

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

February 28 Blessed Daniel Brottier
 29 St. Oswald
 March 1 St. David of Wales
 2 St. Agnes of Bohemia
 3 St. Katharine Drexel
 4 St. Casimir
 5 St. John Joseph of the Cross

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27
 5:00 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, February 28
 8:30 AM Sick Members of the Parish
 11:00 AM Members of the Parish
 3:00 PM Magri-Schneider Family (Lisa Schneider)
 Monday, February 29
 NOON: The Magri-Schneider Family
 (Lisa Schneider)
 Tuesday, March 1
 NOON: † Daniel Marano (Maria Marano)
 Wednesday, March 2
 NOON: The Magri-Schneider Family (Lisa
 Schneider)
 Thursday, March 3
 8 AM: The Magri-Schneider Family (Lisa Schneider)
 Friday, March 4
 NOON: The Magri-Schneider Family (Lisa
 Schneider)
 Saturday, March 5
 8 AM: The Magri-Schneider Family (Lisa Schneider)
 5:00 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, March 6
 8:30 AM Marshall "Buddy" Turner (Tom and Annie
 Tromey)
 11:00 AM Sick Members of the Parish

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

First Reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the Promised Land.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/27)

8 AM: MASS
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
 5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (2/28) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
 8:30 AM: MASS
 9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation
 10 AM *Children's Stations of the Cross*
 11 AM: MASS
 12:30-2 PM: Dante Book Group (*Lower Level*)
 3 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (2/29)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (3/1)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (3/2)

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 (3/3)

8 AM: MASS
 NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (3/4) ABSTINENCE

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON-2PM: MASS and First Friday Adoration
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
 5 PM Wedding Rehearsal
 6-10 PM: RCIA (*Lower Level*)
 5:30 PM Soup Supper
 6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (3/5)

8 AM: MASS
 1:30 PM *Minnihane/Flood Wedding*
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
 5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (3/6) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
 8:30 AM: MASS
 9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation
 9:45 AM First Reconciliation Rehearsal (*Chapel*)
 11 AM: Children's MASS
 12:30-2 PM: Dante Book Group (*Lower Level*)

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

April 9, 2016: Mary Schwab and Brad Botkin

May 13, 2016: Kristina Zambelli and Matthew Loftus

May 15, 2016: Jenna Cerrone and Christopher Levy

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory February 13-14, 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>
Weekly Deficit	928.50
Offertory February 20-21, 2016	\$4,973.20
Health Wagon \$735.00	
Weekly Deficit	2,199.80

The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.

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 Bednarzyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, and Charley and Kitty Moore.

Friends and Relatives: George William Polhill, II, Claudia Hartland, 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, In memory of James Brazell.

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

SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekly Stations of the Cross continue on Friday, March 4th starting at 5:30 pm with a soup supper followed by Stations 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.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parishioners are invited to participate in Stations of the Cross at 10 am this Sunday February 28 in the Church.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will be held at 11 am on Sunday, March 6th. We will be looking for children to help as gift bearers, ushers, and lectors.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us on Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6:15 for 45 minutes of reflection, prayer and the Rosary. The Sorrowful Mysteries help us to reflect on the Passion of our Lord during this season of Lent. All are welcome. Our Blessed Mother's Message to Mirjana, 2/2/2016: I know you; I know your pain and sorrows, because I also suffered in silence. My faith gave me love and hope. I repeat, the Resurrection of my Son and my Assumption into Heaven is hope and love for you. Therefore, my children, pray to come to know the truth; to have firm faith which will lead your heart and which will transform your pain and sufferings into love and hope. "....."

History of the Rosary by Fr. William Saunders

Part 2 - The origins of the rosary are "sketchy" at best. The use of "prayer beads" and the repeated recitation of prayers to aid in meditation stem from the earliest days of the Church and has roots in pre-Christian times. Evidence exists from the Middle Ages that strings of beads were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Mary's. Actually, these strings of beads became known as "Paternosters," the Latin for "Our Father."

LIGHTHOUSE CDs: Abba or Allah In this informative talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explores some of the most important beliefs that distinguish Christianity from Islam. He explains that while both religions trace themselves back to Abraham, the differences, including our understanding of God as Father, are not insignificant. With charity, balance, and candor, Dr. Hahn shows us how Islam presents the most formidable challenge to Christianity in the Third millennium.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES



SHINE: 2016 SOCIAL MINISTRY SUMMIT

Saturday, March 12th 9:00AM *St. Michael Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060*
Early registration price: \$25.00 (Light breakfast, lunch, and workshop materials included)

Presented by the Office of Social Ministries, Shine: 2016 Social Ministry Summit, 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. We extend an invitation to everyone, including 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.

Register online at: regonline.com/shine2016

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

St. Michel School Soccer: Father Petina has asked for help to outfit the school soccer team. A container will be by the Office to receive donations of used soccer shoes (all sizes incl. adult), socks and shin guards in good condition. Deadline for donation: March 3. Thank you.

Medical Clinic project and School activities are on the agenda for a visit by parishioners over Spring Break. Please keep our twin parish and the travelers in your prayers.

Next meeting will be at 1pm March 13 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SECULARS OF THE ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

are lay people inspired by the Holy Spirit to answer the call to holiness through prayer, study, and apostolic acts of charity. Their spiritual formation is founded on the Carmelite Saints and Doctors of the Church, St Teresa of Jesus, St John of the Cross, and St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The *Community of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity* meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Staunton, on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you desire to learn more about this way of life, please pick up a brochure located in the vestibule of the church. For further information, and to arrange a visit, please contact Patricia McAdams at 286-4055.

GLORIFYING THE LORD BY OUR LIVES: Join us as we welcome well known liturgical composer, Steve Janco to Hampton to speak at a one-day workshop on how we can glorify the Lord by our Lives. This event is open to all parish musicians, choir members, Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Directors, Clergy, Parish Staff, Teachers, Catechists, and Parishioners. Tickets are \$10 and includes lunch. Event is from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For more info and to register please visit richmonddiocese.org/worship, or contact Vy Barto vbarto@richmonddiocese.org.

2016 WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND: 4/21-4/24/2016

Catholic Women are invited to spend an inspiring long weekend at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg, with other women who want to deepen their relationship with God and enrich the way each lives out her faith every day. The weekend will be led by a team Catholic women who have made a Cursillo weekend before, along with Fr. Dan Bain and Ms. Patty Huffman participating as spiritual directors. Mass will be held each day, along with engaging reflection times and talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Great food and fun included. 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 call Rob and Ann Michel at 434-978-3954.

Applications are due Monday, April 14

*From the Pastor***IT IS LENT AGAIN (part 4)**

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (1 Corinthians 9:25).

Lent helps us to become more focused on Jesus' path to gaining victory for the glory of God the Father, which implies following Him more closely. Following Christ implies great confidence in Him. It implies self-renunciation. A man must renounce himself, before he will follow Christ. Christ pleased not Himself, he sought not his own glory, but the glory of Him that sent Him, hence, let no man think that he follows Christ, until he has renounced himself. It implies a trust in Him for the supply of all our wants. It is the giving up of our own interest as the object of pursuit, and devoting ourselves to the glory of God and the good of His people; cheerfully and confidently leaving our own good and all our interests to be provided for and disposed of by Him. Following Christ, then, implies the death of selfishness, it implies not merely and negatively the death of selfishness, but also true holiness of heart and life; or a supreme, disinterested benevolence to God, and equal benevolence to all children of God. It implies the final forsaking of all else for his sake--the everlasting renunciation of all ways, ends, employments, and things, inconsistent with the glory of God and the highest good of men, from truly disinterested love to Him and to the souls of men. *Even Christ pleased not Himself:* He bore the reproaches, with which men reproached and dishonored God, so patiently, that He might glorify God and save man. So daily following Christ implies, that it is not a mere experiment, for a day, or a month, but a daily continuous journey into eternity.

Before we can know how to please our neighbor, self-denial must first exercise itself in our own personal life. It must rule the body. The holy fasting of Him who said, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God; and who would not eat until His Father gave Him food, and His Father's work was done, teaches us His followers a holy temperance in eating and drinking. The holy poverty of Him who had not where to lay His head, teaches me to regulate the possessions, and use, and enjoyment of earthly things that I may always possess as not possessing. After the example of the holy suffering of Him who bore all our sins in His own body on the tree, I learn to bear all suffering patiently: even in the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, I desire to bear about the dying of the Lord Jesus; with Paul he keeps under the body and brings it into subjection; all its desires and appetites he would have ruled by the self-denial of Jesus. Yes he did not please himself.

Let no one hope for salvation who does not live a life of daily self-denial. Observe what Christ says: "***If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.***" It is not sufficient then to practice occasional self-denial. Self must be set aside and crucified, and denied daily and continually. My happiness must consist in disinterested endeavors to make others happy, or never can I be saved. We have to understand that denying myself daily, taking up my cross daily, and following Christ daily, are indispensable conditions of salvation. And the doing of this daily is as indispensable as doing it at all. Observe, Christ does not say, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself occasionally; take up the cross occasionally; and occasionally, in seasons of special excitement and revival follow me; but the doing of these things daily is here made an indispensable condition of salvation. (***To be continued--***)