

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

February 14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius
 15 St. Claude de la Colombiere
 16 St. Gilbert of Sempringham
 17 Seven Founder of the Servite Order
 18 Blessed John of Fiesole
 19 St. Conrad of Piacenza
 20 Blesseds Jacinta and Francisco Marto

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13
 5:00 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, February 14
 8:30 AM Sick Members of the Parish
 11:00 AM Members of the Parish
 Thursday, February 18
 8 AM Witold Witkowski Birthday Remembrance
 (Grazyna Witkowski)
 Saturday, February 20
 5:00 PM Sick Members of the Parish
 Sunday, February 21
 8:30 AM Mercedes Tharam Richards (Petroni and
 Conaway Family)
 11:00 AM Members of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

A prayer to God who is our salvation

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (or shorter form, *Philippians 3:20-4:1*)

Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

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

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/13)

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

SUNDAY (2/14) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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: Latin MASS

**MONDAY (2/15) PRESIDENTS' DAY
 (CHURCH AND DIOCESAN OFFICES CLOSED)**

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (2/16)

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

WEDNESDAY (2/17)

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON: MASS
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
 6 PM: Women's Cursillo Reunion (*Church office*)
 6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
 7-9 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

THURSDAY (2/18)

8 AM: MASS

FRIDAY (2/19) ABSTINENCE

8 AM: MASS
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
 6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (2/20)

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

SUNDAY (2/21) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 8:30 AM: MASS
 9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation
 11 AM: MASS
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GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory February 6-7, 2016	\$6,080
Justice and Peace	374
Outreach	137
Haiti	455

Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	6,080
Deficit	\$1,093

The second collection this weekend is for Outreach.

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.

Recently Deceased Member of the Parish

Shirley Elaine O'Rourke

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.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A

life-changing

LENT?

Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way.

The program is free!

**All you have to do is sign up at
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent**

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.

Our Blessed Mother's Message to Marija, 1/25/2016

".... You cannot live without prayer, because prayer is a chain which brings you closer to God. Therefore, little children, in humility of heart return to God and to His commandments so that with all of your heart you are able to say: as it is in Heaven so may it be on earth. You, little children, are free to in freedom decide for God or against Him..... ."

History of the Rosary by Fr. William Saunders

Part 1 - The rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of our Catholic Church. Introduced by the Creed, the Our Father, three Hail Marys and the Doxology ("Glory Be"), and concluded with the Salve Regina, the rosary involves the recitation of five decades consisting of the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and the Doxology. During this recitation, the individual meditates on the saving mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother.

Journeying through the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary, the individual brings to mind our Lord's incarnation, His passion and death and His resurrection from the dead. In so doing, the rosary assists us in growing in a deeper appreciation of these mysteries, in uniting our life more closely to our Lord and in imploring His graced assistance to live the faith. We also ask for the prayers of our Blessed Mother, who leads all believers to her Son.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekly Stations of the Cross begin on Friday February 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Needed are a cross bearer and two candle bearers. A sign-up sheet is on the credenza. Families are encouraged to attend!

2016 FIRST SACRAMENTS CLASS

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: Lucy Barnaby, Ignatius Blumenfeld, Anders Netland, Tommy Nguyen, Louisa Pesch, Megan Pounsberry, Emily Wetzel, Finbar Wilkinson, Karam Talya, Leo Manka, Esa Pannone, Helena Stewart, Sarah Kate Zeller, Tristan Zeller

LIGHTHOUSE CDs: Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today

Fr. Mike Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today with humor, clarity, and theological truth. In this talk, he challenges us to not settle for mediocrity and to allow Christ to change our lives. Fr. Mike goes on to explain that once we are changed by the love of Jesus, then together we can change the world.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES**PANTRY NEEDS**

Now that Lent has started, it seems appropriate to think of tuna fish. How about making a Lenten sacrifice by buying a couple of cans of tuna for our pantry. You don't have to wait until Friday. Any day is a good day to help the poor. Thank you for your support.

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

St. Michel School Soccer: Father Petina has asked for help to outfit the school soccer team. A collection container is at the St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti Table to receive donations of used soccer shoes in good condition. The shoes will be sent with the March travelers. Thank you.

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, March 13th. **All are welcome.**

Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Charlottesville Catholic School would like to invite you to hear Dr. J. Matthew Ashley, Associate Professor and Department Chair at the University of Notre Dame give his Hesburgh Lecture, "A Pope on the Margins: Pope Francis's Vision for the Church" on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30pm at Charlottesville Catholic School. A RSVP is requested, but not required, to Ashley Nelson, 434-964-0400 or a.nelson@cvillecatholic.org. Dr. Ashley's Hesburgh Lecture is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

OFFICE FOR BLACK CATHOLICS

The Office for Black Catholics invites young adults to attend a day of meaningful reflection on where we have been, where we are and where we are headed on Saturday, February 27, 2016, 9:00 – 3:00, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Richmond. The day will include talks, fellowship and prayer. Fr. Chester Smith, S.V.D., facilitator. Child care will be available. Cost: \$5.00, includes lunch and materials. Please RSVP no later than Monday, February 22, 2016, to obc@richmonddiocese.org or call Katie Lemza, (804) 622-5179.

SHINE: 2016 SOCIAL MINISTRY SUMMIT

Presented by the Office of Social Ministries is a one-day conference to explore ways in which we can engage in works of mercy in all their dimensions: spiritual, practical, social and evangelical. Pope Francis has captured our hope and imagination by reminding us that we are called to "give light to the world," that is, to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy.

The morning will begin with a keynote address given by Professor Christian E. Brugger who will be speaking on Catholic Social Teaching. A panel on how to take the Church's social mission message to one's community, twelve service-themed breakout sessions, and Eucharistic adoration will follow.

We extend a special invitation to parish volunteers, social ministers, campus ministers, lay leadership and those already engaged or interested in the social mission of the Church. Come and learn how you may be called to live out the Gospel within social ministry! **All are invited**, but space is limited so register soon to secure your place.

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

Lent is a "journey" for the faithful, during which we more diligently listen to the word of God and devote ourselves to prayer with greater sincerity and during which we are ready to bear the cross with greater zeal, so that with minds and hearts renewed we may reach a more worthy celebration of the Easter festival. In this way we show ourselves true Disciples of Christ, hearing his words and seeking to make them our own. We follow in Jesus' of **PRAYER, FASTING and GO AROUND DOING GOOD.**

This lent of 2016 happens to fall within The Extra-ordinary year of Mercy, calling us to take on our mission of being witnesses of mercy, a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion; **Repent and Believe in the Gospel.**

The Holy Father Pope Francis, when opening this year of Mercy said: ***"We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (cf. Lk 6:36)"***

It was in His Mercy and Love that our heavenly Father developed a plan to save us. God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance, which lent is all about. The heralds of truth and the ministers of divine grace have told us this from the beginning, repeating it in every age. Indeed, God's desire for our salvation is the primary and pre-eminent sign of his infinite goodness. Precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart than this, Jesus the Son of the Father, with untold humility lived among us in the flesh, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with him, and to restore us to the life of blessedness from which we had been exiled. He healed our physical infirmities by miracles; he freed us from our sins, many and grievous as they were, by suffering and dying, taking them upon himself as if he were answerable for them, sinless though he was. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate him by our own kindness and genuine love for one another.

So it was that Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. He declared that he had come to look for the sheep that was lost, and that it was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that he had been sent. Speaking more obscurely in the parable of the silver coin, he tells us that the purpose of his coming was to reclaim the royal image, which had been coated with the filth of sin. ***"You can be sure there is joy in heaven", he said, over one sinner who repents.*** Again, he told of how that Father, who is goodness itself, was moved with pity for his squandering son who returned and made amends by repentance; how he embraced him, dressed him once more in the fine garments that befitted his own dignity, and did not reproach him for any of his sins.

So too, when he found wandering in the mountains and hills the one sheep that had strayed from God's flock of a hundred, he brought it back to the fold, but he did not exhaust it by driving it ahead of him. Instead, he placed it on his own shoulders and so, compassionately, he restored it safely to the flock. This has always amazed me, how far God's mercy can go. Jesus instructs us in divine justice and goodness, telling us to be like our heavenly Father, holy, perfect and merciful. ***Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Behave toward other people as you would wish them to behave toward you,*** the Lord said. Can we make an effort to take the first step this Lent by open ourselves to **FORGIVENESS?**