

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**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 AM:** Adult Formation (*Chapel*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** First Sacraments Preparation (*Note:*  
*No Pre-K-8 Christian Formation Today*)

**11 AM:** MASS  
**12:15 PM:** Way of Perfection Study (*Lower Level*)

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

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS

**TUESDAY (1/22)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (1/23)**

**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 (1/24)**

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

**FRIDAY (1/25)**

**NOON:** MASS for Ill and Deceased Parishioners  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**4 PM:** Finance Council Meeting

**SATURDAY (1/26)**

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

**SUNDAY (1/27) THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***Altar Flowers Donated in Honor of Joanne Mackey***

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**8:30 AM:** MASS  
**9:45 AM:** Adult Formation (*Chapel*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**12:15 PM:** Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation  
**12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 19

**8 AM †**Kirsten Zeiss  
**5 PM** Members of the Parish

Sunday, January 20

**8:30 AM †**Gerard Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)  
**11 AM †**June Kiminki (Madeleine and Peter Zinman)

Thursday, January 24

**8 AM †**Kirsten Zeiss

Friday, January 25

**NOON †**James Savino (Patricia McAdams)

Saturday, January 26

**8 AM** Mike Brooks (Jill and Steve Paitsel)  
**5 PM †**Theresa Kkonde (Mary Frances Lilly)

Sunday, January 27

**8:30 AM †**Michael Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)  
**11 AM †**Greg Hall (Colette Hall)  
**1:30 PM** Members of and Visitor to Our Parish

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**



1/20	St. Sebastian
1/21	St. Agnes
1/22	St. Vincent Pallotti
1/23	St. John the Almsgiver
1/24	St. Francis de Sales
1/25	Conversion of St. Paul
1/26	Sts. Timothy and Titus

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

**First Reading**

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

**JANUARY 12 AND 13, 2019**

Offertory (plate)	\$2,995
Offertory (other)	\$ 300
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$4,205)</i>

**Outreach**

Fuel and Hunger Grant	\$2,500
Plate	\$ 807
Online	\$ 400

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

This weekend is the annual Respect Life Collection. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org)

**ONLINE GIVING**

When the weather conditions make it difficult for you to travel to Mass, you can make your weekly contribution online. By scheduling your tithe online, our parish knows when to expect your support which creates a safer flow of cash to meet our operating expenses. Look for the link on our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org)

**PARISH NEWS**

**WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!**

- Loreto Alonzi
- Elizabeth Bollwerk
- Carmen and Tom Carver and Family
- Rebecca and John Cayangyang and Family
- Mireille and Ricardo Cortes and Family
- Jennifer and Harrison Keevil and Family
- Valerie and John Kirkman
- Margaret Lavery
- Sheri and Raul Moino
- John Simpson
- Christy and Robert Youngkin and Family

**HOLY COMFORTER 2020**

Many thanks to those who have signed up so far to participate in the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our Parish! We will be hosting a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 29 from 7-8 PM. Please join us for refreshments at 6:30 and find out how you can be involved.

**MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

Now that the most holy Christmas season has ended, focus your energies on a renewed prayer life and join us in praying the rosary on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Chapel. Everyone is welcomed!

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Kindly notify us at [office@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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:** Mary Caretti, Hallam Harper, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, 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.

**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**

**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](mailto:office@holycomforterparish.org) or 434.295.7185 with questions or to volunteer.

**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](mailto:slank@ntelos.net).

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

**OUTREACH**

Thank you for your continued donations and support of the Outreach Ministry at Holy Comforter Church! Your giving in December helped our Food Pantry provide food to 526 individuals from 158 households and provided 663 meals to individuals in our Soup Kitchen. To learn how you can assist this ministry, contact Bridget at 434.293.8989 or [outreach@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:outreach@holycomforterparish.org).

**FOOD PANTRY**

There is an immediate need for paper bags to distribute groceries in our Food Pantry. Please bring your donation to the Outreach Ministry.

**HAITI**

**St. Michel School:** Over 700 students in grades Pre-K to 13<sup>th</sup> are back to their studies this month. Please keep these students and their 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 20, 2019 in the Library Room at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Archangel for the Day** Experience what it is like to be a student at CCS on January 22, 2019. To register, please email [K.Kuhn@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:K.Kuhn@cvillecatholic.org)

**Open House** Drop in for a personalized tour of our beautiful campus on January 27 from 1-3 PM.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND**

**Office of Vocations**

“There are different forms of service but the same Lord.” Is your form of service to become a priest? To learn more, contact Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano at 804.359.5661, or [vocations@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddioocese.org).

**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**

Elementary and high school Christian Formation Classes, *with the exception of First Communion*, will not meet this Sunday, 1/20 due to the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday. The First Communion class **will meet** with Tina Blumenfeld at 9:45 in the CRE office. All other class resume next Sunday, 1/27.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**First Holy Communion:** Students preparing for First Holy Communion will meet this Sunday, Jan. 20, 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 preparing for Confirmation will meet with Jackson Kulick next Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 PM.

**HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

All students not preparing for Confirmation will meet with Sue Dougherty next Sunday, January 27, at 12:15 PM. We will continue our discussion of the Principles of Catholic Social Justice with a look at Options for the Poor.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**SHORT STORIES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ**

This discussion group continues this Sunday. Sessions will be extended by one week to Feb. 10 since the group was cancelled last Sunday.

**NEW OFFERING IN FEBRUARY**

**TO HOPE! A Celebration!**

Join discussion leader Ed Murray **February 10, 17, 24, March 3 and 10.** for this seminar exploring this musical composition based on the revised Order of Worship following the Second Vatican Council. 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. Sign up in the Commons or email Sue Dougherty at [cre@@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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. If interested, please contact Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org) or 434-295-6559.

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

**TIME FOR NEW LIFE IN JESUS IS NOW (Part 1)**



**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! (2Cor. 5:17)**

At the beginning of "Ordinary Time," as we prepare for the celebrations of 140 years of Holy Comforter Parish and 200 years of the Diocese of Richmond, I invite you to embark on **"The campaign for renewal of faith in Jesus."** Our starting point is to answer that fundamental question Jesus asked his disciples: **"But who do you say that I am?"** How you answer the question will reveal a lot to you about your relationship with Jesus. Do you say Jesus is your friend, brother, healer, teacher, prophet or comforter? What does it mean to say Jesus is any of these? Jesus certainly teaches us how to live, but do we listen? Scriptures tell of many miracle cures that Jesus did to heal people. He also healed people by driving out demons. Do we let Jesus drive out our demons or do we hold onto our vices? We might call Jesus our friend or brother. What does this mean for us? How many of us have a brother, a sister or a friend who we never see or talk to? All of these - friend, brother, healer, teacher, prophet, comforter - are valid and truthful statements of who Jesus is to us, but none of them captures all that Jesus is to you. What word can do Jesus justice? Think deeply about the response of Peter: **"You are the Christ."**

We might forget about our friends. Do we forget about Jesus? Jesus truly is the **Christ**. The word Christ is a Greek word that is the same as the Hebrew word **messiah**. It was an important step in faith for Peter to call Jesus the Christ. Now Peter and the other disciples needed to come to understand what it truly means to call Jesus the Christ. Have you ever taken the trouble to really grasp what **"Christ"** means in your life? How do we look at the Cross and Jesus? The way we do can say a lot about who Jesus is to us. We can look at the Crucifix and be grateful for what Jesus did. In fact that's why, as Catholics, we have Crucifixes and not just crosses in Church. It is Jesus' death that gives the Cross its power. The power of the cross brings us freedom from our sins and Christ had to suffer to bring this about. But Peter could not accept that Jesus had to suffer. **"Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'" (Mt. 16:22)** To him, the suffering, rejection, and crucifixion would be defeat to the enemy. We know better (or at least we proclaim to). We know that the Crucifixion is not defeat, but in fact a triumph where Jesus wins victory over our sins. When we look at the Crucifix, we can see God's love and that means His mercy. How do we respond? Do we respond by being glad that Jesus was willing to die for us? We should be glad, but what difference does it make to us? Does it motivate us to live more like Jesus or do we use it as a scapegoat, figuring we don't need to worry about our sins because Jesus will always forgive us? Or does it get us to respond with love? Seeing God's love for us should motivate us to love Him in return. That means listening to what He teaches us, living as he teaches us. If we truly believe that Jesus is the Christ, what difference does it make in our lives? Our faith must make a difference. James writes about the work we do as Christians. The works we do show what Jesus means to us. The works don't make us Christians. Our faith does, but if we have faith, we will do the works that Jesus asks of us and that is the new life we desire to live, where **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.**

*To be continued...*