

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

March 6 St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes  
 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity  
 8 St. Frances of Rome  
 9 St. Dominic Savio  
 10 St. John Joseph of the Cross  
 11 St. John Ogilvie  
 12 Blessed Angela Salawa

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 5  
 8 AM: The Magri-Schneider Family (Lisa Schneider)  
 5:00 PM † Lorene Primich (Judy Pateman)  
 Sunday, March 6  
 8:30 AM Marshall "Buddy" Turner (Tom and Annie Tromey)  
 11 AM Members of the Parish  
 Friday, March 11  
 8 AM: † Philip Robert Albach (Jill Paitsel)  
 Saturday, March 12  
 5:00 PM Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, March 13  
 8:30 AM † Shirley O'Rourke (Martha Cassell)  
 11:00 AM Sick Members of the Parish  
 3 PM Members of the Parish

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

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 3:8-14*

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 8:1-11*

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

Offertory February 27-28, 2016 \$6,145.50  
 Latin Mass \$214,  
 Catholic Virginian \$15  
 Justice and Peace \$180,  
 Outreach \$370  
 Haiti \$608, Flower Donations \$442  
 Deficit Collection \$754

Weekly Offertory Budget \$7,173.00

Offertory Received 6,145.50

Weekly Deficit 1,027.50

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**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*)

**MONDAY (3/7)**

NOON: MASS

**TUESDAY (3/8)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: MASS

**WEDNESDAY (3/9)**

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 (3/10)**

8 AM: MASS  
 NOON: Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (3/11) ABSTINENCE**

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

**SATURDAY (3/12)**

8 AM: MASS  
 11 AM First Penance, Reception Following  
 1:30 PM *Minnihane/Flood Wedding*  
 3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
 5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (3/13) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
 8:30 AM: MASS  
 9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation  
 12:30-2 PM: Dante Book Group (*Lower Level*)  
 3:00 PM Latin MASS

**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*

**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:** 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

**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.

**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.

History of the Rosary by Fr. William Saunders

Part 3 The structure of the rosary gradually evolved between the 12th and 15th centuries. Eventually 50 Hail Mary's were recited and linked with verses of psalms or other phrases evoking the lives of Jesus and Mary. During this time, this prayer form became known as the rosarium ("rose garden"), actually a common term to designate a collection of similar material, such as an anthology of stories on the same subject or theme. During the 16th century, the structure of the five-decade rosary based on the three sets of mysteries prevailed.

**Our Blessed Mother's Message to Mirjana, 2/25/2016:**

In this time of grace, I am calling all of you to conversion. Little children, you love little and pray even less. You are lost and do not know what your goal is. Take the cross, look at Jesus and follow Him. He gives Himself to you to the death on the cross, because He loves you. Little children, I am calling you: return to prayer with the heart so as to find hope and the meaning of your existence, in prayer. I am with you and am praying for you..... "

**LIGHTHOUSE BOOKLET**

Is Jesus Really Present in the Eucharist?

Statistics are reporting that over 70% of Catholics polled in America do not believe in the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist — a verifiable crisis of faith. Using key sources from scripture and tradition, Bishop Michael Evans explains how Jesus is present today when we celebrate the Mass. This highly readable and accessible text is a must read for all Catholics seeking the proper answer to this dire question.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

**BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE**

**Medical Clinic project** and School activities are on the agenda for a visit by parishioners over Spring Break. Father Stephen, Bob Fromm and students: Peter, Maria, Katie, Hattie, and Jane will visit Saltadere March 6-13. Please keep our twin parish and the travelers in your prayers.

**Thank you** to all those who donated soccer items for our twin parish. And thank you for all the support you give to our twin parish.

**Next meeting** will be at 1pm March 13 at Holy Comforter. **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)

**FOOD PANTRY**

If you're a little short on time and a little short on cash, could you manage to throw a decent dinner together? Most of us could once in a while. But if you're working two minimum wage jobs, the problem becomes a little more complex. That's the problem many of the people we help face on a regular basis. Your support of our pantry is crucial. Thanks for your support.

The Holy Comforter Church's Outreach program has been blessed by a \$2,500 grant from the Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger Fund. This grant will allow us to provide more nutritious food for our Soup Kitchen meals, and will also allow us to add basic hygiene items, such as shampoo and toothpaste, to our pantry bags.

<b>COMMUNITY NEWS</b>
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**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](http://regonline.com/shine2016)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

is seeking to fill a part time position for their After Care Team. To apply, please download an application from the Catholic Diocese of Richmond ([richmonddiocese.org/human/apply.htm](http://richmonddiocese.org/human/apply.htm)) and submit it with your resume and letter of interest by mail to Charlottesville Catholic School, 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901; by fax to (434) 964-1373; or by email to Ms. Sue Dougherty, at [s.dougherty@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:s.dougherty@cvillecatholic.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](http://www.valleycursillo.com) or call Rob and Ann Michel at 434-978-3954.

**Applications are due Monday, April 14**

**INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP,**

Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, (1465 Incarnation Drive, Charlottesville.) Centering Prayer was developed by Cistercian Monks, particularly Fr. Thomas Keating, and is supported by Contemplative Outreach, an interfaith network of individuals and groups practicing this prayer. The presenters will be Marianne Gordon, a member of Christ Episcopal Church and Herb Ely, a member of Church of the Incarnation. Both are certified as presenters by Contemplative Outreach and will facilitate this workshop. (Six follow-up sessions are available as well.) This method of prayer is an updated form of ancient Christian meditation practices.

Space is limited. RSVP to [herb@ely.fm](mailto:herb@ely.fm) or 434-295-6969 to reserve a spot. There is no fee for this workshop - a donation basket will be available. Please bring your own lunch.

***From the Pastor***  
**IT IS LENT AGAIN (part 5)**

**“Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”(Eph. 4:22-24).**

Speaking of self-denial, a true Christian denies himself, the old man: I do not know this old man; I will have nothing to do with him and his interests. And when shame and dishonor come upon him, or anything be exacted that is not pleasant to the old nature, he simply says: Do as you like with the old ties of the Adam, I will take no notice of it. Through the cross of Christ I am crucified to the world, and the flesh, and self: to the friendship and interest of this old man I am a stranger; I deny him to be my friend; I deny his every claim and wish; I know him not.

Any Christian who only thinks of his salvation from curse and condemnation cannot understand this; he finds it impossible to deny self. Although one may sometimes try to do so, his life mainly consists in pleasing oneself. The Christian who has taken Christ as his pattern cannot be content with this. He has surrendered himself to seek the most complete fellowship with the cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit has taught him to say, I have been crucified with Christ, and so am dead to sin and self. In fellowship with Christ he sees the old man crucified, a condemned criminal; he is ashamed to own him as a friend: it is his fixed purpose, and he has received the power for it too, no longer to please his old nature, but to deny it. *Because* the crucified Christ is his life, self-denial is the law of his life.

This self-denial extends itself over the whole domain of life. It was so with the Lord Jesus, and is so with everyone who longs to follow Him perfectly. This self-denial has not so much to do with what is sinful, and unlawful, and contrary to the laws of God, as with what is lawful, or apparently indifferent. To the self-denying spirit the will and glory of God and the salvation of man are always more than our own interests or pleasure.

Self-denial has special reference to the heart. All the affections and desires are placed under it. The will, the kingly power of the soul is especially under its control. As little as self-pleasing could be a part of Christ's life, may Christ's follower allow it ever to influence his conduct. "We ought not to please ourselves. For even Christ pleased not Himself." Self-denial is the law of his life.

To one who, with a divided heart, seeks to force himself to a life of self-denial, it is hard indeed; but to one who has yielded himself or herself to it unreservedly, because one has with the whole heart accepted the cross to destroy the power of sin and self, the blessing it brings more than compensates for apparent sacrifice or loss. Such a person hardly dare any longer speak of self-denial, there is such blessedness in becoming conformed to the image of Jesus.

Self-denial has not its value with God, as some think, from the measure of pain it causes. No, for this pain is very much caused by the remaining reluctance in me to practice it. But it has its highest worth in that meek or even joyful consent which counts nothing a sacrifice for Jesus' sake, and feels surprised when others speak of self-denial.

In the history of Christian spirituality, there have been ages when men and women thought they must fly to the wilderness or cloister to deny themselves. The Lord Jesus has shown us that the best place to practice self-denial is in our ordinary interaction with people. So Paul also says: "*We ought not to please ourselves, let everyone please his neighbor unto edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself.* Therefore receive ye one another, *even as Christ* has received you." Nothing less than the self-denial of our Lord, who pleased not Himself, is our law. What He was we must be. What He did we must do. (To be continued--).