

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

February 7 St. Colette
8 St. Josephine Bakhita
9 St. Jerome Emiliana
10 Ash Wednesday
11 Our Lady of Lourdes
12 St. Apollonia

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6
5:00 PM Members of the Parish
Sunday, February 7
8:30 AM † George Schum (Tom and Annie Tromey)
11:00 AM Members of the Parish
Monday, February 8
NOON Anna Witkowski Birthday Remembrance (Grazyna Witkowski)
Tuesday, February 9
NOON Soul of † Mable P. Doderio (Michele K. Skarvelis)
Friday, February 12
8 AM † Stella Vajda (Grazyna Witkowski)
Saturday, February 13
5:00 PM Members of the Parish
Sunday, February 7
8:30 AM Sick Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Members of the Parish

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

First Reading *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*
Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.
Second Reading *Romans 10:8-13*
Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.
Gospel Reading *Luke 4:1-13*
In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

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

February 12, 1961: Frank and Jeannette McCarthy

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR PALMS TO CHURCH TO BE
BURNED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

There will be a second collection next weekend for Outreach.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/6)

8 AM: MASS
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/7) FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Flowers Donated In Honor of Mary Savarese (Ginnie and Pete Gillen)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:45 PM: Dante Book Group (*Lower Level*)

MONDAY (2/8)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (2/9)

10 AM - NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
5:30 PM New Evangelization Committee (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (2/10) ASH WEDNESDAY

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
7 PM: MASS

THURSDAY (2/11)

8 AM: MASS

FRIDAY (2/12)

NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (2/13)

8 AM: MASS
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/14) SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:45 PM: Dante Book Group (*Lower Level*) 3 PM

GIFTS FROM GOD

Latin Mass

Offertory January 23/24 & 30/31, 2016 \$8,456

Justice and Peace 250

Outreach 260

Haiti 140

Offertory Budget (2 weeks) \$14,346

Offertory Received (2 weeks) 8,456

Deficit (2 weeks) 5,890

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: Helen Edwards, 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 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, Residents of Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, George William Polhill, II.

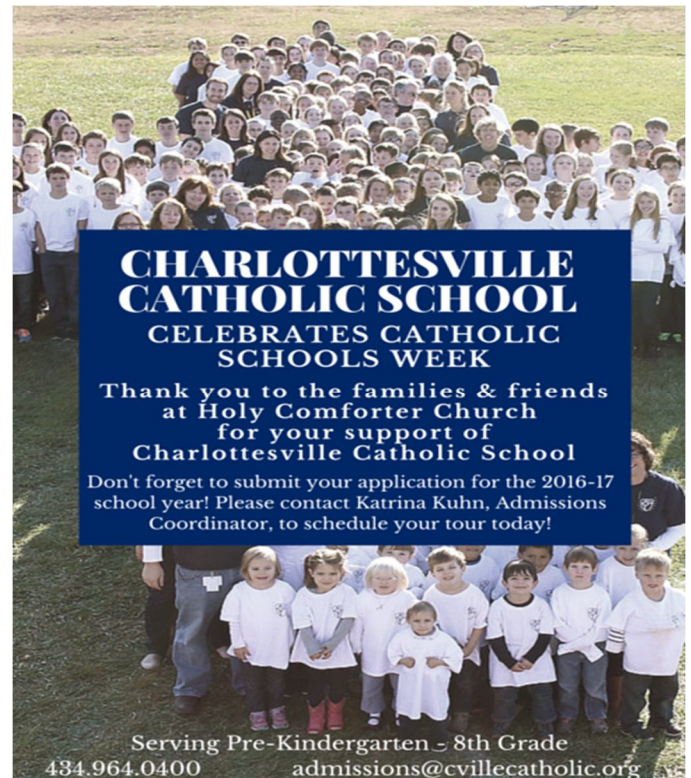
Members of the Military: William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, David Alvey, Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

HOLY COMFORTER MINISTRY FAIR

Mark your calendars for the weekend of February 20/21. The various ministries at Holy Comforter will be showcased in a ministry fair. You can learn about the ways you can participate in the life of our parish community. There will be something for everyone. Representatives from select ministries will be on hand to answer questions after the weekend masses.

LIGHTHOUSE CDs: 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have made it clear that Divine Mercy is at the very center of the Christian faith. Enter into the Year of Mercy with best-selling author, Vinny Flynn, as he shares his 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy, and Christ's message of love for each of us, and for the whole world.



MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday at 6:15pm in the Chapel a group of Parishioners prays the Rosary together. Come join us for this peaceful, caring 45 minutes. All are welcome.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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.

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

St. Michel School Sponsorship: Thank you to all sponsors. The school is in session and preparing for a few days of holiday for Mardi Gras which is celebrated with parades and music.

Medical Clinic project: Planning continues for renovation of the dispensary building and for collaboration with partners like Medical Missionaries and Midwives for Haiti to bring health care to the village. Please keep our Twin Parish in your prayers.

Next meeting will be TODAY, February 7th at St. Thomas Aquinas. **All are welcome.** **Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org

Dear Parishioners of Holy Comforter,

I am grateful to Fr. Joseph Mary and the search committee for the invitation to be the Coordinator of Religious Education at Holy Comforter, and thrilled to have the opportunity to serve you. By way of introduction, I thought it might be helpful to give you a little background about me. Although I have never married, I am blessed to be the mother of my 25 year old son Sergei, who I adopted from Russia when he was 3 years old. I grew up in a little town south of Pittsburgh, PA called Monongahela, the oldest of 4 girls. I attended Indiana University of PA where I received a BA in Special Education. I later earned a Masters in Special Education at Western Maryland College and a Masters in Administration and Supervision at Johns Hopkins University. After teaching for 12 years in special education, I moved to Virginia where I worked at the Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center as an educational consultant. For the past 15 years, I have been a teacher and Assistant Principal at Charlottesville Catholic School, from which I will be retiring in late June. Alongside my professional career, I have been involved in religious education programs for many years, including at my parish in Pennsylvania, at St. Johns Parish in Waynesboro, and at Incarnation Parish here in Charlottesville, doing everything from teaching RE to assisting with Confirmation, to adult faith formation.

As I was discerning the decision to retire from Charlottesville Catholic School, I felt that the Lord was calling me to a new ministry of service. I've been deeply touched by Pope Francis's call for the "New Evangelization" and I hope that I can help in that endeavor at Holy Comforter as your Coordinator of Religious Education. While the Church tells us that "parents are the primary educators of their children," it is important that families experience Christian Formation as a joint effort of parents, children, and the Church. It truly takes a village to raise a child and that cannot be done unless we, as adults, are continuing to grow in our faith. This is the legacy that we will pass on to our children in the Church. So you can see that the opportunity that you have given me has been an answer to prayer for which I am very grateful.

During this time of transition, Fr. Joseph Mary and I have agreed that I will work on a part time basis on the weekends until the end of June. I can certainly also participate in evening events and be available for meetings. I hope to use this time to listen and learn as I get to know the community and the religious education program as it currently functions. I humbly ask for your patience and understanding during this period of transition, and I welcome any suggestions or assistance you would like to offer.

Again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to walking our journey of faith and spiritual growth together.

In Christ's Peace,

Sue Dougherty

*From the Pastor***IT IS LENT AGAIN**

February 10th, 2016 will be Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It opens the season of Lent, a time of intensive prayer and exercising some discipline. I grew up knowing that; for every disciplined effort there is a multiple reward. So during this Lenten period there are some expectations in that whatever spiritual exercises we take on there will be accruing rewards.

It isn't enough to slide through Lent just observing the fast and abstinence laws or giving up chocolate. We should all undertake a Lenten program, an inward cleansing and purification, for oneself and the family. The program needs to be planned and organized. Ask the question: ***What shall I and my family do this year for Lent?*** Goals and activities should be realistic and reasonable, and parents should make sure that their children know why these practices are being adopted, rather than merely forcing them upon them.

After deciding our goals, both individual and as a family, we need to arrange our schedules, plan the different events and make adjustments to our life to put these resolutions into practice. Our daily life doesn't stop just because Lent is here. The challenge is to observe the spirit of Lent and perform the works of Lent while living in a secular culture, to remain in the world but not become a product of it.

Lenten practices begins with the wearing of ashes on the head on Ash Wednesday. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division within the family of God. Separating ourselves from God and one another, creating hostility with God and with one another by our sins.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate on Ash Wednesday, and should be minimized during the entire season of lent. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from fast observance during this season.

It is not required that a person wears the ashes for the rest of the day of Ash Wednesday, ashes may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Recently, movements have developed that involve pastors distributing ashes to passersby in public places. This isn't considered taboo, but Catholics should know such a kind of practice is distinctly Protestant. Catholics should still receive ashes within the context of Mass. In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in. Let us taken this journey with determination with expectant joy of becoming closer to God as we experience his MERCY.