

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

March 12 St. Theophanes the Chronicler
 13 St. Euphrasia
 14 St. Matilda
 15 St. Louise de Marillac
 16 St. Heribert of Cologne
 17 St. Patrich
 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11
8 AM Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
5 PM Deceased Members of our Parish
 Sunday, March 12
8:30 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
11:00 AM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)
1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish
 Monday, March 13
NOON †Matthew Albach (Jill Paitsel)
 Tuesday, March 14
NOON Lauren Fiske (Stephanie Gartner)
 Wednesday, March 15
NOON Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Thursday, March 16
8 AM Sis Jackson (Paul Savoie)
 Friday, March 17
8 AM †Patrick Barr (Tina and Matt Blumenfeld)
 Saturday, March 18
8 AM Philomena Savoie (Paul Savoie)
5 PM Stan Makielski (Alice Makielski)
 Sunday, March 19
8:30 AM Members of our Parish
11:00 AM President Donald J. Trump and Cabinet Members (Alice Makielski)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7
 God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
 Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.
Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
Gospel Reading
John 4:5-42
 Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/11)

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

SUNDAY (3/12) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Altar Flowers Provided by Holy Comforter Parish)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: First Eucharist Preparation (*Chapel*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation: (*Chapel*)
11:00 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin Mass
4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (3/13)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (3/14)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (3/15)

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

THURSDAY (3/16)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (3/17) (Lenten Abstinence is optional today)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
2 PM: Finance Council (*Lower Level*)
6 PM: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (3/18)

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

SUNDAY (3/19) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Altar Flowers Provided by Holy Comforter Parish)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation: (*Chapel*)
11:00 AM: MASS
NOON: Confirmation Class (*CRE Office*)
1:30 PM: Latin Mass

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory March 4-5, 2017 (Plate)	\$5,546
Offertory (Online)	3,701
Offertory (Other)	3,000
Outreach	806
Justice and Peace - Uganda	250
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	12,247
<i>Surplus</i>	<i>\$5,074</i>

PARISH NEWS

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. ***PLEASE NOTE: Father Joseph Mary has authorized a dispensation on Friday March 17, in observance of the Feast of St. Patrick.***

STEWARDSHIP FAIR MARCH 18-19

The Stewardship Fair will take place on March 18th and 19th after each Mass. We hope that all of you, our parishioners and visitors, will join us in a celebration of the life of our Parish. We will have a children's table with crafts and face painting, and we will have multiple tables for the adults that offer information, opportunities for participation and chances to win door prizes. There will be some food to share. Please pray for blessings for our Parish this week and gratitude for all the volunteer efforts that take place every day.

PARKING

Beginning March 13, 2017, our neighbors at the Jefferson Madison Regional Library will begin work on their alley way to correct a water infiltration problem. We have authorized Harrisonburg Construction to access the library from our parking area behind the church. In turn, the City of Charlottesville has reserved three parking spaces for parish staff on East Jefferson Street. **There will be no unauthorized parking allowed in those three spaces from March 13 to May 8.** However, the other spaces, reserved for additional construction vehicles and for Payne Ross staff, are restricted Monday through Friday from 6:30 am – 8 pm. *They will be available to our parishioners on Saturdays and Sundays.*

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the parish office at 295-7185, to arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND:

Parishioners: Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, Jack Andrews, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mary Fusco, Eileen Foster, Jack Valloric, Tam Nguyen, Rachel Witt, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, Ron Lavis, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, Charley Moore, Kitty Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Ron Lavis, James Worley, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, Michael James McNeil, JoAnn Fox Klein, George Lilly, The Campbell Family, Fred Crane, Bill Eddy, Susan Steeby, Lisa Marshall, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, George William Polhill, II, Claudia Hartland, Betsy Boyce, Michael Norton, Josephine Nampijja, Grace Dawn Wicke, Melyssa Dove, Nicole Carpenter, Beth Mauk, Evan Dotas, Dave Halley, Cullen McQuhae, Bill & Marie Jones, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, Mrs. Jessica Viglietta, Pam D. Goines, Charlie Previtali, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, June Atherton, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, J. Sloan, Paul Hillard, Dale Evans, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Elaine Roberti, Benedict Pax, Jerry Colgate, Timothy Lee Smith, Ned Foss & Jennifer Rinehart, Janet Dunham, Fr. Michael Hann, Fr. Joseph Torretto, Mike Charlie, Joel Rivera, Pam Heron, Elizabeth Scott, Kwasi Johnson, Marianne Rossner, Angie Lee, Residents of Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, In memory of James Brazell.

Members of the Military: Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, David Alvey, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Chapel throughout Lent. Add praying of the Rosary to your Lenten sacrifice and come join us for a reflective evening of prayer and friendship.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

IMPACT is the sponsor of an Interfaith Gathering on Issues Related to Aging to be held at First United Methodist Church following our parish Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 19, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Come. Meet some people from Congregation Beth Israel and FUMC as well as from Holy Comforter. And participate in a moderated discussion of interest to everyone. RSVP to Suzanne Bailey, slank@intelos.net

CHANGE FOR LIFE

Continue to keep filling your baby bottle. Any donations are appreciated. For those of you who may be leaving town or have already filled your bottle, there is a collection box in the area outside of the Parish offices. Please drop your bottle into the box. We will be collecting the bottles from now until April 2! Thank you for contributing your treasures to the Pregnancy Care Centers of Central Va.

OUTREACH

During the month of February 2017, the Food Pantry distributed pantry bags to 216 families, slightly lower than the 268 in February 2016. Good news.

During February 2017, the Soup Kitchen volunteers served 731 meals. This month, we were blessed with grilled, cooked chicken breast strips which we purchased through the Jefferson Area Food Bank for 18 cents per 10-lb case. Along with this benefit, we also received sandwiches from St. Thomas Aquinas (regular donors and Catholic Student Ministry), Charlottesville Catholic School, Congregation Beth Israel, Albemarle Baking Company (love those cookies!), and our wonderful people who bring us sandwiches, hard boiled (and peeled) eggs, and other delicious food that makes our jobs so easy and pleasant. Thank you and God Bless you.

CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE partnering with The Virginia Festival of the Book, have invited...Nobel Laureate, Dr. Joseph Stiglitz, renowned author of the *Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them*, to be the featured speaker for the Festival, March 24, 2017 7-8:30 pm at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center.

His topic? *Economic Inequality: Why Has It Increased in the Western World and What Can We Do About It.*

Tickets for the Stiglitz event are \$5.00 and may be purchased on line at VaBOOK.org or from Dianne Murray 434-305-5952.

HAITI

Medical Clinic: Fourteen members of our Haiti Committee were present for the dedication of the renovated clinic on March 5. They are now busy seeing patients in the clinic, and taking pictures of the students in St. Michel School. Please visit the website for pictures and details: <http://saltadere.weebly.com/march-3-2017-trip-details.html>

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting is Sunday, March 26 at 1 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. **All are welcome.**

Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com.

Website: www.saltadere.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FORMATION

Coming soon – a single session overview of Pope Francis' call to the families as the Domestic Church. Date TBA!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation classes continue THIS Sunday, January 29 following the 11:00 AM Mass in the CRE office.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

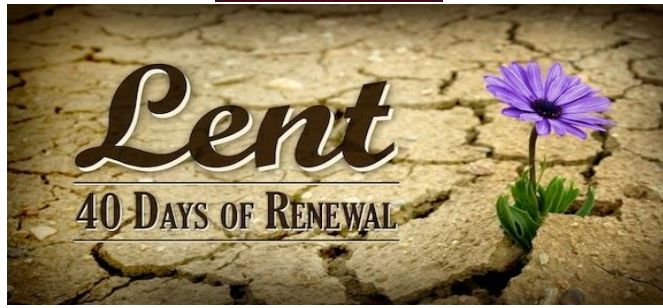
The next class for First Eucharist preparation will meet this **Sunday, March 12 from 9:45-10:45 A.M.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The next High School Youth Ministry meeting will be this Sunday, March 12 from 4:00-5:30. In the spirit of Lent, our topic will be "The Universal Call to Prayer." Come to learn the many ways that prayer can help us deepen our relationship with God.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INSTITUTE

Have you been searching for a way to enrich your spiritual life? Are you interested in learning how to accompany others on theirs? If so, please consider joining us for an information session on the Spiritual Direction Institute (SDI) at 2 pm, Sunday, April 2 at Church of the Incarnation. The two-year SDI program was developed in 1989 by the late Msgr. Chester Michael and has been instrumental in the spiritual growth of over 600 people. This is an ecumenical program that utilizes a unique blend of group discussions, lectures, personal daily prayer and study, reflections on spiritual masters, *Lectio Divina*, and much more. For more information, contact Bev Mirmelstein at bevmirm@gmail.com, 434-996-9178, and visit www.chestermichael.org.

FROM THE PASTORLENT WON'T WORK UNLESS YOU WORK IT

The ancient practice of setting aside 40 days of Lent in order to enter - with Jesus - into the desert, places in our own daily lives some struggles we face in order to be worthy Catholic Christians. As a number of people believe, Lent is a gift. It comes from the Lord and is offered through the Church who is our mother. The Church as mother and teacher knows just what we need to grow in holiness. (Be *holy*, for *I your God am holy*). **Some noted that "God does not need Lent, we do".** Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition. We may spend the rest of the year running from it, and it brings our need for a Savior to the forefront. Like Advent, Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

It is important for each one of us to prepare ourselves for this abundance of grace. The Church has put in place all that could help us to have a fruitful lent. These include:

FASTING & ABSTINENCE. What are these? Abstinence lowers the quality of food (usually by not eating meat) and fasting lowers the quantity, and usually means not more than a light breakfast, one full meal, and one half meal daily each fast day. Therefore, the rule is "keep it smaller and keep it simpler." Smaller portions of food and simpler menus. Don't eat so much during Lent. Not because you necessarily have to lose weight, but because the practice will give you strength in your spiritual life by weakening the attractions of the appetite and building up in Christ. Fasting makes the waistline shrink and the heart get larger, and abstinence makes the heart grow fonder (*yearn for the highest good*). Indulge in both fasting and abstinence during Lent, and you will have a clearer vision of the Risen Christ, come Easter.

PRAYING & BIBLE READING. For the forty days of Lent, start and end each day with prayer. Prayer is not about shouting our love for God in the streets, but rather opening the door of our hearts and finding God there in the silence of a simple prayer. Make an effort not to miss your Morning and Evening prayers. Dust off that old grace you used to say before eating - spend some table time in quiet reflection in prayer instead of chattering and simply eating. Pray daily, making sure you indulge in all the qualities of Christian prayer - adoration, thanksgiving, petition, penitence, and invocation. Read the Bible in a meditative way, not by way of rushing through from cover to cover. Read the Bible at a snail-pace. Do not leave the page until you know at least one thing God would have you do in response to your reading.

WORKS OF MERCY. Consider the Spiritual Works of Mercy: (1) converting the sinner, (2) instructing the ignorant, (3) counseling the doubtful, (4) comforting the sorrowful, (5) bearing wrongs patiently, (6) forgiving injuries, (7) praying for the living and the dead. How about the Corporal Works Of Mercy: (1) feeding the hungry, (2) giving drink to the thirsty, (3) clothing the naked, (4) harboring the stranger, (5) visiting the sick, (6) ministering to prisoners, (7) burying the dead.

REPENTANCE. We know a house is more stable with four columns. Therefore, to the three pillars above, we should add on Repentance. This involves a careful examination of conscience based on the commandments of Christ and going to Confession.

Finally, and most importantly, let your Lenten lapses and failures - whatever they may be - serve only to increase your dependence upon God. None of us will do all we want to do during Lent. That's the human condition. The point is not to get a good grade; the point is to increase your capacity to love God and your neighbor.