SAINTS TO REMEMBER

APRIL 18 – Blessed James Oldo
19 – St. Gianna Beretta Molla
20 – St Conrad of Parzham
21 – St. Anselm
22 – St. Adalbert of Prague
23 – St. George
24 – St. Fidelis
25 – St. Mark
26 – St. Pedro de San Jose Betancur

PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS: Jessica Stewart, Dominic DeVito, Ronald & Sylvia Davis, and Gabriela Zabalua

ANNIVERSARIES:
April 26, 1958: Judy & John Putalik

BAPTISMS:
March 28, 2015: Hannah Marie Gentry
March 29, 2015: James Francis Wyllie
April 11, 2015: Henrietta Grace Keevil

UPCOMING WEDDINGS:
May 16, 2015: Grace Rinehart & Matthew Semanik
May 24, 2015: Bridget Mason & Jordan Musselman
June 13, 2015: Anne Rowell & Mikael Horissian
June 27, 2015: Jessica Zareno & Gerrit "Kees" Boogaart
June 28, 2015: Jessica Stewart & Dominic DeVito

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18
5 PM – Everett & Louise Coddington (Jolene Green)
Sunday, April 19
8:30 AM – Terri Palumbo Regan (Pat Hubbard)
11 AM – Members of the Parish
Monday, April 20
12 PM – Tom O'Rourke (Gloria Salvetti)
Tuesday, April 21
12 PM – Jenny DeAngelo (Raymond DeAngelo & Martin Rosen)
Friday, April 24
12 PM – Margaret Sullivan (The Blackburn Family)
Saturday, April 25
5 PM – Deborah Thorsell (Jolene Green)
Sunday, April 26
8:30 AM – Evelyn R. Doyle (Bob & Carole Strassheim)
11 AM – Members of the Parish

Gifts for God

Offertory April 11/12: $7,135.00
Outreach: $2,228

Weekly Offertory Budget	$7,500.00
Last Week's Offertory	7,135.00
Difference **+/-**	**- $365.00**

Please be generous in your support of our parish.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12
Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds he elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

Second Reading: I John 3:1-2
John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

Gospel: John 10:11-18
Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (4/18)
8 AM– MASS
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
5 PM – Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (4/19)
7 - 7:45 AM: Reconciliation
8:30 AM – MASS
9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes
11 AM – MASS

MONDAY (4/20)
NOON –MASS

TUESDAY (4/21)
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON –MASS

WEDNESDAY (4/22)
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON – MASS
NOON - AA Meeting
6 PM - Medjugorie Rosary Prayer Group
7 - 8:30 PM – Choir Practice

THURSDAY (4/23)
8 AM - MASS
NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (4/24)
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON – Monthly Mass for Deceased Members of the Parish
NOON - AA Meeting

SATURDAY (4/25)
8 AM– MASS
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
5 PM – Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (4/26)
7 - 7:45 AM: Reconciliation
8:30 AM – MASS
9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes
11 AM – MASS
1 PM – Bi-Parish Haiti Committee Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR _____

Parishioners: Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarcyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, Al Shotwell, and Dawn Aberg.

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, 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, and Fr. Joseph Torretto.

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

JUSTICE & PEACE

How hard is it for you to think of a food item you need but don't have? Can you afford this item? Most of the people who come to our pantry need just about everything, but they can't afford much. That's where we come in. We provide many of the basics of everyday life, and sometimes even a few extras. How loving is that?

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

Where is St. Michel, Saltadere? Our twin parish is in a village of about 4000 people which is about 4 miles from the border with the Dominican Republic. It is in the east of the country and the border crossing there is where our Haiti travelers enter when they arrive through the Dominican Republic The greater rural area around Saltadere has about 40-45000 people. Their main governmental resource location is in the town of Cerca la Source and the largest city in the area is Thomassique. Because Saltadere is the furthest east of the villages before the border, it has been last in participating in any government improvements such as improved roads or electricity. Each time we travelers visit we see some small improvements as those services we take for granted are improved in the village. May God bless our brothers and sisters in Saltadere in this Easter Season and throughout the year.

Late Breaking News:. Thanks to a great effort, boxes for our twin parish are on the way to Tennessee to join a sea container shipment.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The committee's next meeting is April 26th at Holy Comforter at 1 PM. *All are welcome.* Contact: To learn about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Anne Knasel or Ginny Zeller. Contact us to join our email update list.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
www.cvillecatholic.org

Spring Fling: Join us at the Charlottesville Catholic School Spring Fling on Saturday, April 25th from 4-7pm! Everyone is welcome to attend. Join us for a fun filled evening with carnival games, pony rides, music, food, and even a juggler with machetes and a mechanical bull! Bracelets include most games & activities and are $12 in advance and $15 at the door; children 3 and under are free, and adults 18+ are free; families of 3 or more children will not have to pay for the cost of any additional children over the first 3! For more info, questions, or to reserve bracelets at the $12 cost, please email Brooke Olazagasti at nao1152007@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Help Wanted: Are you interested in working in an environment that focuses on high academic standards, as well as growing in our faith? Charlottesville Catholic School is currently recruiting for the following positions that will be open in the 2015-2016 school year: Part Time Middle School Latin teacher, Part Time Middle School Spanish teacher, Middle School Science teacher, Elementary School teacher, substitute teachers, & aftercare assistants. To apply for employment at Charlottesville Catholic School, please download an application from the Diocese of Richmond at: www2.richmonddiocese.org/human/apply.htm, and submit it with your resume, three letters of reference, and letter of interest by mail to Charlottesville Catholic School, 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901; by fax to (434) 964-1373; or by email to Mr. Mike Riley at m.riley@cvillecatholic.org. Candidates for teaching positions must possess or be eligible for Virginia State Certification. For more information about the positions or the school, please visit our website.

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

The First Collection each week supports the spiritual and physical operations of our parish and is vital for our continued growth. Please be as generous as your means allow. Parishioners sometimes ask about the various methods of contributing money to Holy Comforter. Of course, the envelope system with your check or cash is tried and true. We are noticing more parishioners are instructing their bank (via web "bill pay" and similar services) to automatically send a fixed amount to the church every week or once a month. We certainly record the donor information on these automatic checks for the annual tax deduction letter. Also, some parishioners donate stock periodically as this has extra tax benefits for donors. For this it is important that the donor contact the parish office so that proper procedures are followed and the donor gets the correct tax deduction. In the near future we will be investigating the use of direct debit from your checking account, the ability to use a credit card, and the capacity to incorporate online giving for donations as well. Please let us know if any of these would interest you by emailing us at office@holycomforterparish.org.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Ready to Volunteer? Join the fun and participate in the *Parish Life Ministry!* Meet fellow parishioners while organizing events, such as: parties, picnics, and receptions for new members of Holy Comforter. Share some new and innovative ideas for the enjoyment of future parish activities. As a committee, we strive to further unite ourselves socially as a Christian community. Please contact Mary Peyton at atmapeyt@aol.com or 244.4000.

Lighthouse Media: New books and CD's have arrived. Have you visited the display lately? *Highlighted Selection*: "Prayer for Beginners" by Peter Kreeft: Dr. Peter Kreeft brings his unique insights to this most important area of our spiritual lives. Simple but profound advice and practical steps for developing a prayer life based on time tested wisdom of the saints and great spiritual writers is offered in short, straight-forward chapters.

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group: The beauty of the Easter season is upon us, now would be a great time to come join us in praying the rosary together. Come join us at 6 pm in the Chapel every Wednesday.

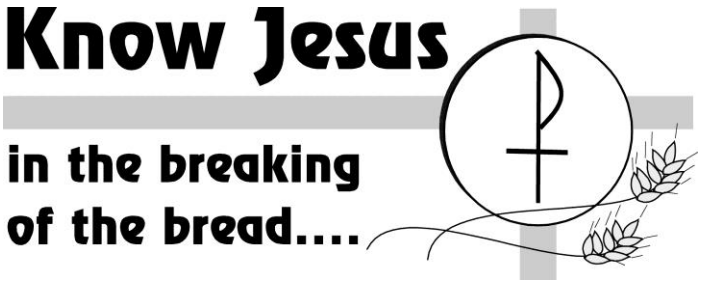
Our Blessed Mothers message to Mirjana given on April 2, 2015 "… I have chosen you, my apostles, because all of you carry something beautiful within you. You can help me to have the love, for the sake of which my Son died and then resurrected, win anew. ... to try to see something good in every creature of God ...

The history of the Rosary - Section 10: These narratives were divided into five Joyful, five Sorrowful and five Glorious meditations that are referred to as "mysteries". Just recently in 2002 Pope John Paul II introduced another set of five meditations referred to as the "Luminous Mysteries".

Prayer for Vocations:

Spirit of the Living God,
Awaken in us the sense of your call.
Encourage and affirm young men and women
to be brothers, deacons, priests and sisters.
May we serve you and your people, making known the
mystery of the Eucharist.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on 26-28 Jun 2015 in Richmond or 18-20 September in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-483-3209.



Asians for Mary Pilgrimage: The Asian and Pacific Island Catholics for Mary is holding its 13th Annual Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The Office of Asian Ministry of the Diocese of Richmond invites you to participate in this pilgrimage. If you'd like to travel by bus the cost is $25/person. We will depart from the Pastoral Center at 9:00am. For more information or to purchase a seat please contact one of the following: Armand Liangco, (804) 304-9621; Geraldine Seibert, (804) 868-9382; Delfin Raymundo, (804) 986-0188; Rey Bonjoc, (804) 730-9706. (We will be a part of the procession so please bring your flag, banner or statue). For additional programs and events please visit the Office of Asian Ministry website, www.richmonddiocese.org/oam or contact Pam Harris, Director, Office of Asian Ministry, asianministry@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5104. Asians for Mary Pilgrimage.

Diocesan Work Camp: The Diocesan Office for Evangelization will be holding a Work Camp in Charlottesville from June 20-26. We need contractors and talented handymen to lead projects that benefit needy Greene County residents. Projects include building wheelchair ramps, replacing flooring, installing new exterior doors and upgrading bathrooms. If you would like more info, contact the office at workcamp@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5159.

National Child Abuse Prevention: April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There is no better time to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children. For information about the Diocese of Richmond Safe Environment Program, go to richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment. For victim assistance information, call 877-887-9603.

Women's Cursillo Retreat Weekend April 23-26: Catholic Women, spend an inspiring long weekend with God and other women who want to deepen their relationship with God and enrich the way you live out your faith each and every day. The engaging weekend, to be held at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg, will be led by a team of lay Catholic women who are active with Valley Cursillo, along with Fr. Dan Bain and Ms. Patty Huffman participating as spiritual directors. Mass and prayer will be held each day, along with engaging talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Cost is $60 (donations will be accepted at the end of the weekend to allow others to go on a Cursillo Weekend). For information and downloadable applications, visit our website at www.valleycursillo.com or call 978-3954.

The Sick & Home Bound: Anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion should contact Bob Strassheim at 589-7822 to make arrangements. Also, please let the parish office know if a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary is needed or requested.

AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS THEN WHAT?

During the Easter octave and weeks that follow, we spend a lot of time pondering the Gospel accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. While the Gospels of Mathew and Mark end shortly after the Resurrection, Luke and John provide extra detail about what Jesus did during the time between his resurrection and his ascent into heaven. If your Gospel reading stopped at the Resurrection, you're missing out on several interesting stories. Luke and John both describe at length Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to his followers. Jesus' appearance before "doubting Thomas" and the other disciples are well known and contain a number of little details. For instance, Jesus appeared "**when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders**"—a minor sentence, but one that communicates the terror and bewilderment that must have plagued the disciples in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, what might you have done in this situation—reeling from the death of your teacher, fearing for your life that may be they will come after you! And wondering if everything you believed in was really true?

The Gospel of Luke also describes an encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. With provocative but confused rumors of the empty tomb still spreading, Jesus appears in disguise to a pair of his followers. After visiting with and teaching them for some time, Jesus reveals himself in a beautifully-described scene; "**When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"**

The Gospel of John provides a few more memorable stories. First, Jesus (again, unrecognized at first) performs his last recorded miracle, overwhelming the disciples' fishing nets with a huge catch. Shortly thereafter is the moving story of Peter's reinstatement. Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus three times during his master's trial, is questioned by Jesus … three times. It is during this questioning that Jesus gives Peter the famous charge to "**Feed my sheep**." Matthew and Mark both close with the "Great Commission," Jesus' instructions to his disciples to go out into the world and spread the good news of salvation: "**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."(Mt. 28:18-20).**

The post-Resurrection days not only satisfy some of our curiosity about how Jesus' Resurrection was received by his followers, but also give us the evangelistic direction that guides Christ-followers to this day.

We are commonly known as **Resurrection People**. The words of prophet Jeremiah put us into that position when he said: "**The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt …. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-34)**