

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

January 24 St. Francis de Sales  
 25 Conversion of St. Paul  
 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus  
 27 St. Angela Merici  
 28 St. Thomas Aquinas  
 29 Servan of God, Brother Juniper  
 30 St. Aldegunais

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 23  
 5:00 PM Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, January 24  
 8:30 AM † Mary Claire Wall (Eleanor and Ed Shaffrey)  
 11:30 AM † Diana Jane Gailey Fillennarwarth (Denise and Mike James)  
 Friday, January 29  
 NOON MASS Deceased Members of the Parish  
 Saturday, January 30  
 5:00 PM Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, January 31  
 8:30 AM Members of the Parish  
 11:30 AM † Diana Jane Gailey Fillennarwarth (Denise and Mike James)

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

**First Reading**

*Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19*

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13* (shorter form, *1 Corinthians 13:4-13*)

Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 4:21-30*

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

Offertory/Holyday January 16-17, 2016	\$6,244.50
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10
Justice and Peace	65
Outreach	250
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>6,244.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 928.50

***There will be a second collection this weekend for respect life.***

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (1/23)**

***Flowers Donated In Honor of All Who Have No One To Pray For Them (by Brian And Darlene Beard)***

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (1/24) THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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

8:30 AM: MASS

10-11 AM: Christian Formation ***\*(see below)***

11:30 AM: MASS ***\*(see below)***

1-2:15 PM: Dante Book Group

3:00 PM: Tridentine MASS

*(Also known as Mass in the Extraordinary Form, Fr. Joseph Mary will preside on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month.*

**MONDAY (1/25)**

NOON: MASS

**TUESDAY (1/26)**

10 AM - NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

5:30 PM New Evangelization Committee (*Lower Level*)

**WEDNESDAY (1/27)**

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 (1/28)**

8 AM: MASS

**FRIDAY (1/29)**

NOON: MASS for Deceased Parishioners

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**SATURDAY (1/30)**

***(FLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED)***

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (1/31) FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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

8:30 AM: MASS

10-11 AM: Christian Formation ***\*(see below)***

11:30 AM: MASS ***\*(see below)***

1-2:15 PM: Dante Book Group (*Lower Level*)

**MASS AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Beginning Sunday February 7, 2016, 11:30 AM Mass will change back to 11:00 AM, and Christian Formation will return to its original 9:45 AM-10:45 AM schedule.

## PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*January 2, 1965: Jeanne and John Chamales*

## 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*

## UPCOMING BAPTISM

*February 6, 2016, 5 PM Mass, Storm Family*

## 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:** Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, 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:** Claudia Hartland, Rhyne Smoot, 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.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Classes for First Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist) start on Sunday, January 31, between the Masses, with a family-friendly (pizza will be served) orientation on Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. Classes serve both students enrolled in our Christian Formation program and at Charlottesville Catholic School. If your child is ready for his/her First Sacraments (baptized, age 7 or older, at least one year of Christian Formation) and you have not heard from the First Sacraments catechist, Tina Blumenfeld, please contact her at [tmsblum@gmail.com](mailto:tmsblum@gmail.com) or (561) 779-6488. There is a registration fee of \$30.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

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](mailto:jlukyajm@holycomforterparish.org).

## MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group invites all Parishioners to come pray the rosary with us every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel.

The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. After Vatican II the rosary fell into relative disuse. The same is true for Marian devotions as a whole. But in recent years the rosary has made a comeback, and not just among Catholics. Many Protestants now say the rosary, recognizing it as a truly biblical form of prayer—after all, the prayers that comprise it come mainly from the Bible. The rosary is a devotion in honor of the Virgin Mary.

**SACRISTANS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for this important ministry which is dedicated to maintaining the beauty of the church, including: ironing altar linens, washing communion vessels, replenishing holy water, replacing altar candles, cleaning the brass candelabras, and so much more. Whether you like to iron or not, there is a role for you which can be performed during the week during your assigned month. Please contact Suzanne Bailey ([slank@ntelos.net](mailto:slank@ntelos.net) or 296-5033) for details.

**LIGHTHOUSE CDs: So Help Me God**

In this dynamic talk Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our *personal* relationship with Christ into a *covenant* relationship. Dr. Hahn then explains what led him to move from believing in only two Sacraments to all seven. In sharing these insights, he connects oaths to the seven Sacraments and unveils their mystery and importance. He reveals that the Sacraments are the ordinary means by which God empowers us to do His will. You'll discover that the Sacraments don't make holiness easy, but they do make it possible.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES****HAITI**

**St. Michel Parish:** There will be a big celebration with mass for the patronal feast at St. Thomas Aquinas in Thomassique, a nearby town. The pastor of St. Michel usually concelebrates.

**Upcoming Trip:** Please keep Bob Fromm in your prayers as he travels to visit our twin parish of St. Michel this week. He will work with Father Petina and parish and community members to refine the clinic renovation plan. He will visit the school and evaluate the water system for the village.

**Next meeting** will be February 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas. **All are welcome.** **Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at [anne@stagebridge.net](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com). Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)

**PANTRY NEEDS**

There are a few items that our food pantry does not need: canned fruit and vegetables, pasta and sauce. We don't need these right now because we are receiving them from the USDA. We'll probably need them sometime in the future, but for now we're good. But just about anything else you can think of would be a welcome donation. This includes toilet articles as well as food. Thank you for your support.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT OUR LADY OF PEACE**

"Living in the Heart of God" Led by Dicoese of Richmond Sr. Dolores Smith, CMS, M.A.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, lunch is included

RSVP 434.973.1155 by January 25. Seating is limited

**VIRGINIA'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS WELCOME GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND PUBLIC TO FIRST VIRGINIA VESPERS TO PRAY FOR NEEDS OF COMMONWEALTH**

At the midpoint of this year's Virginia General Assembly session Virginia Bishops Francis X. DiLorenzo and Paul S. Loverde and their public policy agency, the Virginia Catholic Conference, invite government officials and the public to the first-ever *Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth* at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17. The hour-long service will draw on an ancient Christian liturgy to pray for the needs of Virginia. Join lawmakers and public officials of all faiths, clergy, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners and other people of goodwill at this vital gathering. A reception follows. Register at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

**CATHOLICS IN THE CAPITAL DAYS**

The Virginia Catholic Conference invites Catholics to come to Richmond to advocate for life and justice during this winter's General Assembly session on one of three newly introduced Catholics in the Capital Days. The dates are Tuesday, Jan. 26, Thursday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 17. (On Feb. 17 the Conference and Virginia Bishops will also host *Virginia Vespers at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 p.m. All are invited.*) To attend Catholics in the Capital Days, call or email your senator and delegate to set up your appointments, and then register with the Conference at [office@vacatholic.org](mailto:office@vacatholic.org). We'll provide you with legislative updates, talking points and refreshments at our offices prior to your legislative visits. Learn more at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

We will be offering another Virtus training at Charlottesville Catholic School on Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 pm in the library. If you volunteer on a regular basis and have not attended this workshop, you are strongly encouraged to do so. You must register online at <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/>.

**FROM THE PASTOR:****CELEBRATING CHRIST IN THE ORDINARY TIME  
(Continued--)**

One spiritual writer said; "There's nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time, just a time set aside for reflecting on and celebrating our call to follow Jesus day by day"

Last week I left with some hanging questions and promised to offer some suggestions on: ***How can I remain "ever green" during this Ordinary Time? And how can I be more productive in the Lord's vineyard for the glory of God?***

To remain "ever green" first of all; ***make yourself available for Christ by meeting him in the sacred scriptures.*** The four gospels in the New Testament, as well as the entirety of the books of Sacred Scripture, are available to our generation like never before. The cycles of readings for Sunday and daily Masses provide the opportunity to hear nearly all the Word proclaimed in a liturgical setting. The printed texts of the bible are available to most of the literate world. They need to be read, not just with an academic approach, but also devotionally—prayerfully. We have to keep in mind that there is nothing we can do to be saved or to progress in the spiritual life except by Christ. Begin each new day by surrendering yourself to Him and His Will. Replace the habit of pride with the practice of humility, trusting in the Lord.

Secondly; ***Enter into and Remain in a State of Grace.*** Among all the gifts of God, my beloved, sanctifying grace is the first and the most important, because through it the Christian attains to the highest dignity which a mortal is capable of attaining. We can make no progress in the spiritual life if we are not in a state of sanctifying grace. Those who believed and were baptized were freed of sin and its eternal punishment. They were justified by Christ's grace and said to be in a state of sanctifying grace. If they have not knowingly and freely committed a mortal sin, they remain so. If you are not in a state of sanctifying grace, you need to be. If you are not baptized, seek to be baptized in the Catholic Church. If you are baptized, but have committed a mortal sin, that sin needs to be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words of Holy Scripture may be applied to sanctifying grace: "Now all good things came to me, together with her, and innumerable riches through her hands" (Wis. 7: 11). A soul that is adorned with sanctifying grace stands in greater honor and wealth than the queens of this earth. It possesses a treasure which surpasses the treasures of this earth, for these are transitory, while it is Divine and eternal. With it reigns in the soul the peace and joy and justice of the Holy Spirit, and a foretaste of future happiness in the dwelling place of the Saints.

Thirdly; develop a daily prayer habit Jesus said, ***"Abide in me and you will bear much fruit" (John 15:5).*** But what does it mean to abide in Christ? To abide is to remain. It's to stay connected like the branch to the vine. We remain connected to Christ in prayer, trust, dependence, and worship — in our thoughts as much as possible and in the deep attitude of our heart, most of which is unconscious to us at any given time. If we love someone, we desire to be with that person. The same is true if we love God. Prayer is how we spend time with God. Commit to pray daily prayers of Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving and Praise. Devotionals, such as the Rosary, and liturgy, such as the Divine Office, are great practices to assist you. ***(To be continued---).***