

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
 2 St. Athanasius
 3 Sts. Philip and James
 4 Blessed Michael Giedroyc
 5 ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 6 Sts. Marian and James
 7 St. Rose Venerini

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 30
 5 PM Ministries of Holy Comforter Parish
 (Lee Faust and Family)
 Sunday, May 1
 8:30 AM †Deceased Members of the Zink and
 Mickiewicz Families (Jean Mickiewicz)
 11 AM Members of the Parish
 Tuesday, May 2
 NOON †Birthday of Clara Nowicki (Jill Paitsel)
 Thursday, May 5 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
 8 AM HOLY DAY MASS
 7 PM HOLY DAY MASS
 Friday, May 6
 NOON Alix Paget-Brown (Dominique Faust)
 Saturday, May 7
 4 PM First Communion Children
 Sunday, May 8
 8:30 AM Father Gerald Fogarty
 11 AM Members of the Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
7th 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

Psalm 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.

**PLEASE VISIT US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES
 THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (4/30)

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

SUNDAY (5/1) 6TH 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*)

MONDAY (5/2)

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

TUESDAY (5/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (5/4)

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 (5/5) ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8 AM: HOLY DAY MASS
 NOON: Soup Kitchen
 7 PM: HOLY DAY MASS

FRIDAY (5/6)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
 NOON: First Friday MASS and Adoration until 2 PM
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (5/7)

8 AM: MASS
PLEASE NOTE THESE TIME CHANGES
2:30-3:30PM: Reconciliation

4 PM: Vigil MASS/Parish First Holy Communion

SUNDAY (5/8) MOTHER'S DAY/7TH 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 **CANCELLED**
 11 AM: MASS
 12:30 PM: Dante Book Group (*CRE Office*)
 3 PM: Latin MASS

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

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

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory April 23-24, 2016	\$13,501
Second Collection for Deficit	\$557
Outreach	215
Justice and Peace	75
Haiti	30
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received	<u>13,501</u>
Surplus	\$ 6,328

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.

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 final two sessions, led by Sue Dougherty, will be held from 9:45-10:45am Sunday, May 15 and 22. Please email Sue at 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 **TODAY 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 IN GLENMORE

Parishioners living in Glenmore are invited to attend Mass at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13th – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima – followed by light refreshments and discussion on Jesus's Mercy as seen in St Luke's Gospel at the home of Lee and Dominique Faust, 3226 Avebury Ln. RSVP by May 10th at 295-4422.

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

The Dead Sea Scrolls: Shedding New Light on the Scriptures and the Church

Dr. John Bergsma is an Associate Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and was a Protestant pastor for four years before converting to the Catholic Church. In this enlightening talk, Dr. Bergsma shows how our respect for the traditional canon of Scripture, as well as our understanding of the Catholic Faith, can be greatly enhanced by the Dead Sea Scrolls- the greatest archaeological discovery of all time.

ONLINE GIVING AT HOLY COMFORTER

We are 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

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to get started with this convenient giving option.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

Many of the people who ask for help from our pantry only need help once or twice—they've just started a new job and haven't gotten paid yet. Or they work seasonally and need help in the off-season. But then there are those who come for help month after month—people on Low pensions or disability insurance. How disheartening it must be to live in such grinding poverty.

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 or 293-8989. Thank you!

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

Microloans in Saltadere: Cows, seeds, Goudes (Haitian currency)—oh my! The St. Michel Parish Caritas committee oversees loans and repayments for farm animals, seeds and funds for business. This effort allows local farmers to acquire livestock and repay with a young animal, acquire seeds and repay with seeds once the crop is harvested, acquire funds which are repaid in installments as the enterprise (eg a bakery) is successful. For more information about the Bi-Parish Haiti Committee, Contact: Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com or Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net Website: www.saltadere.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 or contact us cvillecw@gmail.com or 434-202-2221

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.

ANNUAL BACCALAUREATE MASS MAY 20

Fr Joseph Barranger, OP, pastor of [St Thomas Aquinas University Parish](http://www.stthomasaquinas.org), invites all to join graduating students and their families at 7pm on Friday, May 20, for the annual Baccalaureate Mass. This festive Mass on the eve of Commencement has grown into a great tradition of prayer over the years. UVa faculty and students are invited to wear their academic regalia and to join the procession into church. A reception and opportunities for photos will follow the Mass. Students, please sign up online via this page: <http://www.stauva.org/worship/music/baccalaureate-mass/> For more information, faculty and staff may contact Keith Kozminski (kkoz@virginia.edu); students can contact Nate Smith (nsmith@stauva.org).

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**CCS Open House**

Charlottesville Catholic School would like to invite you to be one of the first to take a hard hat tour of their new STEM wing! The STEM wing is currently under construction and is planned to be open for students to use at the start of the 2016-17 school year. This new building will house a performance space, expanded kitchen, and two science labs! All are welcome to be part of the Open House & STEM Wing Tours on Thursday, May 12th from 12:30-2pm.

Join us on May 23rd for the 13th Annual Gene Corrigan Golf Tournament benefiting Charlottesville Catholic School! Hosted again at Glenmore Country Club, golfers will enjoy a catered lunch, followed by an afternoon of golfing, and wrapping up with a reception and awards. Start practicing your swing and get your foursome ready for a fun afternoon of light-hearted competition, all while benefiting our local Catholic school! Registration is now open on the Charlottesville Catholic School website: www.cvillecatholic.org, or by contacting Ashley Nelson, Marketing & Events Coordinator, a.nelson@cvillecatholic.org, or 434-964-0400.

From the Pastor

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS (#3)

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (Jn 20:30–31).

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything for if death had the last word at Golgotha, then we're left to scratch our heads about what Jesus's sacrifice really accomplished. If Jesus is still in the grave, then all the significance drawn from his death is pathetic well-wishing. But, on the other hand, if Jesus is alive, then his inextinguishable life confirms that his death really did something and continues to make an impact on thousands of lives. The implications of the resurrection are massive. In fact, you could say that the entire New Testament is an implication of the resurrection that's packed with more implications of the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus makes clear that the gospel story is more than just a story. The fact that Jesus is raised stands forever at the height of this story, waiting for us to respond, giving us a chance to say something. And one way or another, we are always saying something, whether we're compelled to embrace the gospel or disregard it. The early leaders of the church grasped this implication. The sincere fears that made them tremble behind closed doors on Friday and Saturday had disappeared when they realized Jesus was alive. They came out in the open to defend what they saw and heard without thinking of what the Jewish leaders will do to them Acts of the Apostles says: ***“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name”***(5:41).

The changes continued to happen because of the resurrection, Paul had been devoted to destroying Christians. He says that he was “furiously enraged” at them (Acts 26:11). And yet here he is, a prisoner for the cause of Christ, having endured numerous hardships because of his faith in Christ, and yet there is not a trace of bitterness or hatred in him toward his enemies. How did this man who had been driven by hate change into a man driven by the love of Christ? The only explanation is that he had seen the risen Savior. The same is true of the transformation in all of the apostles and all that follow their teaching.

This lived experience of faith in the One who is alive is a life changing reality. It is a continuous song that we have to sing in unison: ***“I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead. He lives, my ever-living Head. He lives to bless me with his love. He lives to plead for me above. He lives my hungry soul to feed. He lives to bless in time of need. And the consequence is to change my life”***. In other words, to say, “I believe in the risen Savior,” but go on living in the same way as this wicked world lives, does no more good than for a chest surgeon to say, “I believe that smoking causes lung cancer,” but goes on smoking his pack a day. If we truly believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, our lives will show it. Repentance is not an optional it is the way forward.

Paul shows this both by his own example and by his direct preaching. When Paul believed in Jesus Christ, he did a 180-degree turnaround. From then on he preached that all men must repent (Acts 26:20). Repentance is a turning of the whole person away from sin and toward God. It involves a change of mind, but it is more than merely a change of mind. It involves a change of the mind, the will, and the emotions, resulting in a change of behavior. Repentance is not separate from saving faith, but is rather the flip side of faith. If you truly believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Savior, you cannot remain the same. You will turn from your sins to God. Repentance means that you believe in the risen Savior with such conviction that it turns around the way you live. Instead of living in darkness, you now live in the light of God's holy presence and His Word. Instead of living under Satan's domain, you now live under the Lordship of Jesus. Instead of living for yourself and sinful pleasure, you now live to please Jesus Christ. Such are the consequences of the resurrection.