SAINTS TO REMEMBER

August	29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
	30	St. Rumon
	31	St. Raymond Nonnatus
September	1	St. Giles, Abbot
	2	St. Ingrid of Sweden
	3	St. Gregory the Great
	4	St. Augustine

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29
5:00 PM ✝ Augustine J. Salvetti (Gloria Salvetti)
Sunday, August 30
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Grace Salvetti (Jim and Angie Morrisard)
Saturday, September 5
5:00 PM Members of the Parish
Sunday, September 6
8:30 AM Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)
11:00 AM Lorene Primich (Judith Pateman and Kerry Moran)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first reading is taken from **Isaiah 35: 4-7.** Scripture teaches that human beings are afflicted by all kinds of spiritual ailments. At the coming of the Messiah, however, the blind will see, and the deaf will hear.

The second reading is from the **Letter of James, 2: 1-5.** St. James advises the believer against the tendency to discriminate against our fellow men. God did not show partiality when he chose us, and so, we should not practice favouritism.

The Gospel is from **St. Mark, 7: 31-37.** Jesus heals a man who was deaf and dumb. When we are similarly cured of all manner of ailments, we can gratefully say, that, "Indeed, the Lord has done everything well!"

GIFTS FOR GOD

Offertory August 22 & 23, 2015	$4900.50
Justice and Peace	60.00
Outreach	180.00
Haiti	120.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	$7173.00
Offertory Received	4900.50
Deficit	*$2272.00*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/29)
8 AM: MASS
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
5 PM: MASS

SUNDAY (8/30) 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 - 7:45 AM: Reconciliation
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM – MASS

MONDAY (8/31)
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (9/1)
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (9/2)
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting
6 PM: Medjugorie Rosary Prayer Group

THURSDAY (9/3)
NOON: MASS (***THIS IS A CHANGE FROM 8 AM)***
NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/4)
10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting
NOON: MASS

SATURDAY (9/5)
NOTE: NO 8 AM MASS UNTIL 9/26
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/6) 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOTE: NO 7 AM RECONCILIATION UNTIL 9/27
8:30 AM: MASS
8:45-9:45 AM: Christian Formation
11:00 AM: MASS

LIVING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Parish Pledges Received to date	$491,548.00
Contributions Received at the Diocese to Date	107,578.00
Balance Expected	$384,070.00
Parish Share Received	**$31,383.89**

Thank you for responding with self-sacrificing generosity!

Please keep Father Joseph Mary in your prayers while he is in Uganda. He will return to Holy Comforter on September 23rd

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Please consider serving the Holy Comforter community as a Eucharistic Minister. We have lost several EMs lately, particularly at the 5:00 and 11:00 masses. This is a very important ministry and one that does not require a large time commitment. Ministers typically serve at one mass per month. A training session for new ministers will be scheduled in September or October. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or Michelle Edwards at mvedwards@hotmail.com.

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

In building community, Holy Comforter is organizing neighborhood gatherings as a way for parishioners to get to know one another better in a faith-based setting. The program of these gatherings may include mass, prayer, discussion of various faith-related topics or scripture, and fellowship. The goal is to meet as a neighborhood once per quarter. The initial Rio Road East, Melborne Road, and Huntington Road gathering was held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at Judy and John Putalik's home. Father Joseph Mary celebrated mass for the fourteen attendees.

The next Gathering for this geographic area is ***tentatively*** scheduled for Friday, October 9 at the home of Cynthia and Les Berlin. If you live in this area (Rio Road East, Melborne Road, and Huntington Road) and are interested in attending one of our Gatherings, please contact Les Berlin at lester_berlin@yahoo.com. As we get closer to the actual date we will have pulpit announcements and a sign–up sheet in the Commons to further develop interest.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND:

Please call the parish office at 295-7185, to arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners: Francis Burns, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarcyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, and Charley and Kitty Moore, Therese Auger.

Friends And Relatives: 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, Stanley Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, 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, Ned Foss & Jennifer Rinehart, Janet Dunham, Susie Jackson, Fr. Michael Hann, Fr. Joseph Torretto, Mike Charlie, Joel Rivera, Pam Heron, Elizabeth Scott, Kwasi Johnson, Marianne Rossner, Angie Lee.

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

LIGHTHOUSE CD—

Trying to unwind after a long day at work? Instead of listening to talk radio or the distressing news, pick up a spiritual CD off of the Lighthouse Media display.
Check out all of the titles! New items coming soon!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3670

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE NEARING ITS GOALS
Thanks to everyone who has donated money to the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. We've raised over $26,000 of our $30,000 goal to purchase two Ultrasound Machines for the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia. If you haven't donated yet, we're trying to finish up collections by August 31 to assess where we stand after six months of fundraising. If you'd like to donate before the end of the month, please send a check made out to Knights of Columbus Council 3670 with Ultrasound Initiative in the memo line to:
Knights of Columbus Council 3670
P.O. Box 7251
Charlottesville, VA 22906

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

Pantry Needs: A very generous parishioner recently made a VERY GENEROUS donation of staple groceries to our pantry. She even caught an entire school of tuna. This doesn't mean the rest of us are off the hook. We can always use jelly. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are traditional items in school lunches. And toilet articles are always welcome. People are often pleased and surprised to learn that we can offer shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes. Please keep these items coming.

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

Haitian Station: Please join the Haiti Ministry when we present a brief report outlining what your generosity has accomplished for our twin parish over the past year. On August 30, we will meet at 10:15 in St. Thomas Hall (Alderman Road side). Committee members will be there to answer your questions. Thank you for your support.

For more information about the work of our committee:
Contact: Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com
or Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net
or visit our Website: www.saltadere.org
Sponsorship program: sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

Cross Catholic Outreach

Please welcome **Father John Quinn** who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

PHOTOS OF HOLY COMFORTER ARE NEEDED!

The Diocese of Richmond is redesigning its website and is asking us to submit engaging pictures of Holy Comforter Parish to highlight our breadth and beauty!
Examples of photos requested: Interior church (horizontal shots preferred), Exterior (horizontal and vertical shots), Stained glass windows, Baptismal fonts, Vessels, Statues, and Close-ups of parishioners involved in service ministries!
Let's wow them with several submissions!! Please send your pictures to Mary Fran by September 29 at office@holycomforterparish.org

PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARIES:

August 31, 1996: Kelly and Patrick Langan
September 4, 1971: Dominique and Lee Faust

WEDDINGS:

August 29, 2015: Courtney Perkins and Tom Schaud

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may want to become a Catholic? The RCIA Process may be the answer."

Becoming a Catholic is a journey. A person enters the life of the Church through periods of study, faith sharing, scripture reflection, and rites (steps along the way, celebrated with the parish faith community). The usual culmination of this process is held during the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season.

Holy Comforter offers a process for those who wish to inquire about the Catholic Faith, and if so choose, join the Catholic Church.

A person may begin the journey by contacting Diane Auger Smith at dianeaugersmith@gmail.com or (434) 996-0502, or setting up an initial meeting with Father Joseph-Mary, and attending the regular RCIA sessions with the RCIA team. RCIA sessions will be held weekly on Sundays either between the masses, or after the 11 AM mass. Meetings will take place one per week continuing through May 15th, Pentecost.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tickets available to the Papal Mass in Washington, DC

The Diocese of Richmond has been allocated a limited number of tickets for the Papal Mass and canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Tickets will be made available through a lottery drawing open to any parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond. There is no cost to enter the lottery and the tickets are provided free of charge. Each lottery winner will be allotted two tickets to the event. Winners will be announced on September 10, 2015. To enter the drawing and for more details, visit www.cdrcmfl.org or contact the Diocesan Center for Marriage, Family, and Life at 804-622-5109.

September Date Night at St. Thomas Aquinas

Date Night is back for another wonderful year! Our first event will be Friday, September 11th, from 7-9pm at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. This will be a social night to kick off the year -- please join us for food, drinks, and good company. Date Night is open to all couples of all ages! The event is free, we just ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Childcare is available for $5 per child but please email us to reserve your spot.
Date Night is a ministry provided to the couples of our community to enrich and strengthen catholic marriages.
RSVP and questions: cvillemarriageministry@gmail.com. For more info: www.cvillemarriageministry.com

Men's Cursillo Retreat Weekend

Thursday, October 15 - Sunday October 18th
at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg

Catholic Men - Spend an inspiring long weekend with God and other men who want to deepen their relationship with God and enrich the way you live out your faith each and every day. The weekend will be led by a team of Catholic men who have made a Cursillo weekend before, along with Fr. Dan Bain and Ms. Patty Huffman participating as spiritual directors. Mass and prayers will be held each day, along with engaging talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Cost: $60.00 (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 the Valley Cursillo website: www.valleycursillo.com or, if you do not have computer access, call Rob and Ann Michel at 434-978-3954. Application Deadline: October 5th!

World Wide Marriage Encounter

St. Paul tells us to be careful in the way we live. Do we listen and follow God's voice so we can discern His will in our own lives and marriage relationship? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 18-20 September in Herndon, VA or 9-11 October in Norfolk, VA. 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
FORWARD WITH
"ENCOUNTER THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL AND SET THE WORLD ABLAZE"
(Continued)

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS.

How about getting into the habit of having personal conversations with Jesus like: "My dear friend, Jesus, as I'm driving home from work, I'm so happy to just turn the radio off and to talk with you about my day. Wow. It was packed. I feel good about parts of it. You know the parts where I choose work over people, or choose what was best for me over working with others. So, now as I get closer to home, let me shift gears and enter my home, with my heart connected with yours. I know how I can tend to treat my family. And, I use my crazy day as an excuse to do that. Let me leave the day behind and come home with a desire to be more like you in my availability, my patience and my giving myself to be a healer and a consoler in my family. Thanks for your friendship. I feel that you are at my side and I'm not doing all this alone. I simply couldn't experience this renewal of our relationship without your grace."

Once we get into the habit of having these very ordinary, but personal conversations with Jesus, we will find ourselves enjoying them very much and that with them will come several powerful graces. The first is what Pope Francis calls joy which is itself evangelical. That is, when we are joyful at the loving relationship we have with Jesus - who became one of us and died for our sins and was raised to set us free from sin and death - it shows. The easiest "good news" to believe in is when we see it in the lives of others. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, our lives become more attractive and inspiring. And, the more we are with Jesus in this day to day encounter, the more we become like Jesus. We care much less about being like everyone else in the world. We care about the people he cares about. We hear the cry of the poor. We give ourselves in loving others and even to working together with other friends of Jesus in dismantling unjust social structures.

When speaking to the youth in Brazil, the Holy father Pope Francis said: "**Father, are you asking us all to pray? I ask you all … but reply in the silence of your heart, not aloud: do I pray? Do I speak with Jesus, or am I frightened of silence? Do I allow the Holy Spirit to speak in my heart? Do I ask Jesus: what do you want me to do, what do you want from my life? This is training. Ask Jesus, speak to Jesus, and if you make a mistake in your life, if you should fall, if you should do something wrong, don't be afraid. Jesus, look at what I have done, what must I now do? Speak continually with Jesus, in the good times and in the bad, when you do right, and when you do wrong. Do not fear him! This is prayer. And through this, you train yourselves in dialogue with Jesus, in this path of being missionary disciples. By the sacraments, which make his life grow within us and conform us to Christ. By loving one another, learning to listen, to understand, to forgive, to be accepting and to help others, everybody, with no one excluded or ostracized."**

The pope reminds us: the first task in life is this: prayer. But not the prayer of words, like a parrot; but the prayer, the heart: gazing on the Lord, hearing the Lord, asking the Lord. A number of times, the Holy Father reminds us that praying is not simply saying words. It involves a personal encounter. We can ask for that grace and practice it. It is the encounter Jesus wants to give us and, if we ask for it, and open the door, he will surely help us and meet us with open arms. Do you know really how to pray as in really having a conversation with someone who is real? (to be continued---).