

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

May 8 St. Peter of Tarentaise
 9 St. John of Avila
 10 St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i
 11 St. Ignatius of Laconi
 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus
 13 Our Lady of Fatima
 14 St. Matthias, Apostle

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7
4 PM First Communion Children
 Sunday, May 8
 8:30 AM Sick Members of the Parish
 11 AM Members of the Parish
 3 PM Lois Theis Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Tuesday, May 10
 NOON Thanksgiving on Father Joseph Mary Priestly
 Ordination (Dominique Faust)
 Saturday, May 14
 5 PM Sick Members of the Parish
 Sunday, May 15
 8:30 AM Father Gerald Fogarty
 11 AM Members of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/7)

8 AM: MASS

PLEASE NOTE THESE TIME CHANGES

2:30-3:30 PM: Reconciliation

4 PM: Vigil MASS/Parish First Holy Communion

SUNDAY (5/8) MOTHER'S DAY/7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

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

MONDAY (5/9)

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

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (5/10)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

Celebration of 35th Anniversary of Ordination,

Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

Reception following Mass (Commons)

WEDNESDAY (5/11)

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 (5/12)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

4:30 PM: Wedding Rehearsal

FRIDAY (5/13)

8 AM: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

4:30 PM: **Wedding**

(Kristina Zambelli and Matthew Loftus)

SATURDAY (5/14)

8 AM: MASS

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (5/15) PENTECOST SUNDAY

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation

11 AM: MASS

12:30 PM: Dante Book Group (*CRE Office*)

3 PM: **Wedding**

(Jenna Cerrone and Christopher Levy)

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory April 23-24, 2016	\$5,961.50
Justice and Peace	882
Outreach	335
Haiti	110
Flower Donations	100
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>5,961.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,211.50

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.

FATHER JOSEPH MARY TO CELEBRATE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Please join us for Mass at Noon on Tuesday, May 10 in honor of Father's 35 years of priestly service. A reception, with light refreshments, will follow Mass in the Commons.

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.

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. The Intention Book is outside of the Chapel. Please include any intentions you would like for us to include in our weekly prayers.

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

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

JUSTICE AND PEACE: UGANDA

A progress report will be presented at all Masses next weekend to provide an update on the work of the Uganda Committee.

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

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

Prayers, Clean Water, School, Enterprise and Health:

All are goals of our twinning with the parish of St. Michel in Saltadere, Haiti. The people of Saltadere are grateful for our support—both spiritual and material. Thank you to all. Please keep Father Petina and our twin parish in your prayers as they begin the renovation of a health clinic for the village.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next meeting will be June 5 (tentative) at Holy Comforter at 1 PM. **All are welcome.** 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

ANNUAL BACCALAUREATE MASS MAY 20

Fr Joseph Barranger, OP, pastor of St Thomas Aquinas University Parish, 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).

HELP WANTED

St. Thomas Aquinas Priory seeks an individual to plan and prepare evening meals (Monday-Friday) for our religious community of 6. Meals are served “family style”. Min 3 yrs professional cooking experience preferred, but willing to consider recent culinary school grads. Must possess high degrees of professionalism and confidentiality. Must have own transportation. Approx 15 hrs/wk (4p-7p). Extra hours available on special occasions. Send resume, including desired salary, professional & personal references to: friars@stauva.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER LOUIS A. ROWEN COUNCIL 3670

MEETING NOTICE: Nominations for the 2016-17 fraternal year take place at our next meeting on Monday, May 16th. Rosary begins at 6:30 with meeting to follow in the Church of the Incarnation Parish Activities Center. Please plan to attend.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.

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.

Seussical Jr. the Musical will be performed by Charlottesville Catholic School this week! We invite you to attend one of the show times and celebrate our children's God-given talents and hard work!

Monday, 5/9 at 6:00pm at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra; Tuesday, 5/10 at 6:30pm at the Senior Center in Charlottesville; Thursday, 5/12 at 6:30pm at Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville; Friday, 5/13 at 6:30pm at Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville

(\$5 Admission requested at the door; proceeds to help cover costs of the performance)

From the Pastor

MAY A MONTH FILLED WITH GRACE (#1)

"Hail Mary Full of Grace"

Since childhood I have always looked forward to the month of May because I discovered it as a month filled with all sorts of blessings both *Spiritual and corporal*. I came to realize that because it is a time the Catholic Church has set apart for the Blessed Virgin Mary, with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. It's common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special Mary-altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as Mary Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. Mary Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning. But Mary altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. And Mary is the model to lead us into prayer to God especially after the resurrection of Jesus. Acts of the Apostles says: ***"These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers"(1:14).***

I invite you to take some time to reflect with me on the great Treasure we have in our Catholic Tradition of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and I hope you will discover the reasons why we should honor her. The humble Virgin is so important to our salvation, yet many events of her life can easily pass by unnoticed as we concentrate solely on the words of Sacred Scripture. In some instances, Mary seems to be in the background in the Bible, while in other cases, she is right in the foreground (***e.g. the Annunciation, the Birth of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana, etc.***). There are many elements, events in Mary's life that are either briefly mentioned or not specifically addressed in Scripture, but yet are still worthy of contemplation. For example: ***Jesus freely subjected himself to Mary's authority as his mother. Mary prayed with Jesus, ate with him, kissed him, comforted him, fed him, clothed him, carried him in her womb and in her arms, daily looked at his face, and cared for all his needs.*** Mary is closer to Jesus than even the apostles. God made His plan dependent upon the "yes" of this sinless young girl. Jesus trusted himself completely to Mary. Mary's body actually contained God. Jesus actually lived inside of Mary. Mary provided Jesus' sustenance after His birth. Mary is the only human being who has been physically united with Jesus (***excepting the Eucharist, of course***). Of all the people who have ever lived, Jesus was the only one to choose his mother. Mary endured great suffering from the beginning. First, she faced rejection from Joseph as well as possible death by stoning (***due to her pregnancy***). When advanced in pregnancy, Mary was taken away from all she knew to give birth in a manger. After the birth of Christ, the Holy Family had to flee to protect the Child's life. When Jesus was just 40 days old, Simeon told Mary of the sword of sorrow that would pierce her heart. Since the prophecy was directed at her alone, it may also have implied Mary's future widowhood. When Jesus was just a youth, His Mother searched for him in sorrow. On the last day of Jesus' life, Mary silently watched her son be tortured, humiliated, blasphemed, and murdered, and buried. What an incredible strength she had to so patiently endure such great suffering without complaint or protest. As a loving mother, it is certain that she would have wished to take His place if that were possible. But, being unable to do so, Mary suffered even more. (***To be continued---***).