

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

- FEBRUARY** 1 – St. Ansgar
 2 – Presentation of the Lord
 3 – St. Blaise
 4 – St. Joseph of Leonissa
 5 – St. Agatha
 6 – St. Paul Miki
 7 – St. Colette
 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 31**
 5 PM – Members of the Parish
- Sunday, February 1**
 8:30 AM – Rosa Trinh Khoan (Thuy T. Vu)
 11 AM – Elizabeth Arbogast (Daniel & Anna)
- Monday, February 2**
 12 PM – Blandine Attey & Her Family (The Fausts)
- Saturday, February 7**
 5 PM – Thomas Gill (Mike & Denise James)
- Sunday, February 8**
 8:30 AM – Patricia J. Goodison (Birthday)
 11 AM – Members of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- SATURDAY (1/31)**
 8 AM – MASS
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
 5 PM – Vigil MASS
- SUNDAY (2/1)**
 7 - 7:45 AM: Reconciliation
 8:30 AM – MASS
 9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes
 11 AM – Children's MASS
- MONDAY (2/2)**
 NOON – Daily MASS
- TUESDAY (2/3)**
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON – Daily MASS
- WEDNESDAY (2/4)**
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON - Daily MASS
 NOON - AA Meeting
 6 PM - Medjugorie Rosary Prayer Group
 7 – 8:30 PM: Choir Practice
- THURSDAY (2/5)**
 7:30 AM – MASS
 NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen
- FRIDAY (2/6)**
 10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON - AA Meeting
 NOON - Daily MASS followed by First Friday Adoration until 2 PM
- SATURDAY (2/7)**
 8 AM – MASS
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
 5 PM – Vigil MASS
- SUNDAY (2/8)**
 7 - 7:45 AM: Reconciliation
 8:30 AM – MASS
 9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes
 11 AM – MASS
 12 PM – End of Life Program

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR _____

PARISHIONERS: Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Tom O'Rourke, Hermann Ortman, Katherine Russo, and Terry & Al Shotwell.

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, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Stanley Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, Bob Spann, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Lisa Light, Elaine Roberti, Benedict Pax, Jerry Colgate, Timothy Lee Smith, Gabriela Sabatino, Ned Foss & Jennifer Rinehart, Janet Dunham, Susie Jackson, Fr. Michael Hann, Donald Curtis, and Nick Castracane.

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

PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS: Geoffrey & Brandy Garbaccio, Daniel & Mary Ann Kosut, Matthew Semanik, Diana & Daniel George, Linh Hoang Vu & Kim Hoang, Sarah Schubert, Mike & Denise James, Carole Wernstrom, Jessica Stewart, and Dominic DeVito

BAPTISMS:
 January 31, 2015: Silas Jackson Tinder
 January 31, 2015: Madeline Juliana Stadler

ANNIVERSARIES:
 January 2, 1965: John & Jean Chamales

UPCOMING WEDDINGS:
 March 7, 2015: Megan Lacy & Kellen Dwyer
 March 8, 2015: Victoria McNamee & Brendon Lill
 March 14, 2015: Jennifer Ramacciotti & Michael Omegna

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
 Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

Gifts for God

- Offertory – January 24/25 - \$4,332
- Respect Life - \$1136
- Justice & Peace - \$80
- Outreach: \$55
- Haiti - \$40

JUSTICE & PEACE

Is there a staple grocery item that you buy regularly? Soup, coffee, tea, sugar, oil? How about making it a habit to purchase an extra one of these things for the pantry? It won't cost you a great deal of money, but it will do a lot of good for the families who need our help. Sometimes what seems like a small gesture can be a great benefit, both by providing physical help and also by letting someone know that we care.

**End of Life Series, Part II
Financial and Legal Planning**
Sunday February 8th @ 12:15 PM

In the 2nd of our End of Life presentations, Charlottesville attorney Thomas Nolan will speak regarding the financial and legal aspects of end of life affairs. Mr. Nolan, a highly respected wills, trusts and estates attorney, will address such issues as tax exposure in estate planning, various factors entailed in living gifts as opposed to bequests, the possibility of stock gifts, and the concept of family trusts. Extensive informational and planning materials will be on hand to help guide you in these decisions. Light refreshments will be served! We hope to see you there.

Holy Comforter Scripture Study Kick-Off
Saturday February 21st @ 6:15 PM

Many parishioners have expressed interest in regular scripture study here at Holy Comforter. In order to launch the effort to create and organize such programs, we will gather on February 21st after the 5 pm mass for a presentation of Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction*, as well as discussion of the myriad possibilities for engaging the Word of God. Dr. Johnson's book is easily obtained on Amazon, or other on-line book sites, if you would like to read it in advance. A host of resources for scripture study groups and prayer possibilities will also be presented. Refreshments will be served!

NEWS FROM HAITI

Anne Knasel (STA): anne@stagebridge.net
Ginny Zeller (HC): ginnyannzeller@gmail.com
www.saltadere.org

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP: Thank you to all who are sponsoring students - these funds support operating costs for the school and special projects such as the computer lab equipment. If you wish to sponsor a student for \$150 per year, you can do so by using the Donate button on the parish website. Be sure and specify, whether this is a new sponsorship or if you are renewing, use the student ID number to identify your student. Mesi anpil.

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE: The committee's next meeting will be February 22nd at HC at 1 PM. *All are welcome.* To learn more about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Anne Knasel or Ginny Zeller.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
www.cvillecatholic.org
(434) 964-0400

GALA AUCTION: CCS is looking forward to hosting the 19th Annual Gala Auction on March 21st, 2015! The evening of live and silent auctions, along with gourmet dining and entertainment, proves to be an exciting event every year! We will be hosting the auction at the Pavilion at the Boar's Head Inn this year. For more information, please visit our website. We look forward to seeing you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FATHER LOUIS A. ROWEN COUNCIL 3670

NEXT MEETING: The next K of C Council 3670 meeting will take place Monday night, February 2nd at 6:30 PM at Church of the Incarnation's Stone Chapel. *All Knights are invited for food, fellowship, and discussion.*

SPECIAL THANKS – COATS FOR KIDS: We'd like to thank all who have donated to the annual Coats for Kids drive this winter. Our council has raised over \$2,900 to buy coats for children in need in our community. If you're still interested in donating, please give your donation to a Knight or send a check to K of C Council 3670, POB 7251, Charlottesville 22906.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

SWEETHEART DANCE: On Saturday, February 14th at 7 PM, Incarnation Parish will host their 2nd annual sweetheart dance to benefit the parish food ministry. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and donations of canned goods will be accepted at the door. There will be swing music by a live band, as well as a DJ providing salsa music. Finger food will be available along with wine and beer. For more information or to buy tickets, please contact Jenny Kowalski (jenk456@embarqmail.com).

VOCATIONS CHALICE PROGRAM: The new signup sheets are available on the credenza. So far, there has been minimal sign up. Just place your name and phone number or email address alongside the weekend that you want to take the Vocations Chalice home to pray for Vocations. There is also a brief write up on what to do attached to the clip board. It is so easy - help us to continue this Holy and worthwhile Program at HC. For any questions, please contact Barbara Cassidy at [434-987-2122](tel:434-987-2122)

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Why not join the Rosary Prayer Group during these gray days of winter? We gather every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Chapel and offer the warmth of friendship and prayer. Our Blessed Mothers message for us given on January 2, 2015: "... The Heavenly Father desires pure hearts filled with the knowledge of the truth. He desires for you to love all those whom you meet, because I also love my Son in all of you. This is the beginning of coming to know the truth. Many false truths are being offered to you. You will overcome them with a heart cleansed by fasting, prayer, penance and the Gospel..."

THE HISTORY OF THE ROSARY - SECTION 6: Although "rosarium" refers to roses and rose gardens, the rose is a very popular symbol associated with our Blessed Mother Mary and it is a sign that she often uses as she did in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. TESTIMONIAL: In having the opportunity to attend a conference with one of the Medjugorje visionaries, several times, the scent of roses filled the church and there were no actual roses present. The Blessed Mother truly was with us.

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA CD'S: Don't forget to check out the Lighthouse Media display and select your favorite CD's. There is something for everyone. New CD's will be arriving soon. Keep checking back!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: In today's second reading, St. Paul talks about the fact that married couples have to deal with the anxieties of the world. Sometimes those stresses can really have a negative impact on our marriages. Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on God and each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The upcoming weekends are 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg or 26-28 Jun 2015 in Richmond. For more information or to apply, visit us at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-483-3209.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION: In March Rachel's Vineyard will run retreats March 13-15 in Williamsburg and March 20-22 in Richmond. They are available to any person adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For Williamsburg, contact Linda Riva @757-887-3144 or lindajr2@yahoo.com, and for Richmond, contacts: Maggie Carlson @804-432-2589, Marty Montgomery-Jennings @804-704-0429, or email rv4hope@gmail.com.

**PREAMBLE FROM THE PASTOR
CALLED TO GIVE AND ACCOUNT**

2014-2015 MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEES REPORTS ~ HOLY COMFORTER PARISH

My Beloved Parishioners,

Thank you for your financial support in 2014. We could not do the good we do without your sacrifice and generosity. You will find at the bottom of my message a mid-year (6months) Financial Report as prepared by our parish financial council. We are blessed to report that our parish, though not completely in the dark but through your great generosity, it just need a bit of push. Besides the monies spent to make the different ministry move on with their needs and programs the following have been accomplished with your finances through the supervision of Mr. Bob Strassheim our maintenance manager:

1. Repaved the Driveway and parking area to stopping the water entering the church basement,
2. Installed speakers in the Commons for overflow seating so that those in the Commons can hear the Mass.
3. Painted the outside soffit and trim on the Common's addition.
4. Installed four Honeywell Redlink Thermostats to allow better control of the heating and air conditioning, which has resulted in energy savings.
5. Replaced the hot water heater.
6. Replaced the Kitchen sink counter top.
7. Replaced all Exit Signs with the enhancement of emergency lighting.
8. Refurbished the lighting sconces located on both sides of the front doors of the church.
9. Replaced the compressor on one of the nine heat pumps, and a fan motor on one unit. Remember our church structure was rebuilt in 1920 following the fire, which destroyed the original building built in 1880. Because of the age of the church structure, we have a need to keep it in good repair so that it will last for many years to come.

Another enhancement was the installation of five flood lights with high efficiency fluorescent fixtures to illuminate the building along the 3rd Street side. This lighting greatly enhances the church building and helps with safety and security in that area. This restoration was made possible through a donation from a donor who covered the entire cost.

I am grateful also for the support you have given to the bishop's appeal. Our 2014 target was \$16,990.00 and so far \$18,858.00 has been collected. A check of \$ 4,352.00 has recently been received from the Diocese, which is our share of the appeal.

I believe that through the efforts of our Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Building committee and Staff we have been working to be good stewards of the goods you entrusted us with. All that has been accomplished here at Holy Comforter would not be possible without the assistance of so many parishioners and staff who give so much of their Time, Talent and Treasure. We are truly blessed and we thank God and all of you for your prayers and support in making our community the welcoming parish that it is. May we continue to co-operate in the Holy Spirit to seek the will of God in making Holy Comforter a parish where all feel welcome and at home.

May God continue to bless you all and your loved ones!

Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Operating account
July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Offertory	\$193,674	\$195,000
Other Income	40,663	44,650
Receipts – Savings	20,000	19,285
TOTAL INCOME	\$254,337	\$258,935

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$124,722	\$130,777
Auto/Travel	2,853	2,750
Church Oper. & Maintenance	31,811	23,500
Rectory Costs	7,328	9,160
Worship Expenses	9,766	12,450
Administration	8,113	9,150
Christian Formation	2,919	4,950
Pastoral Council	0	350
Finance Council	0	0
Justice and Peace	19,533	22,383
Parish Life	0	1,000
Evangelization	52	2,500
Diocesan Assessments	40,225	39,955
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$247,322	\$258,925

FUNDS ON HAND	12/31/2013	12/31/2014
Cash in Bank	\$30,935	\$20,813
Value of Investments	\$948,957	\$967,843
Building Fund	\$399,539	\$398,732

Thank you all for your generosity! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Finance Council members:

Lee Faust (Chair), John Chamales, Gary Krutul, Jim Neale, and Bob Strassheim