

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

MONDAY (1/28)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
5:15 PM: Schola Rehearsals

TUESDAY (1/29)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
6:30 PM: Holy Comforter 2020 Planning Meeting (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (1/30)

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 (1/31)

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

FRIDAY (2/1)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:30 PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration

SAINTS TO REMEMBER



1/27 St. Angela Merici
 1/28 St. Thomas Aquinas
 1/29 St. Gildas the Wise
 1/30 St. Hyacintha of Marescotti
 1/31 St. John Bosco
 2/1 St. Bridgid of Ireland
 2/2 The Presentation of the Lord

SATURDAY (2/2)

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

SUNDAY (2/3) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated in Memory of Catherine Barrs Floyd by Carol and Steve Ham

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 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 M. Lengel (Patricia McAdams), Members of the Parish

Monday, January 28

NOON James Savino (Patricia McAdams)

Friday, February 1

6:30 PM Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Saturday, February 2

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, February 3

8:30 AM †Johanna Mickiewicz (The Mickiewicz Family)
11 AM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)
1:30 PM Members of and Visitor to Our Parish

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 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.

GIFTS FROM GOD

JANUARY 19 AND 20, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$3,853
Offertory (online)	\$1,806
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,841)</i>

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

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17

A song in praise of God's salvation

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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 Rectory needs a new roof! Father Petina is requesting our help with this unbudgeted item. Please keep our twin parish in your prayers.

St. Michel Clinic will soon have a skilled birth attendant who will monitor the expectant mothers and assist and mentor the traditional birth attendants on the clinic staff. Contributions toward the salary for this new staff member will be gratefully accepted.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

The next meeting will be held on March 24. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

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: 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.

HOLY COMFORTER 2020

Many thanks to those who have signed up so far to participate in the 140th 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!

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

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

VALLEY CURSILLO NEWS



Are you looking for a deeper dive into your spiritual journey as a Catholic Woman? Then, if so, we invite you to join us for the next **Women's Cursillo**

Weekend, May 16-19, 2019, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown. Cursillo is a 3-day course in spirituality and teaches an awareness of Christ in every moment of our lives. The emphasis is on our Catholic sacraments and the richness they bring to our faith. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us!

Applications are available in the Commons and at www.valleycursillo.com. For more information, please contact Holy Comforter's Cursillo representative, Les Berlin lester_berlin@yahoo.com And, save the date for the next **Men's Cursillo Weekend: October 3-6, 2019.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Trinity Conference, thanks everyone who took our literature last weekend. One point of clarification: our pamphlet says Vincentians must be "available to help one week every month in 2-person teams." This means being *on call* one week a month. We anticipate no more than two home visits per month for each team, which can be scheduled to fit each team's availability. If you think you might want to join us, please send your email address to Chuck McCurdy, cwm@virginia.edu right away. We intend to meet in February.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

Office of Vocations



"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood? To learn more, contact Fr. Michael

Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano at 804.359.5661, or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

WWME

Many husbands and wives seem to be "married" to their career, computer, TV, sports or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is March 22-24, 2019 in Herndon. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, please contact us at 757-690-1369 applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or visit renewmarriage-vasouth.org.

FROM THE COORDINATOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Holy Comforter Parishioners,

It is with gratitude and humility that I inform you that I will be leaving the position of Coordinator for Religious Education as of June 30, 2019. The past three years have truly been a blessing for me. It has been a journey of personal spiritual growth, of joy in getting to know the Holy Comforter community, and of gratitude for the opportunity to serve you. I believe that God graciously provided this opportunity for me after leaving my former position at Charlottesville Catholic School as a gift of a much needed period of transition. My time here has helped me to discern that His call for me in this later stage of my life is to pursue some of my passions on a volunteer basis, and to trust that He will provide not only my needs, but the needs of Holy Comforter as well. I believe that the parish is on the cusp of healthy growth as more young families become active members of the community. I would encourage those families to support one another and invite others to follow. At the same time, many faithful adults remain committed to nurturing their spiritual growth and sustaining the work of the parish. I pray that the next CRE will continue to provide a variety of opportunities for faith formation for children, teens, young adults, and adults. The position will be advertised in the near future. If you know of a qualified person, please encourage him or her to apply.

I am grateful to Father Joseph Mary, to the Christian Formation Committee, to faithful catechists and volunteers who carry on the real work of faith formation, and to all parishioners for the love and support that you have shown to me. May God bless you richly as you continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.

*In Christ's Peace,
Sue Dougherty*

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

TIME FOR NEW LIFE IN JESUS IS NOW (Part 2)



“In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (Jn. 1:4-5)

God says that what is best for us is that we become like Jesus—that we develop His character. This is a long and pretty painful growth process for us. God disciplines, refines, and prunes us along the way: **“because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son” (Heb. 12:26)**. It's a journey, and when we recognize that He is working on, in and through us individually, we can start to appreciate and enjoy the process, because we trust God's goodness and foresight to lead us where we need to end up. The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome: **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Rom. 12:1-2)**. Because GOD is holy, He has always, since the beginning of time, required that His children be holy as well: **“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy’” (Lev.19:2)**.

God cannot associate with sin, because His holy character will not allow it (Hab. 1:13). Because we have sinned, we can't be holy by our own merits. We require Jesus' blood to make us holy again. But that has been God's plan from before the beginning as Paul again wrote: **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight” (Eph. 1:3-4)**.

Take the example of Peter, the leader of the Apostles. Simon Peter was not the man he used to be! He had been radically transformed by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ! Peter was a fisherman. Most likely as fishermen they were notorious for their vulgar ways and wicked lifestyles. By Peter's own admission, he was a sinful man (Luke 5:1-8). You may not want to remember, but can you remember life before Jesus? Do you remember the day His light shined in your darkness? Do you remember what you were before you personally made a commitment to serve and walk with Jesus?

If you claim to believe in Christ, but are living just as you did before you believed in Him, you need to examine whether you *truly* believe in Him. God changes us radically at the moment of salvation by imparting new life to us, but this is followed by a lifetime of changing into the image of Jesus Christ. The changed life stems from the transformation that God works in us through the gospel as we put off the old life, are renewed in our minds, and put on the new life in Christ. **“Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him” (Col. 3:10)**.

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