

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  
 25 St. Mark  
 26 St. Pedro de San José Betancur  
 27 St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort  
 28 St. Peter Chanel  
 29 St. Catherine of Siena  
 30 St. Pius V

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 23  
 5 PM †Adriana Buenrostro (Liliana Buenrostro)  
 Sunday, April 24  
 8:30 AM Marjorie Nelson (Denise, Mike and Marcie James)  
 11 AM Members of the Parish  
 3 PM Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi  
 Friday, April 29  
 NOON †Deceased Members of the Parish  
 Saturday, April 30  
 5 PM Sick Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, May 1  
 8:30 AM Father Michael Suarez  
 11 AM Members of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**  
**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29*

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 14:23-29*

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

**UPCOMING WEDDINGS**

May 13, 2016: Kristina Zambelli and Matthew Loftus

May 15, 2016: Jenna Cerrone and Christopher Levy

**PLEASE VISIT US ON FACEBOOK**

**FOR UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (4/23)**

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

**SUNDAY (4/24) 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 (*Commons*)  
 11 AM: MASS  
 12:30 PM: Dante Book Group (*CRE Office*)  
 3 PM: Latin Mass

**MONDAY (4/25)**

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

**TUESDAY (4/26)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: MASS

**WEDNESDAY (4/27)**

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

**THURSDAY (4/28)**

8 AM: MASS  
 NOON: Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (4/29)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: Last Friday MASS for Deceased Parishioners  
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**SATURDAY (4/30)**

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

**SUNDAY (5/1) 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 (*Commons*)  
 11 AM: MASS  
 12:30 PM: Dante Book Group (*CRE Office*)

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

Offertory April 15-16, 2016	\$6,111
Outreach	\$295
Justice and Peace	152
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received	<u>6,111</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,062

**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, Charley and Kitty Moore.

**Friends and Relatives:** Dolores J. Calka, 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 HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

**Saturday May 7 4:00 PM**

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.

**ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

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 through Sunday, May 8. Please email Sue at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org) if you are interested in attending.

We are pleased to announce that **Kevin Hart**, parishioner and UVA Profession of Christian Studies, will give a presentation on Sunday, May 1 following the 11:00 Mass on the ***Parables of Jesus***. He will be talk on Luke 15:11-32. Please join us downstairs for this wonderful opportunity!

**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.

**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.

**FEATURED LIGHTHOUSE CD**

*15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering* Suffering is a mystery we all face at some time in our lives. Whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual, it will test our faith. Internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares personal insights he gained through his own physical pain. He shows us how we can join our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross, bringing renewed meaning to the suffering we experience in our lives.

**ONLINE GIVING AT HOLY COMFORTER**

Last weekend Father announced that we're now offering Online Giving. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Online Giving lets you set up a recurring pledge or a one-time gift to our offertory and special collections, so you'll be able to give the way you want—even if you've forgotten your envelope. Please visit

<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1665!> to get started with this convenient giving option.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The Food Pantry operates Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm. If you are available to assist, please contact Outreach Coordinator Ann Friedlander at [outreach@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:outreach@holycomforterparish.org) or 293-8989. Thank you!

### BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

**Construction beginning on clinic renovation:** This past week workers began constructing a peripheral wall which will provide security to the dispensary. This improvement, long-awaited by the people of Saltadere, is being accomplished thanks to the generosity of our parishes. May God bless this effort and watch over all who labor on it.

For more information about the Bi-Parish Haiti

Committee, Contact: Ginny Zeller at

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### IMPACT

The Interfaith Movement for Justice in our community, holds its annual Nehemiah Action, the largest public meeting in Central Virginia every year, on Tuesday, May 3, at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center (Charlottesville High School). Please plan to attend. Holy Comforter was a founding member of IMPACT ten years ago. It has earned our continued support. The MLK Center doors open at 6:00. The meeting begins at 6:30 and ends at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Child care is provided.

### AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE: ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY

On Friday, April 8, the Pope released his latest Apostolic Exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family). This document summarizes the work of the last two years of Synods held to examine the pastoral challenges that face families across the globe and to give the Holy Father the opportunity to speak to some of those concerns.

**The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life** in the Diocese of Richmond has updated their website with more resources for you to explore while reading through the full text yourself. Just visit <http://www.cdrcmfl.org/amorislaetitia/> to download a PDF of the full text in English or Spanish and find a list of commentaries, summaries, and other resources consolidated for you.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Join Incarnation Parish on Tuesday, April 26 from 7:00- 8:30pm in the Parish Activity Center for a presentation on the Book of Revelation. Our speaker, Fr. Kevin O'Brien, Ph.D, is the pastor of St. Therese of Liseux parish in Chesapeake as well as an expert on Revelation. Come learn about this often confusing section of Scripture and see how God might be speaking to us through it today. All are welcome!

### 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](mailto:obc@richmonddiocese.org) or call Katie Lemza at (804) 622-5179

### CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS is currently searching for a part-time, seasonal gardener. This position would start immediately, and run through the summer months. Responsibilities would include weeding, planting flowers, and maintaining the garden areas. For inquiries or questions, please contact Frank Murphy with Charlottesville Catholic School at: 434-964-0400.

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gene Corrigan Golf Tournament** for Charlottesville Catholic School is going to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Glenmore Country Club. Registration is now open, and we hope to see you there for a beautiful spring day with a little fun competition! Registration can be accessed on our website, [www.cvillecatholic.org](http://www.cvillecatholic.org). For questions or sponsorship inquiries, please contact Ashley Nelson at [a.nelson@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:a.nelson@cvillecatholic.org) or 434-964-0400.

### CCS Open House

Join us on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm at our Open House to see our faith, knowledge, and community in action! Charlottesville Catholic School would like to invite you to an open house and tour of the new STEM wing construction on May 12<sup>th</sup>! We will be touring the school, visiting the classrooms, and for the first time, touring the STEM wing, which will be open next school year!

**CASA ALMA** Community Celebration at the Charlottesville Catholic Worker: join us at Casa Alma on Sunday May 1 from 1:00-4:00pm for food, music, tours, and time to celebrate God's abundant grace! All are welcome to stop by anytime during this family-friendly event at 911 Nassau Street. Learn more at [casa-alma.org](http://casa-alma.org) or contact us [cvillecw@gmail.com](mailto:cvillecw@gmail.com) or 434-202-2221.

*From the Pastor*

## THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS (#2)

*"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1Cr.15:17).*

By raising Jesus from the dead, God declared his satisfaction and approval of the payment Christ made on our behalf, for our sins, on the cross. And as those who are *in Christ* God's approval of Christ's substitutionary death, demonstrated in raising Jesus from the dead, is likewise directed towards us, so that when we believe we receive the favor of God. Therefore, our justification is a real consequence of Christ's resurrection. No wonder Paul can say that **"if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins"** And if we are still in our sins, we have no confidence, no assurance of our salvation whatsoever. It is no overstatement to say, then, that the resurrection of Christ is fundamental to our faith.

We know that Christ truly rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples in bodily form at various times during the forty days from Easter Sunday to Ascension Thursday. Christ our Lord and God was truly upon the Earth even in his glorified flesh, for all of those days until he ascended into heaven. The gospels speak of ten apparitions of the risen Jesus, and we gather at least two more from St. Paul. But, we wonder, where was Jesus during the rest of those forty days? Where was the Lord when he was not visibly present to his disciples? The following are those recorded appearances of Jesus; **on the first Easter Sunday, our Savior appeared five times** to his disciples. As indicated in the gospels: 1) To Mary Magdalene at the sepulcher. 2) To the women as they left from the tomb. 3) To Cleopas and the other disciple on the road to Emmaus. 4) To Peter, alone. 5) To the eleven Apostles, excepting Thomas. **Five other appearances in the gospels;** 6) a week later, to the eleven Apostles including Thomas. 7) By the sea of Tiberius (i.e. the Sea of Galilee), when there was the great capture of fish. 8) On the mountain of Galilee, when Jesus said, *Go therefore, teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* (Matthew 28:19). 9) When they were at table, according to Mark. On this occasion our Lord said, *and these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover.* (Mark 16:17-18). 10) And, finally, Jesus appeared to them at Bethany before he ascended to heaven.

Beyond those contained in the gospels, we know that our Lord appeared also to five hundred disciples at once, and to James the Less (1 Corinthians 15:6-7). On this point, St. Augustine mentions that, "as John admits, not all things were written down. And he visited them [i.e. the Apostles] frequently before he went up to heaven." St. Thomas adds that these frequent visits were given in order that they might be comforted and strengthened.

We might well presume that our Lord would have appeared also to the Blessed Virgin Mary at least occasionally during those forty days. Many, especially in more recent years (since the 1500s), have claimed that Jesus appeared to his Mother before all the others.

We also must add that, after his Ascension into heaven, our Savior did appear in bodily form upon the earth one last time – when he called Saul to be his apostle and gave him the new name of Paul. This apparition is most unique, since it is the only occasion in which our Savior has or will be bodily present upon the earth (i.e. in his own proper species, and not simply in the sacramental species by which he is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist). One more thing that needs to be stressed is that Christianity, more than it is anything else, is a belief about the death and resurrection of Jesus. One must view the Christian faith through the eyes of resurrection. It has absolutely no ultimate value or meaning apart from the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And if I can, say in our time today, we need to make an effort to understand, if not in whole, certainly in part, that the most far-reaching, the most comprehensive, the most all-encompassing truth in the universe is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. You cannot have the Christian faith without it. You cannot just eliminate the resurrection as if it were one small part of a whole. If you take the resurrection of Christ away, the entire house falls down; everything comes apart. For that reason, we are often referred to as, the Alleluia People because the Cross and the Resurrection define who we are and affect our whole being. **(To be Continued).**