

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

April 30 St. Pius V
 May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
 2 St. Athanasius
 3 St. Philip
 4 St. Godehard of Hildesheim
 5 St. Hilary of Arles
 6 St. Eadbert



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29

8 AM †Cazimir Liske (Owen Brennan)

5 PM †Andrew Felix Kawesi (Food Pantry

Volunteers)

Sunday, April 30

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11:00 AM †Andrew Felix Kawesi and Annet Kawesi

and Family (Helen and Jim Crowley)

Saturday, May 6

5 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Sunday, May 7

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM Father Joseph Mary

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (4/29)

8 AM: MASS

2 PM: Baptism (Caitlyn Gentry)

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

6:30 PM: Adult Formation (*Lower Level*)

Nichole Flores: "Called to Serve? Women Deacons and the Catholic Church"

SUNDAY (4/30) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

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 Class (*Lower Level*)

11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (5/1)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (5/2)

NOON: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/3)

7 AM: MASS (*Please note this time change*)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (5/4)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (5/5)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON-2PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

5 PM: Wedding (Kyle Luedtke and Tayjes Shah)

SATURDAY (5/6)

8 AM: MASS

11 AM: Confirmation (*Church of the Incarnation*)

1 PM: First Eucharist Rehearsal and Retreat

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (5/7) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

8:30 AM: Children's MASS (*Mary Crowning*)

9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation Family Rosary Making (*Lower Level*)

11 AM: MASS

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory April 22-23, 2017 (Plate)	\$5,259
Offertory (Online)	1,100
Outreach	\$470
Justice and Peace	305
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	(6,359)
Deficit	(\$ 814)

PARISH NEWS

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: Patricia Gallagher, 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.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

During the 50 days of Easter, come join us in praying the Rosary. Everyone is welcomed. If you don't remember how to pray the rosary, no problem, we would love to show you. If you don't have a rosary, no problem, we have plenty to share. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Rosary Prayer Family. We meet every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel.



FIRST ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!

The Baby Bottle Campaign has ended. Thank you to everyone who took a baby bottle and collected their coins! **The grand total collected was \$2393.44!** Thank you thank you thank you!!!! The Pregnancy Care Centers of Central VA are so appreciative of all of the support that Holy Comforter has given them. **PLEASE NOTE:** The baby bottles are property of the Pregnancy Care Center not of Holy Comforter. Please return all bottles, we will have to replace any missing bottles. Out of 140 bottles distributed, 58 still have not been returned. Please check the back seats of your cars, under your tables at home. Let's see if some more bottles can be returned, empty is OK. There will be a box outside of Holy Comforter offices this final week for any remaining bottles to be returned. After that, please return them directly to the Pregnancy Care Center on Greenbrier Drive. Thank you.

LOW GLUTEN COMMUNION

Holy Comforter offers low gluten altar bread produced by **Cavanagh Company** in Greenville, RI.

These wafers are approved for use in the Catholic Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. They are made of wheat starch and water. **The gluten content of their low gluten wafer is below 20 parts per million.** The baking of the low gluten wafers is done in a dedicated bakery using positive air pressure to create a room that is totally free of contaminants. The equipment is also dedicated to the low gluten baking and is not used for regular altar bread production. They are packaged in boxes of 25 individually wrapped wafers to prevent cross contamination in transit and while stored.

Please notify an usher if you require this option.

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 or 434.244.2884.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES**HAITI MINISTRY FAIR**

Ministry Fair: Learn more about our Bi-Parish Haiti Ministry next weekend, May 6-7. There will be a raffle and information to share. Please join us and the other ministries after all the Masses, in St. Thomas Hall. Please keep our ministry's efforts for St. Michel Parish in your prayers. Thank you.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be at St. Thomas, 1 PM on May 7. All are welcome. Website: www.saltadere.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION**CONFIRMATION**

Please continue to keep our Confirmation students- Alyssa, David, Isaac, and John- in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 6.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The next High School Youth Ministry meeting will take place on Sunday, May 7 from 4:00-6:30. We will be considering an important question: Where am I going? Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory? Come to find out the answer! We will also have a guest speaker from the Pregnancy Center.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PRE-K-8TH GRADE

Our last Christian Formation class for this school year will be **Sunday, May 7**, the day of our May Crowning. Children and their parents are invited to make rosaries in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to have some social time together to celebrate the end of a wonderful year for religious education.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Get a jump-start on registration for Christian Formation for the 2017-18 school year and receive a discount! Registration forms will be available beginning Sunday, May 7 during the last class and throughout the Sundays in May! This will help us plan for the next school year. Be an early bird and avoid the fall frenzy!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday, May 13** at the vigil mass which will be at **4:00 PM. PLEASE NOTE THIS TIME CHANGE. THIS MASS REPLACES THE 5:00 VIGIL MASS THAT DAY.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are hoping to be able to offer Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-11 this summer. If interested, please complete the brief survey that may be found on the Holy Comforter Facebook page: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NN3838B>

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**SPRING FLING**

Join us at Charlottesville Catholic School Saturday, May 13, 1:00-4:00 pm for the 4th annual Spring Fling. Experience a variety of fun and challenging activities for all ages. Petting zoo, balloon launch, golf driving contest, ring toss and more. Hang tight onto the mechanical bull and take a shot at sinking our faculty in the dunk tank. Inflatable obstacle course, face painting, food and more will entertain all ages. You won't want to miss this fun community event! Advance ticket sales are available at www.ccspto.com/home.

Ages 3-18: \$13 in advance/ \$15 at the door

Over 18: Free

Families with more than 3 children ages 3-18: \$35 in advance/\$40 at the door.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**CASA ALMA****Roundtables on Race**

Sundays April 30, May 7, May 14, and May 21 from 4:00-5:30pm. Attend any or all sessions to examine racism and right relationship through the lens of faith. Please **email [rsvp](#)** to receive the topics and the short readings for each session.

Help needed with weekly weeding and other garden tasks, either in the earlier morning or in the evening, any day M-Fri from May through August. A minimum of 3 visits would be appreciated, but any help is welcome. No experience necessary. Contact us for more information!

Dorothy Day: "There are wars and rumors of war, poverty and plague, hunger and pain. Still, the sap is rising, again there is the resurrection of spring, Gods continuing promise to us that He is with us always, with His comfort and joy, if we only ask."

FROM THE PASTORIT TAKES FIFTY DAYS TO CELEBRATE EASTER (part 2)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted (Mt. 28:16-17).

Following His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus made a number of appearances to his followers—no less than ten of these are recorded in Scripture. Beginning on Resurrection Sunday, He **“showed himself alive... by many infallible proofs” (Acts 1:3)**. And He instructed His apostles and many other followers periodically for forty days. He then ascended from Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem, while the apostles watched (Acts 1:9-12).

The fact that in Matthew’s account **“some doubted”** is at first glance a problem, but it seems to indicate only a preliminary reaction as to whether or not this was indeed Jesus, not doubt concerning His resurrection. This doubt was soon dispelled, as Jesus spoke saying, **“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Mt 28:18-20)**. Only Jesus could speak such words, and it must have brought reassuring faith to all who were there.

Though the doctrine of the resurrection is the foundation of all other Catholic doctrines, it was not easy for the Apostles to believe right away that the Master was alive. Maybe, they only saw a ghost, not the resurrected Lord. The truth is that it is very difficult to prove the resurrection of our Lord because seeing the Risen Lord is something beyond human imagination and expectation. It is too difficult to believe it is true. For the women themselves, who went to the tomb early in the morning, when they encountered the Risen Lord, they were filled with awe and amazement. Most of all, they were filled with a joy beyond description. **For this reason, we can understand why today many people in the world still do not believe in the resurrection of our Lord. This should not be surprising.** Since they have not seen the Risen Lord, why should they believe? Only those who are ready to accept the power of God’s intervention can be more receptive to the possibility of the resurrection. This was how St. Peter tried to show the logic of their belief in the resurrection of our Lord. **St. Peter made it clear that the passion and death of Christ, although carried out by sinful and ignorant men, was within the plan of God (Acts 3)**. The death of Jesus was not contrary to His divine plan. In fact, what he said was not new because Christ revealed to them the plan of God when He explained to the disciples at Emmaus; **“Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” (Lk. 24:25-26)**. But **we know that the resurrection is real because of the transformation of life**. Even if you do not believe that Jesus is raised, we can see from the effects in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; even if the resurrection cannot be proven, the testimony is credible.

Let us then live the resurrected life of love, freedom from all fear and anxiety, to take one day at a time knowing that the Lord will show us the way; knowing that He holds tomorrow and He holds our hands. **ALLELUIA.**