

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER** 26 – Blessed Contardo Ferrini  
 27 – Blessed Bartholomew of Vincenza  
 28 – Sts. Simon & Jude  
 29 – St. Narcissus of Jerusalem  
 30 – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez  
 31 – St. Wolfgang of Regensburg  
**NOVEMBER** 1 – All Saints Day  
 2 – All Souls Day

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 25**

8 AM – Dr. Allen de Paredes (Betty Jane Prufer)  
 5 PM – Helen Ciaccio (Charlie Ciaccio)

**Sunday, October 26**

8:30 AM – Members of the Parish  
 11 AM – Peter Dwyer (Bob Maley)

**Saturday, November 1**

5 PM – Members of the Parish

**Sunday, November 2**

8:30 AM – David J. Doyle Sr. (Bob & Carole Strassheim)  
 11 AM – Trudy Dale Ziolkowski (Ursula Winterbauer)

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (10/25)**

8 AM – MASS  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation  
 5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/26)**

7 - 7:45 AM Reconciliation  
 8:30 AM – MASS  
 9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes  
 11 AM – MASS  
 12 PM – Kevin Hart Talk  
 3:30 PM – Fire Concert

**MONDAY (10/27)**

NOON – MASS

**TUESDAY (10/28)**

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON – MASS

**WEDNESDAY (10/29)**

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON – MASS  
 NOON - AA Meeting  
 6:30 PM - Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group  
 7 – 8:30 PM: Choir Practice

**THURSDAY (10/30)**

8 AM – MASS  
 NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (10/31)**

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON - Monthly Mass for the Deceased Members of the Parish  
 5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SATURDAY (11/1 – ALL SAINTS DAY)**

8 AM – MASS  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation  
 5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (11/2) – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – ALL SOULS DAY**

7 - 7:45 AM Reconciliation  
 8:30 AM – MASS  
 9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes  
 11 AM – MASS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR \_\_\_\_\_**

**PARISHIONERS:** Winifred Smith, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Tom O'Rourke, Hermann Ortmann, and Les Berlin.

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:** Josephine Nampijja, Gloria Aberg, 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, Jessica Viglietta, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Grace R. Salvetti, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, Merrilee Kubart, June Atherton, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, J. Sloan, Paul Hillard, Dale Evans, Michael Reisinger, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Stanley Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, Bob Spann, Deborah Bryant, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, Michele Gavigan, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Lisa Light, and Isabel Perry.

**MILITARY:** Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, David Alvey, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

**PARISH NEWS**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Mark Floryan & Maya Kumatawa, Robert & Jean Brandon, Fran & Marshall Slayton, Kay & Patrick Humes, Eileen Foster, Rocky & Patricia Murdough, Andre & Charlie Anne Xavier, Donald & Helen Dudley, Francis & Marylouise Coolidge, Joseph Kuhn, Melanie & Jeff Henderson, Geoffrey & Brandy Garbaccio, Daniel & Mary Ann Kosut, Matthew Semanik, Diana & Daniel George, Linh Vu, and Mike & Denise James.

**WEDDINGS:**

October 11, 2014: Tona Boyd & Michael Cartwright  
 October 19, 2014: Alessandra Saucino & Jonathan Keephart  
 October 25, 2014: Casey Kramer & Mark Shaw

**UPCOMING WEDDINGS:**

November 30, 2014: Kim Hoang & Linh Vu  
 December 20, 2014: Grace Rinehart & Matthew Semanik

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
 (ALL SOULS' DAY)**

**First Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-9**

Those who left this earth before us are at peace, in the hands of God. The Lord is their King forever, and His grace, mercy and love are with His elect.

**Second Reading: Romans 5: 5-11**

Rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ! For through His death and resurrection we have been reconciled and shall have eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit God has given us hope, and hope does not disappoint.

**Gospel: John 6: 37-40**

Jesus calls Himself the Bread of God, the giver of life to the world. True bread from heaven, not the manna Moses fed his people in the desert. Through the Eucharist we remember, celebrate and believe. All who believe in Him will have eternal life, and the Father will raise them up on the last day.

## Gifts for God

Offertory - October 18/19- \$6,271  
 Retired Religious - \$1000  
 World Missions - \$1,542  
 Justice & Peace - \$56  
 Outreach - \$86  
 Haiti - \$95

### NEWS FROM HAITI

Anne Knasel (STA): [anne@stagebridge.net](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net)  
 Ginny Zeller (HC): [ginnvannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnvannzeller@gmail.com)  
[www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)

**WELCOME BACK TRAVELERS:** We welcome back Bob Fromm and Monica Walker from their Haiti mission to help our twin parish with water supply issues and with upgrading the computer lab at the school.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Dawn Aberg: [dawnaberg@gmail.com](mailto:dawnaberg@gmail.com)  
 (434)295-6559

**KEVIN HART LECTURES:** Kevin Hart finishes his lecture series on the Nicene Creed today (the 26<sup>th</sup>) after the 11 AM Mass in the downstairs commons. Feel free to bring "adult refreshments" for our spread. The series explores the theological battles of 4<sup>th</sup> century bishops as they struggled to articulate what would become the orthodox positions of the church on such topics as the Trinity and the nature of the relation among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Dr. Hart is the Edwin B. Kyle Professor of Christian Studies at UVA, and former chair of the university's department of Religious Studies. He recently edited *Jean-Luc Marion: The Essential Works* (from Fordham University Press and in our Holy Comforter library), and author of the very recently published *Kingdoms of God*, the topic of last year's lecture series.

**ALL SAINTS PAGEANT:** "Prep night" for this year's All Saints Pageant is coming up ... **Wednesday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 pm downstairs. Students gather to learn about the importance of the Saints in our tradition, the significance of iconography, and the legends of Saint lives. They also get help picking *which* Saint they will choose to emulate in this year's pageant. Plus ... pizza will be served! The All Saints Pageant itself is scheduled for **November 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30. Pictures of some of our last year's saints are posted on our Formation board in the Commons. They are in fact pretty wonderful. (Thanks to Peter Netland for those pictures.) Older students are invited to research and make a presentation about a Saint of their choosing. More on this to come in your Christian Formation classes, and upcoming e-mails.

**ST. NICHOLAS NIGHT:** Our annual celebration of St. Nicholas Night takes place on **December 5<sup>th</sup>** this year. In this event, children arrive in their pajamas (with shoes and socks) to listen to stories about this 3<sup>rd</sup> century saint. Music, a special visitor, downstairs refreshments, and special surprises are involved. More to come about this special event that has been such a success in the past.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS:** This year, Holy Comforter will host a special Children's Christmas Mass with a celebration for children and their families on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Children are invited to participate as angels, shepherds, Magi, animals, and of course the Holy Family. "Roles" will be chosen closer to time by lottery. Children will also participate as lectors, gift bearers (I'm thinking these should be the Magi - frankincense, myrrh and gold contributions welcome), ushers and greeters. And, this year we organize a Choir of Angels, a kick-off to our Children's Choir (see below). If your children are interested in participating, please contact Dawn Aberg in the Formation office. The ten weeks between now and then are going to pass before we know it!

**HOLY COMFORTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Parishioners have expressed a lot of interest in a Children's Choir here at Holy Comforter. As always, trying to agree on practice times (and choirs DO need to practice) is the hardest part. To start off slowly, we have decided to begin this year with a "Choir of Angels" (and perhaps some sheep and shepherds and a camel and king or two) to sing at our Children's Christmas Mass this year on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Christmas songs seem a good way to start, and we will only need a couple of rehearsals that we can schedule closer to time. If your children are interested in participating, please let Dawn know, and we will start making a list. No musical knowledge or training is required. Just a willingness and eagerness to sing out to make a joyful noise. (Quiet voices are very welcome, too.)

**UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS:** The Formation program works to schedule a talk on End of Life issues later this fall. We also plan a presentation on scripture study, looking to Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction*. A former Benedictine, Dr. Johnson is the Robert W. Woodruff professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. We will keep you posted on dates!

### FIRE CONCERT

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR FIRE, THE CHARLOTTESVILLE-BASED WOMEN'S A CAPPELLA CHOIR, IN PERFORMANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30 PM IN OUR SANCTUARY. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES MUSIC ANCIENT AND MODERN AND FEATURES HOLST'S AVE MARIA AS WELL AS THE MAGNIFICAT BY AMERICAN COMPOSER LANA WALTER. THE CONCERT IS OFFERED AS A BENEFIT FOR PACEM. CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC GRATITUDE.**

### JUSTICE & PEACE

**PANTRY:** Do you have any spare "cloth" grocery bags - the moderately strong handed bags that normally have the name of a grocery store on the side? Quite a few people to whom we provide groceries are either walking or taking the bus. These bags would make it easier to carry food and toiletries home from our pantry. Paper and plastic bags just aren't quite strong enough. Thank you for your generosity.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

**CCS ALL SAINTS SHOW:** Please join us at the Charlottesville Catholic School for the annual All Saints Show performed by our first grade students on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Our students are excited to represent their assigned saint for their special performance!

**THE SICK & HOME BOUND:** A group of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers at HC is available to take Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion should contact Bob Strassheim at 589-7822 to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** In today's gospel we are given the two great commandments. He challenges us to love completely and unconditionally. Start now by loving your spouse as Christ calls us to. Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 14-16 Nov 2014 or 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon, VA. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org](http://www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-483-3209.

**UPCOMING HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- ALL SAINTS EVE \_ Friday, October 31 – 12 PM & 5 PM [VIGIL]
- ALL SAINTS DAY - Saturday, November 1 – 8 AM & 5 PM
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Monday, December 8 – 12 PM & 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, December 24 –  
2:30 PM [Children’s Mass], 4 PM, and 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, December 25 – 11 AM
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL/NEW YEAR’S EVE –  
Wednesday, December 31 – 5 PM
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY/NEW YEAR’S DAY – January 1 – 11 AM

**MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** Our Blessed Mother’s message of Sept 2, 2014, “Dear children, I, your mother, am coming anew among you out of love which has no end, from endless love of the endless Heavenly Father. And as I am looking into your hearts I see that many of you accept me as a mother and, with sincere and pure hearts, you desire to be my apostles. But, I am also the mother of those of you who do not accept me and who, in the hardness of your hearts, do not desire to come to know the love of my Son. And you do not know how much my heart suffers and how much I pray to my Son for you. I pray to Him to heal your souls because He can do so. I pray to Him to illuminate you with the miracle of the Holy Spirit so that you may stop, always anew, betraying, cursing and wounding Him. With all my heart I pray for you to understand that only my Son is the salvation and the light of the world. And you, my children, my dear apostles, always carry my Son in your hearts and thoughts. In this way you are carrying love. All those who do not know Him will recognize Him in your love. I am always beside you. In a special way I am beside your shepherds because my Son has called them to lead you on the way to eternity. Thank you, my apostles, for your sacrifice and love.” Our Blessed Mother calls us to pray and fast. Come pray the rosary with us every Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:30 PM.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Our Lady of Peace is seeking someone to act as Secretary, on a volunteer basis, and take minutes of our Board meetings. The Board meets three times per year (the 3rd Thursday of January, May and September) at 12 PM. After the meeting, you will be invited to join Board members for a delicious lunch. Interested? Please contact John Chamales at 296-9786 or [Chamales@embarqmail.com](mailto:Chamales@embarqmail.com).

**2014 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**  
*Our Faith Alive in Love*

Many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2014 Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have already made your 2014 Appeal gift, please accept our gratitude for your commitment. Oftentimes when we think about our Catholic Church, we think about Holy Comforter. Although this is understandable, it is also essential to realize that we are a part of a much larger family of over 236,000 Catholics covering 33,000 square miles. The reason the Appeal is so vital is that it allows our Diocese to fund large ministry needs that one parish alone cannot address. The nineteen ministries supported by the Appeal work together to ensure that we are assisting our parishes, supporting our clergy and growing our faith communities. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, extra pledge envelopes are available on the credenza. You can also donate securely online, as well as learn more about the nineteen ministries the Appeal supports, by visiting [www.richmonddiocese.org/appeal](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/appeal). Please join us in supporting the 2014 Annual Appeal.

**2014 RED MASS:** The Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **31st Annual Red Mass & Dinner on Friday, November 7.** Rev. Msgr. R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond, will celebrate the Red Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 300 N Sheppard St, Richmond. Dinner will follow in the Halsey Lecture Hall at the VA Historical Society. Dinner tickets are \$50 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an educational, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. Further information can be obtained from James Schliessmann at [jeschliessmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jeschliessmann@hotmail.com) or 804-873-1035.

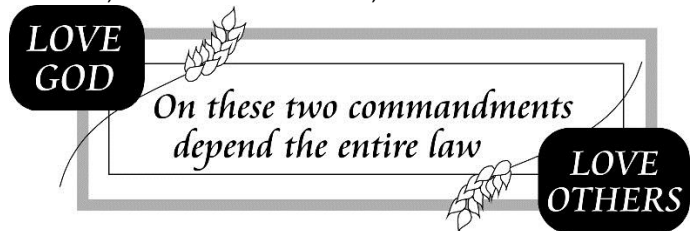
**NOVEMBER DATE NIGHT -- DINNER AND DANCING!** All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to an evening of dinner and dancing on November 14th from 7-9pm. We will have a potluck dinner, music, and dancing at St. Thomas Aquinas. Come enjoy a fun, relaxed evening out with your spouse! The event is free. RSVP to sign up to bring a dish to share at [CvilleMarriageMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:CvilleMarriageMinistry@gmail.com). Limited childcare is available for \$5 per child; please register to reserve your spot. This event is sponsored by the Charlottesville Marriage Ministry. For more information, visit us online at [www.cvillemarriageministry.com](http://www.cvillemarriageministry.com).

**TRAIL LIFE USA, VA TROOP 0031:** Trail Life USA is the premier national character development organization for young men which produces Godly and responsible husbands, fathers and citizens. Our mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure. Trail Life USA is open to boys ages 5 to 18. Troop 0031 is chartered by the Knights of Columbus Council 11324 and meets Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas. Find out more about Trail Life USA and how you can join in the adventure by contacting the Troop Master, Brett Williams, at (804) 283-4289 or at [brettwilliams.bpw@gmail.com](mailto:brettwilliams.bpw@gmail.com).

**PACEM INTAKE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** PACEM is still in need of more Intake Volunteers. Intake takes place every night from 5:15-6:45 PM during our shelter season [October 25<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>] at The Haven (112 West Market Street). PACEM Intake is from 5:30–6:30 PM nightly. Intake duties include making coffee and setting it out with sugar, milk, water, and ice cubes for the PACEM guests as they go through the Intake process. You'd also pass out hot chocolate packets and tea and talk with the guests. This volunteer opportunity helps make the Intake process less stressful for the people who need a place to stay. Sign-up online at [www.signupgenius.com/go/508054faeaf2da20-pacem3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054faeaf2da20-pacem3). There 1-2 volunteers a night. Please contact PACEM Program Director Jesse Boeckermann at [jesse@pacemshelter.org](mailto:jesse@pacemshelter.org) or 434-973-1234 ex. 114 if you're interested, have questions, or need more information.

**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST AT INCARNATION NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Knights of Columbus Council 3670 is holding a pancake and sausage breakfast at Church of the Incarnation at 1465 Incarnation Drive in Charlottesville on Sunday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Proceeds of the breakfast will benefit PACEM. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and \$15.00 per family. A baseball signed by the entire 2013 UVA baseball team will also be raffled off. Attractions Books, Christmas cards, and Belk Charity Day tickets will be available for purchase. Join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit, hot apples, coffee, juice, and fellowship.

**RIDE NEEDED:** A parishioner from George Town Green near Albemarle High School needs a ride RT to church each weekend. Please contact Bob Strassheim, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at 589-7822 or 218-8872 cell.



**FROM THE PASTOR**  
**SOMETHING TO HOLD ON TO? THE ROSARY**  
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When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have Our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have the power of God in your hands. **"If I had an army to say the Rosary," Pope Pius IX once said, "I could conquer the world."** And he said this because the Rosary, next to the Mass, is the most powerful weapon in the Church's armory. You and I have access to that weapon and we need to start using it every day.

In my little research I have found out that often we use the phrase, **"Knock on wood"** - and proceed to do just that: knock on a table or a door or whatever wood is handy and we may not know that the origin of the phrase and practice comes from the rosary. Rosaries in the old days were made of oak wood and were fingered in time of distress or trouble. Thus, holding on to or rubbing the wooden rosary or its wooden crucifix when danger was near became a common way for Christians to deal with hardships and difficulties. The practice slipped into common use as "Knock on wood."

Sr. Lucia, one of the children of Fatima said to Fr. Fuentes, (Dec. 26, 1957) regarding the rosary, she said, **"The most holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, that cannot be solved by the Rosary"**.

**'If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory'. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul"** (St. Louis Marie de Montfort). For sure if you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path. The Rosary is, in the words of Cardinal Newman, **'the Creed turned into prayer.... It gives us the great truths of Christ's life and death to meditate upon and brings them nearer to our hearts. Jesus becomes our constant companion as we meditate on its mysteries"**. Padre Pio, the famous stigmatic of our time, said, **"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today"**.

It has been claimed and rightly so, that the daily Rosary increases our faith, hope and charity, enhancing our belief, adoration, trust and love of Jesus and our Blessed Mother. In sanctifying us, it helps us to avoid sin. It has been said that the Holy Rosary may be regarded as a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. It allows us to meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of both Jesus and Mary and mysteries of light show us the daily expectations to live as children of God. Our heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil and to bring us to true peace. Rosary is not compulsory. We don't have to say it, but to ignore it is to lose a most effective and enriching prayer, encouraged by Our Lady herself. It may be considered difficult to give attention to the prayers while meditating on the events of the mysteries, but there is no reason why one should not allow the words to recede for much of the time while contemplating the events of the Gospel, and vice versa. It is not something to worry about. **"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."** *Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

TO BE CONTINUED