

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 8

**8 AM** Private Intention (Anonymous)

**5 PM †**Conrad J. Isak (Judy Isak and Family)

Sunday, April 9

**8:30 AM †**Pam Matteucci (Petroni-Conaway Family)

**11:00 AM** Members of our Parish

**1:30 PM** Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Monday, April 10

**NOON †**Andrew Felix Kawesi (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, April 11

**NOON** Private Intention (Anonymous)

Wednesday, April 12

**NOON** Private Intention (Anonymous)

Thursday, April 13

**8 AM** Private Intention (Anonymous)

Saturday, April 15

**8 PM †**Andrew Felix Kawesi (Theresa Lynch)

Sunday, April 16

**7 AM** Members of the Parish

**9 AM †**Ron Lavis (Bob Hassenfratz)

**11:00 AM †**Andrew Felix Kawesi (Angie and Jim Morrisard)

**1:30 PM** Members of and Visitors to our Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS  
EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43*

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10*

John: Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Matthew: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who carry the message that Jesus has risen and will meet his disciples in Galilee.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (4/8)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

**5 PM** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/9) PALM SUNDAY**

**(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 Sacraments Class (*Chapel*)

**11:00 AM:** MASS

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**4 PM:** Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)

**MONDAY (4/10)**

**NOON:** MASS

**TUESDAY (4/11)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (4/12)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**6:15 PM:** Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

**7 PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY (4/13) MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**8 AM:** MASS

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**7 PM:** MASS of The Last Supper (*followed by Adoration until Midnight*)

**FRIDAY (4/14) GOOD FRIDAY (*Fast and Abstinence*)**

**Parish Offices Closed Today**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**3 PM:** Stations of the Cross

**5 PM:** Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY (4/15) HOLY SATURDAY**

**8 AM:** MASS

**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

**8 PM** Easter Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/16) EASTER SUNDAY**

**OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**(Flowers Provided by Holy Comforter Parishioners)**

**7 AM:** MASS

**9 AM:** MASS

**11 AM:** MASS

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

April 9 St. Mary Cleophas  
 10 St. Fulbert  
 11 St. Stanislaus  
 12 St. Julius I  
 13 St. Martin I  
 14 Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian, Maximus  
 15 Sts. Basilissa and Anastasia

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

Offertory April 1-2, 2017 (Plate)	\$4,993
Pregnancy Care Centers	\$2,193.54
Catholic Relief Services	1,016.00
Haiti	477.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	(4,993)
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$2,180</b>

*There will be a Pontifical Good Friday Collection*

**PARISH NEWS**

**THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting of the Medjugorje Rosary Prayer group will be held on April 12. Come join us this Wednesday to pray the rosary during Holy Week. If you can't join us, please write your prayer requests in the Intention Book outside of the Chapel and we will include them in our prayers.

**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS!**

Katerina Voickova and Gabriel Bugajski  
 Debbie and Ben Burruss  
 Susan and Chris DePumpo  
 Linda and Robert Tylka  
 Angeles Mendoza and Viet Vo and Family  
 Madeleine and Peter Zinman

**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:** Mary Griffin, 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, 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:** Mary Ann Kline, Beatrice Stack, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, 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, 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.

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**

Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia is hosting a free egg hunt and craft fair for all ages on Sunday, April 9th from 1:30-4:00 pm at Forest Hills Park in Charlottesville. Bring a bag or basket and join us for eggs, food, and local crafts!

**NEW EVANGELIZATION NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING**

Parishioners who live along the Rio Road corridor are invited to attend Mass at the Village Square home of Thérèse and Normand Auger at 6 pm on Friday, April 28. For more information and directions, please contact [auger.therese@yahoo.com](mailto:auger.therese@yahoo.com) or 434.244.2884.

**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.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES****IMPACT**

The Nehemiah Action will take place at **6:30 pm Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center, Charlottesville High School**. Holy Comforter will join 28 other congregations in asking City and County officials to begin planning—to provide detailed plans—for how they will prioritize increasing affordable housing options for seniors. By 2024 one-fourth of our area’s population will be 65 or older. And today there are 6,100 senior households that struggle to keep a roof over their heads. These households pay more than 30% of their income for housing. No one should have to choose between care and rent or mortgage. “Immigration Concerns and How Congregations Can Help” is the subject of a conference sponsored by Just Neighbors, on **Saturday, April 29, 9:00 to noon, at Ivy Creek United Methodist Church, 674 Woodlands Road, Charlottesville**. Holy Comforter parishioners intending to attend the conference should call 434-973-4793.

**HAITI**

**Thank You to the Bishop of Hinche:** Our parish hosted Bishop Desinord Jean this past Tuesday for meetings with area twinning parishes. The bishop was installed last July and dedicated the Clinic St. Michel this March. He reported that his diocese is working toward sustainability, although they have many needs. We are grateful for his visit.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The next meeting will be, May 7. All are welcome. Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)  
Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at [anne@stagebridge.net](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com).

**CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

The Baby Bottle Campaign met with great success! We distributed 140 bottles, received 78 in return, and were able to donate \$2,193.54 to The Pregnancy Care Centers of Central Virginia. Kindly return your bottle directly to the Pregnancy Care Center at 1416 Greenbrier Place, Charlottesville. Thanks for your generosity.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION****ADULT FORMATION**

Mark your calendars now for our next guest speaker, Nichole Flores, Assistant Religious Studies Professor at UVA. Join us on Saturday, April 29 following the 5:00 Mass for her presentation and discussion regarding the social impact of Pope Francis’ Commission on Female Deacons! Please spread the word to others who might be interested and plan to join us!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

The next High School Youth Ministry meeting will be held this **Sunday, April 9 from 4:00-5:30 pm**. We will consider the question, “Why be Catholic?” What do we mean when we recite the Creed at Mass? What do Catholics believe and why should we embrace the Church? Come to find out the answers!

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN FORMATION PRE-K-8**

There will be NO Christian Formation Classes on Easter Sunday, April 16. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 22. If you have been using Rice Bowls this Lent, you may either send them directly to Catholic Relief Services or turn them in to your catechist on April 22. Thank you for your donations!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are hoping to be able to offer Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-11 this summer. But to be sure that we have enough interest and volunteer assistance, your input is needed! Please complete the brief survey that may be found on the Holy Comforter Facebook page: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NN3838B>

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS****SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES**

If you would like information about Carmelite spirituality or would like to inquire about attending a meeting of the Secular Discalced Carmelite *Community of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity*, which meets at St. Francis Church in Staunton, Virginia on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please pick up a brochure in the commons or contact Lori Stevenson at 434-979-3175 or Patricia McAdams at 434-286-4055.

**FROM THE PASTOR**  
**PERSEVERENCE ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM - LEARNING FROM THE SAVIOR**



So Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, and it is said **"he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but the people would not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem."** It doesn't really matter whether this rejection is just because Jesus and his companions are Jews and Samaritans hate Jews, or whether the rejection is a more personal rejection of Jesus as the Messiah on his way to reign in Jerusalem. What matters for the story is simply that Jesus is already being rejected, and then the focus shifts to the disciples' response, specifically the response of James and John.

James and John ask Jesus, **"Lord, do you want us to bid fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"** Jesus had already named these brothers **"sons of thunder."** (Mk. 3:17) Here we get a glimpse of why. Probably in the mind of these disciples, "Jesus, we are on the way to victory. Nothing can stop us now. Let the fire fall! Let the judgment begin! O, how Jerusalem will tremble when they see us coming!" But Jesus turns, and rebukes them and they simply go to another town.

Now what does this mean? It means, first of all, that a mistaken view of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem can lead to a mistaken view of discipleship. If Jesus had come to execute judgment and take up an earthly rule, then it would make sense for the sons of thunder to begin the judgment when the final siege of the Holy City starts. But if Jesus had come not to judge but to save, then a radically different form of discipleship is in order. Here is a question put to every one of us: **does discipleship mean deploying God's missiles against the enemy? Or does discipleship mean following him on the Calvary road which leads to suffering and death?** The answer of the whole New Testament is this: the surprise about *Jesus the Messiah* is that he came to live a life of sacrificial, dying service before he comes a second time to reign in glory. And the surprise about discipleship is that it demands a life of sacrificial, dying service before we can reign with Christ in glory.

What we all must learn is that Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is our journey, and if he set his face to go there and die, we must set our face to die with him. One might be tempted to reason in just the opposite way: that since Jesus suffered so much and died in our place, therefore, we are free to go straight to the head of the class, as it were, and skip all the exams. He suffered so we could have comfort. He died so we could live. He bore abuse so we could be esteemed. He gave up the treasures of heaven so we could lay up treasures on earth. He brought the kingdom and paid for our entrance and now we live in it with all its earthly privileges. But remember: Luke 9:23 reads: **"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it."** When Jesus set his face to walk the Calvary road, he was not merely taking our place; he was setting our pattern. If we seek to secure our life through returning evil for evil or surrounding ourselves with luxury in the face of human need, we will lose our life. We can save our life only if we follow Christ on the Calvary road. Jesus died to save us from the power and punishment of sin, not from the suffering and sacrifices of simplicity for love's sake. If Christ set his face to go to Jerusalem, we ought to help one another week after week to set our faces like flint against the allurements of riches and retaliation and follow the King of kings on the Calvary road.