

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

April      3 St. Benedict the African  
              4 St. Isidore of Seville  
              5 St. Vincent Ferrer  
              6 St. Crescentia Hoess  
              7 St. John Baptist de la Salle  
              8 St. Juile Billiard  
              9 St. Casilda

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 2  
     8 AM Sick Members of the Parish  
     5 PM †Jack Raines (Mike and Denise James)  
 Sunday, April 3  
     8:30 AM †Shirley O'Rourke (The Slezak Family)  
     11 AM Members of the Parish  
 Friday, April 8  
     8 AM Joseph Vu Ngoc (Thuy Vu)  
 Saturday, April 9  
     5 PM Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, April 10  
     8:30 AM Sick Members of the Parish  
     11 AM Conrad Isak (Isak Family)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41*

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13*

A song of praise to God who rescues us.

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 5:11-14*

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 21:1-19* (short form: *John 21:1-14*)

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

**Recently Deceased Member of the Parish**

Shirley Elaine O'Rourke

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (4/2)**

8 AM: MASS  
 3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation  
 5 PM: Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/3) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation  
 8:30 AM: MASS  
 9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation  
 11 AM: MASS  
 12:30 PM: Dante Book Group (CRE Office)

**MONDAY (4/4)**

10 AM: Prayer Group (*Chapel*)  
 NOON: MASS

**TUESDAY (4/5)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: MASS

**WEDNESDAY (4/6)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: MASS  
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
 6 PM: Cursillo Group (*Church Office*)  
 6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)  
 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

**THURSDAY (4/7)**

8 AM: MASS  
 NOON: Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (4/8)**

8 AM: MASS  
 10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**SATURDAY (4/9)**

8 AM: MASS  
 3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation  
 5 PM: Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/10) 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation  
 8:30 AM: MASS  
 9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation  
 11 AM: MASS  
 12:30 PM: Dante Book Group (CRE Office)

**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 March 26-27, 2016 \$11,564.00

Collection for Deficit \$1,346  
Latin Mass 217

Weekly Offertory Budget \$ 7173.00  
Offertory Received 11,564.00  
Surplus \$ 4,391.00

## 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, Charley and Kitty Moore, Mary Frances Lilly.

**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.

# PARISH NEWS

## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Please join us for a study and discussion on the Holy Year of Mercy. We will use a DVD by Fr. Michael Renninger, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Richmond called "Reflections on the Year of Mercy. The 5 sessions, led by Sue Dougherty, will be held from 9:45-10:45am beginning Sunday, April 10 through Sunday, May 8. Please email Sue at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org) if you are interested in attending.

## EVANGELIZATION MASS

Parishioners living in the area of Dunlora are invited to attend Mass at 5:30 PM on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the home of Connie and Gene Flamm, 1320 Mosby's Reach. RSVP by April 25<sup>th</sup> to 975-2835.

## 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 Katherine Zeller Kangas, Philip Tristan Zeller Kangas.

## MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

HE has Risen!! Please join us on Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6:15 for reflection, prayer and the Rosary. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet until March 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday. Come join our prayerful family.

## FEATURED LIGHTHOUSE CD

*God's Family and Ours: The Church and the Trinity*  
Dr. Scott Hahn uses familiarity with family life to bring us to a deeper understanding of the Holy Trinity, and thereby a better understanding of ourselves and the Church. This presentation effectively illustrates how the "Good News" of salvation is not only being saved from our sins through the Cross of Christ, but an invitation to become and live as adopted sons and daughters of the Triune God.

# SOCIAL MINISTRIES

## FOOD PANTRY

The celebration of Easter is the longest and most joyful season of the church year. You'd think that this would be the season when we are most mindful of our relationship with others -- especially our brothers and sisters in need. So let's share our joy-- and also maybe some tuna fish or chunky soup or shampoo or toothpaste. Sometimes great joy can come from simple little things.

**BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE**

**Report from the travelers to Haiti:** The students visited classes and took pictures. They interviewed a teacher and a student who hopes to study medicine at the university once he completes his studies in Saltadere. Meetings also took place with the Water Committee and the Parish Caritas committee. See the website for more details and pictures. Thank you travelers!

**Help** is needed to prepare donated computers for Haiti. See contact information below.

**Next meeting:** April 10 at St. Thomas Aquinas at 1 PM.

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).

<b>COMMUNITY NEWS</b>
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**APRIL DATE NIGHT**

On April 8th we are extremely pleased to welcome Art and Laraine Bennett as our speakers at Date Night. The Bennetts are co-authors of the book "The Temperament God Gave You: The Classic Key to Knowing Yourself, Getting Along with Others, and Growing Closer to the Lord". They also wrote two follow-up books, "The Temperament God Gave Your Spouse" and "The Temperament God Gave Your Kids". Mr. Bennett is an experienced Catholic counselor and he and his wife Laraine offer practical advice on "how to identify your own temperament and use it to become what God is calling you to be: a loving spouse, an effective parent, and a good friend." Please join us for this very special event on Friday, April 8th, from 7-9pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The event is free but we ask that you bring an appetizer, dessert, or drink to share. Limited childcare is available for \$5/child -- reservation required. RSVP and questions: [cvillemarriageministry@gmail.com](mailto:cvillemarriageministry@gmail.com). This event is sponsored by the Cville Marriage Ministry. For more info: [www.cvillemarriageministry.com](http://www.cvillemarriageministry.com)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER LOUIS A. ROWEN COUNCIL 3670**

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Throughout spring we are collecting donations for KOVAR, the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity that provides financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities <http://www.kovarva.org>. Donations can be given to any Knight or mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 3670, P.O. Box 7251, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Please make checks out to "K of C Council 3670" with "KOVAR" in the memo line.

**MEETING NOTICE:** Our Council has raised over \$65,000 this past year to support local charities and non-profits. With your help, think of how much more we can accomplish! All 'lapsed' Knights are encouraged to step up and participate in the Council's efforts in our parishes. We are in need of new officers to fill vacancies. Nominations will be held at our next meeting on Monday, April 18th. Dinner is at 6pm with rosary & meeting to follow. Please attend. Our future depends on it.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT 4/8-4/10/2016**

*Shalom House Retreat Center, Montpelier, VA*

For women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussion in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. For more info, contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429 or Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 or email [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com)

**WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, April 16**

**Registration - 8:30. Fun Run - 8:45. Walk - 9:00.**

Here is an opportunity to put your faith into action! Help local women choose life for their babies. Be a fundraising walker in the upcoming Walk for Life. All proceeds benefit The Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia. Pick up a fundraising form in the Commons or visit [www.pccvfriends.org](http://www.pccvfriends.org). The Walk for Life is an easy, stroller-friendly, 1.5 mile walk, and it is an event that appeals to all ages. There will be a continental breakfast, balloons, face painting, a Fun Run for kids and exciting prizes. Raise funds, save lives! For additional information, please contact Keri-Ann Byrne at 434-979-4516 or at [Keri-Ann@virginiapregnancyorg](mailto:Keri-Ann@virginiapregnancyorg).

**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

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**

*From the Pastor***ALLELUIA THE TOMB IS EMPTY (# 2)**

**“The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed” (Jn.20:8).**

There are "many infallible proofs" of the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, but the testimony of the empty tomb is the most conclusive of all. Jesus had been buried, with the tomb sealed and guarded by a watch of Roman soldiers. Yet on the third day of His burial, on the morning of the first day of the week, the body was no longer there, and the empty tomb still stands today as an unanswerable proof that the Lord Jesus rose from the dead.

The disciple whom Jesus loved immediately believed in the resurrection when he saw the linen clothes lying still as they had been, yet in a now-empty tomb, though he and the others had all apparently forgotten His promise to rise after three days ( Mat. 20:17-19). Neither had they understood the prophecies in the Old Testament that He would rise again ( Ps. 16:10; Is. 53: 10). But very soon they would all understand and go forth into all the world as Spirit-filled proclaimers of the great truth of Christ's death and bodily resurrection. The body of Jesus was certainly no longer in the tomb, nor could it be produced anywhere else.

Many skeptics have tried to avoid the truth of the resurrection by saying that Jesus did not actually die on the cross. The tomb was empty, they say, because Jesus recovered from his wounds in the cool of the tomb and then went back to be with His disciples and friends. Something completely wrong. We should never forget that the empty tomb has proved beyond reasonable doubt that Christ rose from the dead after suffering and dying for our sins. His resurrection in turn proves that He is the God of all creation, for only God can conquer death.

At this point it will be worthwhile to look into what the resurrection of Jesus Christ stands to effect in our lives. And what are the benefits of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the life of an active Christian. In I Cor.15:14-18 St. Paul did say among other things that if Christ did not rise from the dead we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe. He also said that if Christ did not rise from the dead then our faith is meaningless. Hence the rising from the dead is a confirmation of our faith and we are alive again.

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is a clear indication of the fact that sin and death have been conquered. We are no longer subjected to the law of sin and death, because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free (Romans 8:2). The resurrection moved the stone of sin that covered us from receiving the light of God's grace. There is a sense wherein we see the tomb as representing our hearts and the stone as sin covering it from divine contact. The resurrection of Jesus Christ removes this obstacle and we are given access again to God's mercy and forgiveness.

It means that we have been liberated from the stranglehold of our enemies. Those who have been after us are now being pursued by God. God is now troubling our troubles and worrying our worries. Power has changed hands and we have been lifted to a new level. The tears of the passion have given way to the joy of the resurrection. In fact we have been liberated from three conditions: As children we have a game called "stand-still". Those who play this game usually tell each other to stand-still and the person is expected to stand still or pause until the person releases you. There are actually many people out there who are standing still not because they want to stand-still but because the devil has orchestrated it in some ways. The power of the resurrection is releasing such people who choose to listen and move forward in faith.

**(To be continued--).**