

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

March 19 St. Joseph  
20 St. Herbert  
21 St. Nicholas of Flue  
22 Blessed August von Galen  
23 St. Turibius de Mogrovejo  
24 St. Catherine of Sweden  
25 The Annunciation

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 18  
**8 AM** Private Intention (Anonymous)  
Gratitude to God for All Things (Dominique Faust)  
**5 PM** Stan Makielski (Alice Makielski)  
Sunday, March 19  
**8:30 AM** Members of our Parish  
**11:00 AM** President Donald Trump and the Cabinet  
Members (Alice Makielski)  
Monday, March 20  
**NOON** †Phillip Albach (Jill Paitzel)  
Tuesday, March 21  
**NOON** President Donald Trump (Dominique Faust)  
Wednesday, March 22  
**NOON** Peace and Justice in the World (Dominique Faust)  
Thursday, March 23  
**7 AM** Private Intention (Anonymous)  
Saturday, March 25  
**8 AM** Reverend Gabriel O'Donnell, OP (Anna and Ed Stelow)  
**5 PM** Father Joseph Mary (Dominique Faust)  
Sunday, March 26  
**8:30 AM** †Bertha Ruvolo (Petroni and Conaway Family)  
**11:00 AM** Members of our Parish  
**1:30 PM** Private Intention (Anonymous)

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

**First Reading**  
*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*  
Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalms 23:1-6*  
The Lord is our shepherd.  
**Second Reading**  
*Ephesians 5:8-14*  
The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.  
**Gospel Reading**  
*John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)*  
Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (3/18)**

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

**SUNDAY (3/19) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

(*Altar Flowers Provided by Holy Comforter Parish*)  
**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**8:30 AM:** MASS (*Stewardship Fair, Commons*)  
**9:40-10:50 AM:** RCIA (*CRE Office*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)  
**11:00 AM:** MASS (*Stewardship Fair, Commons*)  
**NOON:** Confirmation Class (*CRE Office*)  
**12:30-2 PM:** IMPACT (*First United Methodist Church*)

**MONDAY (3/20)**

**10:30 AM:** Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)  
**NOON:** MASS  
**7 PM:** Parish Council (*Lower Level*)

**TUESDAY (3/21)**

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

**WEDNESDAY (3/22)**

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

**THURSDAY (3/23)**

**7 AM:** MASS (*Please note time change*)  
**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (3/24) (Lenten Abstinence)**

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

**SATURDAY (3/25) THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

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

**SUNDAY (3/26) FOURTH 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 Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**11:00 AM:** MASS  
**1:30 PM:** Latin Mass  
**4 PM:** Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)

### GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory March 11-12, 2017 (Plate)	\$9,311.50
Justice and Peace	\$363
Outreach	210
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	9,311.50
<i>Surplus</i>	<i>\$2,138.50</i>

### PARISH NEWS

#### LENTEN 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP FAIR MARCH THIS WEEKEND

The Stewardship Fair will take place THIS WEEKEND 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.

#### 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.

#### PARKING

The City of Charlottesville has reserved four parking spaces for parish staff on East Jefferson Street during the JMRL construction project. There will be no unauthorized parking allowed in those four spaces from March 13 to May 8. Except for the four spaces reserved for parish staff, the others **will** be available to our parishioners on Saturdays and Sundays, and "disabled" parking spaces will be available at all times. Please pick up a flyer in the Commons for more information.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## 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 THIS 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](mailto: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.

### HAITI

**Dental Trip in Saltadere:** Thank you for your generosity in support of dental care for Saltadere. The travelers will return tomorrow---please keep them in your prayers.

**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](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com).

Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEEDS YOU!

Please visit the Christian Formation table at the Stewardship Fair this weekend to find out how you can support this important ministry with your time, talent and treasure!

### CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation preparation class will take place this Sunday, **March 19 from 12:00-1:30**. *Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates!*

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The next High School Youth Ministry meeting will be held next **Sunday, March 26 from 4:00-5:30**. In keeping with Lent, we will continue our conversation about prayer with the experience of Stations of the Cross and Adoration. Why do Catholics engage in these practices?

### ADULT FORMATION

Please join us on Sunday, April 2 at 9:45 to learn about the life and spirituality of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, a 20th Century Carmelite nun just canonized by Pope Francis in 2016! Inspired by St. Therese of Lisieux, she said that "it would increase her joy in heaven if people ask for her help." The presentation will be given by Patricia McAdams, who is a secular Carmelite.

### FIRST SACRAMENTS

Families of children preparing for First Holy Communion should review Chapter 2 in preparation for class next **Sunday, March 26**. *Please continue to pray for our children preparing to receive First Holy Communion!*

### 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 Mirlmelstein at [bevmirm@gmail.com](mailto:bevmirm@gmail.com), 434-996-9178, and visit [www.chestermichael.org](http://www.chestermichael.org).

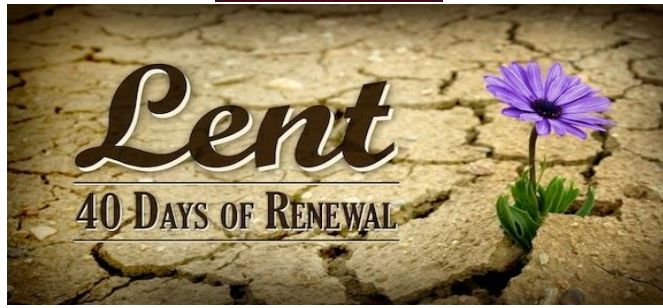
### CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Please join us to support Charlottesville Catholic School at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Gala Auction on Saturday April 8, 2017 at the Darden School.

The Annual Gala Auction is the greatest single fundraising event undertaken by the school community. All funds raised by the auction go directly into the Charlottesville Catholic School Catholic Education Fund. The event consists of raffles, a silent auction, dinner during our exciting live auction, Teacher Wish List fund drive, and live entertainment! Be sure to see all of our exciting packages that are up for bid by viewing the online catalog. Proxy bidding is available for anyone not able to attend. You can also purchase a raffle ticket: Lucky Man (\$25) enters you in a drawing to win one of 6 prize options; or the Golden Ticket (\$100) for a chance to win a chance for a grand prize of \$5,000 or five other prizes of \$1,000 each.

Please visit [www.cvillecatholic.org](http://www.cvillecatholic.org) to register and see more details about this year's Gala.

At The Heart Of It All...We Are CCS!

FROM THE PASTORLENT WON'T WORK UNLESS YOU WORK IT (part 2)

The more I reflect on this graced period of Lent, the more I discover that Lent is not all about me. Lent is going back to the core of following Jesus. Jesus only needed two sentences to sum the law up for his followers. First, ***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."*** And second, ***"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*** If you want to follow him, and if you want to be a Christian, then your only job is to make that effort every day to be grounded in **LOVE**. We could rightly say Love and Ashes don't often go together in our minds. But this time of the year, it's the ashes that remind me of what Jesus tried to teach us about love. Ash Wednesday opens the door for this season when we disciples turn our hearts toward Christ and seek to be reconciled to God. And while the stores start stocking plastic eggs and Easter baskets, we do something that is completely counter-cultural: We go to church, and we smear ashes on our foreheads, and we remind one another that everything we know is only temporary. **Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.**

In Lent we remember the great truth: **It's not all about us**. Each Lent I feel myself called back to **community, both human and divine**, by that message. And when that calling comes, so does the reminder of those two commands of Christ: **Love God, and love others as you love yourself**.

For centuries Christians have undertaken a form of Lenten discipline, which is to say a practice that will in some way turn our hearts to Christ and his teachings, and be prepared for the new life that comes with Easter. For many, Lent is a time to give something up: meat or candy or some form of entertainment. But Lent doesn't have to just be about giving up. It is about being enriched in the practice of virtues. If we embraced Lent as an opportunity to show our love for God and others that would be the great achievement. We spend so much time focused on ourselves and on our own needs, but what if we used these forty days focus on something else? What if we took those days and dedicated each to reminding ourselves that it's not about us as individuals, but it's about God, and it's about all of us together?

This Lent I'm giving myself a challenge. I'm calling it my Lenten **"It's Not About Me"** Challenge. Here's how it works: Each day I want to do at least one thing that either strengthens my connection with God, or shows my love for my neighbor. That might sound like a lot at first glance, like it's just creating one more piece of work in our already crammed schedules. But what I'm advocating isn't about creating additional burdens. It's about being more conscious of what we are already doing, and using our time in a way that connects us with others and with the Holy other. When we start doing that, the daily walk turns into an opportunity for prayer. The trip to the grocery store yields a few more cans of soup for the food pantry. And a few extra dollars turn into donation that makes a difference. We don't have to change the world right away. We simply have to turn our attention outward, and make the small things matter in big ways. This is my challenge to myself, but I'd like to offer it to you who are journeying this Lenten path with me. I now make an effort to do something daily that I don't ordinarily do to grow in my relationship with God and with others.