

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

January	10	The Baptism of the Lord
	11	Blessed William Carter
	12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
	13	St. Hilary
	14	St. Gregory Nazianzen
	15	St. Paul the Hermit
	16	St. Berard and Companions

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9	
5:00 PM	Members of the Parish
Sunday, January 10	
8:30 AM	Patricia Yost (Petroni-Conaway Family)
11:30 AM	Members of the Parish
Monday, January 11	
NOON	Sister Lillian O'Neil (Pat Callahan)
Tuesday, January 13	
NOON	Tess Bernardino (Anthony Bernardino)
Saturday, January 16	
5:00 PM	Rosa Trinh Khoan (Thuy Vu)
Sunday, January 17	
8:30 AM	Members of the Parish
11:30 AM	Members of the Parish

**JOB OPPORTUNITY
COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Holy Comforter Parish is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Religious Education. This position is responsible for the Parish Catechetical programs for both youth and adults. This position also provides preparation for celebration of the sacraments for adults, youth and their parents. This individual must follow the policies of the Diocese to insure the safety of all children and youth involved in the programs. Must keep records for the religious education program, prepare the calendars and annual budget, order all textbooks and materials, and coordinate, recruit and train catechists according to their gifts and needs of the program.

Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. A bachelor's degree in theology, religious education or a related field or a certificate in pastoral ministry from a Catholic Institution or working toward a BA degree. This position requires evening and weekend work.

Please send resume to: Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi at jlukyajm@holycomforterparish.org.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory/Holyday December 20-21, 2015	\$7,201.50
Outreach	400
Justice and Peace	305
Flower Donations	315
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>7,201.50</u>
Surplus	\$ 28.50
Christmas Offertory December 25, 2015	\$12,085
Flower Donations	100
Catholic Charities	2,744
Offertory/Holyday December 26-27, 2015	\$8,703
Second Collection for Deficit	623
Outreach	60
Haiti	155
Campaign for Human Dev	15
Christian Formation	10
Catholic Virginian	3
Justice and Peace	20
Diocesan Home Missions	10
Peter's Pence	10
World Mission	10
Catholic Charities	20

Offertory/Holyday January 2-3, 2016	\$7,871
Solemnity	1,842
Catholic Virginian	52.50
Justice and Peace	456
Outreach	530
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>7,871</u>
Surplus	\$ 698

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/9)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (1/10) THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

10 -11 AM: Christian Formation (*Time change*)

11:30 AM: MASS (*Time change*)

1-2:15 PM: Dante Book Group (*Time change*)

1 PM: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

MONDAY (1/11)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (1/12)

10 AM - NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (1/13)

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

6 PM: Women's Cursillo Reunion (*Church office*)

7-9 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

THURSDAY (1/14)

8 AM: MASS

FRIDAY (1/15)

8 AM: MASS

SATURDAY (1/16)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (1/17) SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

Christian Formation Holiday (No Classes Held)

11:30 AM: MASS (*Time change*)

1-2:15 PM: Dante Book Group (*Time change*)

1 PM: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

PARISH NEWS

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: Jim Cannon, Ron Lavis, Sue Newman, Amber Eros, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, and Charley and Kitty Moore.

Friends And Relatives: Betsy Boyce, Michael Norton, Leslie Gilliam, Ed Shaffrey, Jane Sargent, Josephine Nampijja, Grace Dawn Wicke, Melyssa Dove, Nicole Carpenter, Beth Mauk, Evan Dots, 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, Residents of Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, George William Polhill, II.

Members of the Military: William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, David Alvey, Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

March 5, 2016: *Jaime Flood and Steve Minihane*

April 9, 2016: *Mary Schwab and Brad Botkin*

May 13, 2016: *Kristina Zambelli and Matthew Loftus*

May 15, 2016: *Jenna Gerrone and Christopher Levy*

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 2, 1965: Jeanne and John Chamales

PARISH ACTIVITIES

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Bishop DiLorenzo opened the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond on December 20, 2015. As a parish, we hope to organize a trip to the Cathedral to receive that blessing.

LIGHTHOUSE CD'S

Many new CD's and books are on order. Check the Lighthouse kiosk on a regular basis to find CD's and books that cover a multitude of topics. Coming soon are CD's and books on the topic of Mercy to help guide us in the Pope's Year of mercy.

DANTE BOOK GROUP

After a break for Christmas, the Dante group resumes on Sunday, January 10, at 1 PM in the church basement. We will be starting the second part of the Divine Comedy, the *Purgatory*, which many readers find more interesting and theologically deeper than the *Inferno*; so it's a great place to jump in, even if you weren't with us in the fall. We keep to a light reading load, about 12 pages per week. For details, contact the church office or John Bugbee at bugbee@virginia.edu.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group invites all Parishioners as part of your New Year Resolution to come pray the rosary with us every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel. Even if you can come once a month, we would love for you to join us in praying the rosary, in praying for intentions of our Parishioners and in Parish community.

Jan. 2, 2016 message to Mirjana

".....Therefore, my beloved children, may the words of my Son and His love, be the first and the last thought of your day....."

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

St. Michel School: is back in session. The school has grades from Preschool to 13th or Philo, the final year. The primary grades (up to grade 6) serve the community children, but the secondary and tertiary grades serve a wider area of other small communities which have only a primary school. There are about 750 children at St. Michel School.

Upcoming Trips: St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner, Bob Fromm, will visit Saltadere the end of January. Possible trip for CSM students over Spring Break.

Next meeting will be January 10th here at Holy Comforter. **All are welcome.** **Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org

PANTRY NEEDS

There are some families in Holy Comforter who bring donations to the pantry every week. Their donations are not necessarily large, but they are consistent. Perhaps you might consider this a good habit to cultivate this new year. The people we help would certainly appreciate it.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In today's gospel it says, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 19-21 Feb in Herndon or 22-24 Apr in Fredericksburg. 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

365 DAYS TO MERCY APP

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great new app from Our Sunday Visitor! *365 Days to Mercy* is designed to accompany you on your spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The app includes daily reflections on mercy, everyday Scripture reflections, Pope Francis' tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and lots more.

Go to your app store and search "365 Days to Mercy" and install it today! Go to OSV.com/YOM to learn more.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School wishes your family a blessed New Year! We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful students and families next week to start off 2016!

Open Enrollment will be closing soon, and we would love to see you for a tour or visit. If you are interested in learning more about Charlottesville Catholic School, please contact Katrina Kuhn, Admissions Coordinator, at 434-964-0400 or k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org. You can also fill out our new inquiry form on our website: www.cvillecatholic.org

THE SECULARS OF THE ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites are faithful members of the Church, called to live "in allegiance to Jesus Christ" through "friendship with the One we know loves us" and in service to the Church. Under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of St Teresa of Jesus and St John of the Cross, they seek to deepen their Christian commitment received in baptism.

If you would like more information about Carmelite spirituality and the *Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity Community* which meets in Staunton on the 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, please contact Patricia McAdams at 286-4055.

FROM THE PASTOR**THE SEASON OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

There is a man by the name Mark Twain who used to make some experiments on things: one day he put a dog and a cat in a cage together to see if they could get along. They did. So he put in a bird, a pig and goat. They, too, got along fine after a few adjustments. Then he put in a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic and it was disaster. Mark did not even bother putting together a Christian, a Muslim, and a Hindu, that was unthinkable in his days. In today's world, however, it has become obvious that Christians live in the same cage, in the same city, in the same world, and can do things with people of other religions for the good of the human family, for we are all one family of God.

In this season of the Epiphany of the Lord and the message is clear: **Christ is the Savior of all peoples of God. "The Epiphany of the Lord"** signifies the manifestation of the child Christ to the entire world as a **GOD, KING and SAVIOR.**

This Epiphany makes us aware that Jesus **is the Savior of all peoples, whether they believe in him or not**, he came for all and outside him there is no salvation. The Magi who came from faraway lands to worship guided by a star, were nature worshippers who had no scriptures, God revealed Himself to them through the means available to them in their own religion. Through the star they were able to learn of the birth of Jesus and find their way to him. They came as pagans, they worshipped Jesus as pagans, and they went back home with something new, as the gospel says: **they returned home, but they did so by a different route**, they embraced a new way of living. When we open ourselves to Jesus, conversion has to take place. We notice also that these Magi their way of worship was accepted which shows that God is worshipped in many different ways. There is only one God, and all who seek God with a sincere heart are acceptable to Him, though they call Him by different names. One thing Christians have in common with members of other religions is the belief that we all worship the same God. We all are children of the same Father. Though the Jewish people believed that they were the exclusive people of God; dividing the whole world into two: Jews and Gentiles, the coming of Jesus the Messiah, proved them wrong. Some of their prophets and wise men tried to correct this kind of mentality by reminding them of the universal love of God for all humankind. But it was not until Jesus came that this idea began to sink in. As the letter to the Ephesians states, Christ made both groups, Jews and Gentiles, into one people and broke down the dividing wall of hostility separating them (Ephes 2:14). This is the message of the gospel that God commissioned Paul to preach: **"that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel"** (Ephes 3:6).

Like the Magi what gifts can we give to the Lord? **Why not deepening our friendship with Christ through prayer and receiving his sacraments for his is our savior and as our God and king he deserves all our gold. Let us never cease to seek the whole truth about Jesus, for faith is a journey of constant learning the ways of deepen our relationship with him. Why not a gift of loving those he loves, it is costly to the point of death, since he died for us as symbolized in the Myrrh he received, let us open ourselves to others. How about giving him the gift of reconciliation, with Him and with those who hurt us? He is our God and high priest Frankincense is not enough but a heart that is broken can do it.** My friends allow this season of Epiphany to help you desire God as much as you desire the air you breathe so that you may have the real epiphany of God. May this season help us to meet the real Jesus in the Eucharist be transformed by taking a different route of holiness, growing into the life of virtues. Living in peace and harmony with members of our family, neighbors and looking at the people of other religions as friends seeking a way to heaven.