank@ntelos.net.

Offertory Collection

Consider joining our collection counter team! We love our parish and are dedicated to our service. Plenty of street parking is available when we meet at 8 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly office@holycomforterparish.org or 434.295.7185. with questions or to volunteer.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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St. Michel School: School began January 7. The parish vehicle has new tires. Watch for pictures on the website. Please keep students and teachers in your prayers.

St. Michel Clinic will now have skilled birth attendant monitoring the expectant mothers. This person will be assisted by the traditional birth attendants on the clinic staff.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

The next meeting will be held TODAY January 13, 2019 in the Library Room at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyanzeller@gmail.com

OUTREACH

Our Food Pantry operates Monday-Wednesday from 10 AM-12 PM and the Soup Kitchen serves lunch on Thursdays at Noon. To learn how you can assist this ministry, contact Bridget at 434.293.8989 or outreach@holycomforterparish.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

Office of Vocations

"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice." Do you feel the Lord calling you to consider becoming a priest? To learn more, contact Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano at 804.359.5661, or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Holy Comforter, Incarnation, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parishes are developing a new tri-parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The new conference, to be called the "Holy Trinity Conference," will provide our neighbors in need with spiritual and material assistance. Information will be provided after Masses following the Feast of the Epiphany. Meanwhile, prayerfully consider becoming a Vincentian and growing spiritually by offering person-to-person charitable service. To learn more right away, please see svdpusa.org or contact Chuck McCurdy cwm@virginia.edu.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – February 2: *Our Lady of the Angels Monastery* invites all parishioners, especially young adults, for Vespers and Adoration preceded by a short reflection on the significance of consecrated life for our Church today on **Saturday, February 2 at 4:30 PM**. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Dougherty.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION PRE-K-8

New family: We are pleased to welcome Caroline Keevil to the K-1 class! Caroline is the daughter of Jennifer and Harrison Keevil.

January 20 holiday: Please note that there will be NO CF classes on **Sunday, January 20** due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion: Students preparing for First Holy Communion will meet THIS Sunday, Jan. 13 in the CRE office following the 8:30 Mass. Parents are invited to attend a discussion on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist facilitated by Fr. Suarez during this time.

Confirmation students will participate in a service project this Sunday during class time.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SHORT STORIES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ

This discussion group continues this Sunday and follows on Sundays 1/20, 1/27, and 2/3 at 9:45 AM in the chapel. If you are interested in joining this lively discussion, please contact Susan Neale at susansneale@embarqmail.com or Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org

NEW OFFERING IN FEBRUARY

TO HOPE! A Celebration!

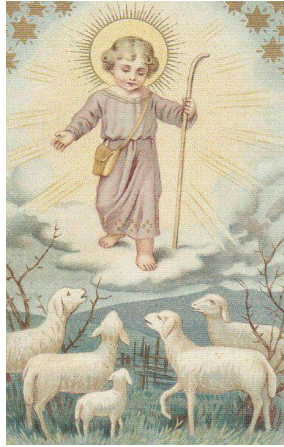
Join discussion leader Ed Murray for this 4-5 week seminar to explore together this musical composition composed by renowned jazz pianist and composer, Dave Brubeck, based on the revised Order of Worship following the Second Vatican Council. Listening to Brubeck's masterful composition as the centerpiece, participants will explore the order of Catholic worship, calling on our own liturgical experiences over the Church's last half-century. Discover more about "The Mass" not as an "object," but as a gift given to us both individually and communally. **February 10, 17, 24, March 3 and 10**. Sign up in the Commons or email Sue Dougherty at cre@@holycomforterparish.org

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping new families prepare for the Baptism of their first child? Christian Formation is seeking a couple who would like to provide training and support for the sacrament of Baptism. Materials and training will be provided. If interested, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org or 434-295-6559.

From Our Pastor
Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

CHRISTMAS AND THE DIVINE INFANCY (part 7)



When Christ came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.’” (Heb. 10:5-7)

The opening words of the above passage say: “When Christ came into the world....” The story is saying that on that first Christmas, in some incredible way, the eternal Son of God in a baby’s body said to His Father, “Here I am. I will do as you have asked. I accept the body you have prepared for me, the body that will bleed out in perfect payment for sin.” **And this is the answer to our question.** This is why Jesus came to earth. God’s Son surrendered His sinless human self to be the future perfect offering to completely save sinners.

And this we do find in a number of places in the New Testament. God tells Joseph that Mary “**will give birth to a son, and you will give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.**” At the first Christmas night the angel tells the shepherds, “**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.**” And John the Baptist at the end of his ministry points at the Lord Jesus Christ and says, “**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**” Each of these events repeat our unsung Christmas verse: “**A body you prepared for me.**” The Lord. The Christ. The Savior. Emmanuel. God with us, who would die for us. The Lamb of God.

So, the story of Christmas tells us the precise reason why Jesus came to earth. Not to teach love and peace and care for the poor, but to submit Himself to something unbelievably violent and brutal. That is why at the heart of the nativity scene we ought to have a cross hanging over it or at the altar, because Jesus was born to die. And to die that you and I may live. And on this point Jesus speaks clearly: “**God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.**” (Jn. 3:17) “**The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**” (Lk. 19:10) “**I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**” (Lk. 5:32) “**I lay down my life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from me, but I lay it down on my own initiative.**” (Jn. 10:17-18)

Let’s carefully consider the words which are related to what Jesus did. The first is, “**What is a ransom?**” Well, a ransom is the price paid to purchase a hostage or a slave, of course. A ransom buys a body. Second, “**Whose body does Jesus buy with the ransom?**” He buys those who are held hostage. He pays a price to purchase sinners, rebels, and slaves. Finally, “**What is the price He will pay?**” Jesus will buy bodies by surrendering His own body. “**A body you prepared for me.**” He will sacrifice Himself to save us. So, Jesus came to earth to save sinners. The statement is so common to our ears, it is easy to miss its significance. “**Save**” means to rescue from imminent danger of losing our relationship with the Father. Through Him, we have a comfortable access to the Father and enjoy the heavenly feasts. **And I pray you will never cease to thank Him for all He has done for you.**