

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

April 10 St. Magdalen of Canossa
 11 St. Stanislaus
 12 St. Teresa of Los Andes
 13 St. Martin I
 14 Blessed Peter Gonzalez
 15 Blessed Caesar de Bus
 16 St. Bernadette Soubirous

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
 Saturday, April 16
 5 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, April 17
 8:30 AM Barrs Floyd (John and Jeanne Chamales)
 11 AM Sick Members of the Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
4th SUNDAY of EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
 Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
 A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
 John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading

John 10:27-30
 Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

Recently Deceased Member of the Parish

Shirley Elaine O'Rourke

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

May 13, 2016: Kristina Zambelli and Matthew Loftus
 May 15, 2016: Jenna Cerrone and Christopher Levy

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (4/9)

8 AM: MASS
 1 PM: Lector Training (Sanctuary)
 6:30 PM: *WEDDING: Mary Schwab and Brad Botkin*
 3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation
 5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (4/10) 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY (4/11)

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

TUESDAY (4/12)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (4/13)

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

THURSDAY (4/14)

8 AM: MASS
 NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (4/15) PLEASE NOTE: ROAD CLOSURES WILL IMPACT PARKING DUE TO TOM TOM FESTIVAL

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

SATURDAY (4/16) PLEASE NOTE: ROAD CLOSURES WILL IMPACT PARKING DUE TO TOM TOM FESTIVAL

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

SUNDAY (4/17) 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER PLEASE NOTE: ROAD CLOSURES WILL IMPACT PARKING DUE TO TOM TOM FESTIVAL

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation
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GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory April 2-3, 2016	\$7,713.00
Justice and Peace	\$ 842
Outreach	662
Flowers	50
Christan Formation	10
Catholic Virginian	28
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>7,713.00</u>
Surplus	\$ 540.00

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 Bednarcyk, 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 Hasenus 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 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 25th 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. Come join our prayerful family. We look forward to praying with you!

Our Blessed Mother's Message to Mirjana April 2, 2016:
 ".....I know that it is difficult for you because you see more and more darkness around you. My children, it is necessary to break it by prayer and love. The one who prays and loves is not afraid, he has hope and a merciful love, he sees the light and sees my Son. As my apostles, I call you to keep trying to be an example of merciful love and hope. Always pray anew for all the more love because merciful love brings light which breaks every darkness - it brings my Son....."

FEATURED LIGHTHOUSE CD

The History of Salvation: God's Plan for his People
 This enlightening talk traces the high adventure of God's Divine Love Story revealed through the seven covenants that span from Eden to Calvary, beginning with Adam and culminating with Jesus. This presentation is the fruit of Monsignor Deutsch's studies during his sabbatical at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he learned from scholars such as Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma.

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

Father Petina writes Jean Desinord is the new bishop for the Diocese of Hinche. He asks for our prayers.

Further report from the travelers to Haiti: The group visited the local bakery where bread is cooked in a stone/clay oven which is wood fired. The proprietor hopes to expand enabling sales to surrounding villages. 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 or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

REGIONAL YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

The Office for Black Catholics invites Young Adults from around the diocese to attend a day of meaningful reflection on where we have been, where we are and where we are headed. The Regional Young Adult Gathering will be on April 30, 2016 from 8am-4pm at the Pastoral Center. Cost is \$5.00, includes lunch and materials.

Guest Speaker is Fr. Chester Smith, S.V.D

To register please email obc@richmonddiocese.org or call Katie Lemza at (804) 622-5179

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

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.

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. 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.

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, visit the Valley Cursillo website: www.valleycursillo.com or call Rob and Ann Michel at [434-978-3954](tel:434-978-3954).

From the Pastor
ALLELUIA THE TOMB IS EMPTY (# 3)

“And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."(Jn. 20:13).

That was the torment of Mary Magdalene as expressed in St. John’s gospel. Mary Magdalene is one of the major characters in the story of our Lord’s resurrection. Prior to this story, John mentions Mary Magdalene only once in his Gospel, in a list of those who were standing by the cross of Jesus. What we know about Mary Magdalene, we know from what the other Gospel writers tell us, and what we can piece together from our knowledge of history. Mary Magdalene was reported to have been at one time possessed by seven demons, she was almost certainly uneducated, probably illiterate, her status in society would have been the very lowest, and her credibility would have been next to nothing. With all that going on for her, why would anyone believe anything this woman had to say; why would any intelligent person pay any attention to a story of her telling—especially this strange story of a dead person come back to life? Yet, isn’t it interesting that, 2000 years later, we “the sophisticated, privileged and educated Christians” get interested in the story that this Mary Magdalene gives about Jesus. Why are we drawn into such an illogical thinking? **Because we believe.** We dare to believe that this amazing story is true.

We believe in spite of all there is to doubt. And there is certainly plenty in this story to doubt. Even naive Mary (if we make the assumption she was naive) tries to make sense of the empty tomb by concluding that someone has taken the Lord. Surely he could not have risen from the dead, as he said. A dead person cannot be made alive again. And we have all heard the theories: he was not really dead, but merely wounded. There was a conspiracy by his followers to hide his body and fake his resurrection in order to establish a cult that has continued to fool the world for 2016 years. These and other theories and doubts have arisen because in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us such a miracle of love and forgiveness that it is worthy of tremendous faith, and therefore open to doubt. Think about it; if there were nothing to doubt, if the central story of Christianity was a story that was not overwhelming, not unprecedented, not unheard of; it would not require faith. And it would certainly not be worth sacrificing the sleep especially for those who go to mid-night Mass before Easter Sunday, It would not be worth at all if it were completely logical and ordinary. But it is anything but that.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the core belief on which the Christian faith is based, it is the single most important event in the history of the world. It is the source of all our hope for this life and the life to come. Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we would be dead in our sins, eternally separated from God. But the resurrection established Christ’s victory over sin and death, making the way for us to be reconciled to God and giving us the promise of eternal life. As I mentioned last time, by the power of Jesus’ resurrection we have been liberated from three conditions: **A) as explained in game A) “stand-still”** (confer *the article #2*. **B). in the “Drop it for me”**: This is also another game used to be played by children as a form of a bet. In the game, if you are holding something and your partner in the game sees you the person will say drop it! And you are obliged by the rule of the game to drop it no matter what it is; no negotiation. There is no doubt that many people have been dropping things that should rightly belong to them by obeying evil suggestions. This situation is hereby reversed by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. From this moment you shall have what rightly belongs to you. **C). the “Salute me”**: In this game you force allegiance and subordination from your partner in the game by being the first to ask your partner in the game to salute you. It is a fact that some people have been paying allegiance to the devil by failing to give God true and enduring homage and worship that pleases Him (John 4:24). With the resurrection of Jesus Christ this situation has been reversed. God alone deserves our attention and homage.

As the tomb lies empty, may our lives be emptied of evil and rot; as the stone was rolled away may the power of the resurrection roll away all known and unknown obstacles in our lives. As Jesus rose triumphantly, may we rise from all physical and spiritual entanglements. Because we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are no longer dead in our sins, but we have new life in Christ. Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen