

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

May 22 St. Rita of Cascia  
 23 St. Gregory VII  
 24 St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi  
 25 St. Bede the Venerable  
 26 St. Philip Neri  
 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury  
 28 Venerable Pierre Toussaint

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 21  
 8 AM Jenna Magri (Divine Will Prayer Group)  
 5 PM Sick Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, May 22  
 8:30 AM Members of the Parish  
 11 AM †Dolores Vatisdis (Christine Melnik)  
 3 PM Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi  
 Wednesday, May 25  
 NOON Birthday of Robert Schneider  
 (Lisa Schneider)  
 Friday, May 27  
 NOON Birthday of Father Celsci (Lisa Schneider)  
 Saturday, May 28  
 5 PM †Dolores Vatisdis (Jane Newschwander)  
 Sunday, May 29  
 8:30 AM †Anita Heck (Petroni Family)  
 11 AM Members of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND**  
**BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**First Reading**

*Genesis 14:18-20*

Melchizedek, king of Salem, blessed Abram.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 110:1-4*

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 9:11b-17*

They all ate and were satisfied.

**UPCOMING WEDDING:**

May 28, 2016: Mary Ashby Brown and Steven Florczyk

**PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

May 23, 1998: Colette Hall and Kelton Flinn

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (5/21)**

8 AM: MASS  
 3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
 5 PM: Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (5/22) SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Altar Flowers provided by Marie Johnston)**

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
 8:30 AM: MASS  
 9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)  
 11 AM: MASS

**MONDAY (5/23)**

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

**TUESDAY (5/24)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
**7 PM: MASS (PLEASE NOTE THIS TIME CHANGE)**

**WEDNESDAY (5/25)**

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 (5/26)**

8 AM: MASS  
 NOON: Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (5/27)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
 NOON: MASS for Deceased Members of the Parish  
 NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
 5 PM: Wedding Rehearsal (*Church*)

**SATURDAY (5/28)**

8 AM: MASS  
 10:30 AM: **WEDDING (Florczyk/Brown) (Church)**  
 3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
 5 PM: Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (5/29) SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

(Altar Flowers provided by the Parish)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
 8:30 AM: MASS  
 9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)  
 11 AM: MASS

**ONLINE GIVING AT HOLY COMFORTER**

We are now offering Online Giving. 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. Please visit

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

# GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory May 14-15, 2016	\$4,603.50
Justice and Peace	55
Outreach	250
Home Missions	45
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>4,603.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 2,569.50

# PARISH NEWS

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the parish office at 295-7185, to arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary.

## THE ILL & HOME BOUND:

**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.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>

Training will be held on Saturday June 4, 2016 from 11 AM to 12 PM. If you are interested, please sign up in the Commons.

## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Year of Mercy DVD study continues! The DVD study of the Year of Mercy by Fr. Michael Renninger will continue with 2 more sessions. The next sessions will take place on Sunday, May 22 and the following Sunday, May 29, 2016. Please join us in the chapel at 9:45.

## PARISH LIFE

Are you new to Holy Comforter Church and wish to meet new people? Have you been to Holy Comforter Masses but want to join with parishioners outside of church? We're looking for fun ideas for activities of the Parish Life Committee. If you have an idea for a small or a larger event, please email Kees Boogaart at [keesboog@gmail.com](mailto:keesboog@gmail.com)! We will keep you updated on upcoming events.

## 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.

## DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

Presented by Lighthouse Catholic Youth: "How do I know what God wants?" Knowing the will of God can be an intimidating topic for people of all ages. In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards, the founder of The Reason for Our Hope foundation, delves into the process of discernment. With personal stories, practical steps, and sound advice, Fr. Larry encourages all of us to dedicate ourselves to living the life that God has planned for us. It is in living this life that we will be truly happy.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### FOOD PANTRY

Many of us go on diets, either for health or "attractiveness" reasons. For these reasons being hungry is a good idea. But suppose your family just doesn't have enough to eat. Then being hungry isn't such a good idea. Your contribution of simple basic food to the pantry is a VERY GOOD IDEA.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

Please contact Ann Friedlander for more information.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE: UGANDA

A collection is underway to purchase solar panels for the residents of two villages in Uganda. Checks payable to "Holy Comforter Catholic Church" are gladly accepted. Please see the display in the Commons for more information.

### BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

**St. Michel School:** Father Petina has responsibility for four schools in and around Saltadere. The parish school, College St. Michel, has classes from pre-school to grade 13. Your generous sponsorships and donations support the operation of this school, primarily, the cost of teachers' salaries. The three chapel schools rely on other donations and student fees. Thank you for your support of education in Haiti.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Next meeting will be June 5 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](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com) or Anne Knasel at [atanne@stagebridge.net](mailto:atanne@stagebridge.net) Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY

If you would like to learn more about the Native American Ministry and how you can be involved please join us for an evening of dialogue along with heavy hors oeuvres and wine. As we continue to build up this ministry we invite you to offer concrete suggestions about how to grow and support Native culture. We are holding two sessions, May 24 and June 2, 2016, 6:00-8:00pm. You only need to attend one. Please RSVP to Pam Harris, Director, Office for Black Catholics, [obc@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:obc@richmonddiocese.org) or (804) 622-5262.

## THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS THIS YEAR'S GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

Invitations are open to parish staff and volunteers involved or interested in **Haiti global partnership** efforts, other **international twinning partnerships** as well as any other **domestic social ministries**. This year, we will have as **keynote** speaker **Dr. Robert Lupton**, the author of "**Toxic Charity**." Held in the beautiful Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, this day will be full of vital information that will help you foster sustainability and present new insights into your twinning relationships as well as other domestic outreach programs. In addition to the keynote presentation, there will be a Haiti Commission panel on Twinning Relationships as well as networking opportunities with other parishes.

### CAREGIVERS RETREAT AT INCARNATION

The Health Ministry at Church of The Incarnation is hosting a local author and liaison for Hospice of The Piedmont, Donna Authers, on May 21, 2016 at 3:00 PM in Parish Activity Center. The event is free and we welcome caregivers of ill spouses, parents or of children with disabilities. Donna will address the question "What Am I to Do? The Caregiver's Challenge." Please call 973-4381 to register.

### ATTENTION, YOUNG WOMEN IN HIGH SCHOOL!

If you are a junior or senior in high school and you want to learn how to go deeper in your relationship with Christ, come to the InnerLife weekend. This retreat will be held at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, in Crozet, west of Charlottesville. In a beautiful, rustic setting that fosters prayer, learn more about how solitude and silence can deepen your prayer life. The retreat is led by Fr. Gregory Kandt, pastor of Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville. It will begin on Friday, June 17, at 5:30 pm and concludes the next day around 7 pm. If interested or if you need more information, contact Fr. Gregory at 434-973-4381, X127, or e-mail him at [grk@incarnationparish.org](mailto:grk@incarnationparish.org). Applications are available in the Commons.

### CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Don't forget: Charlottesville Catholic School is hosting their annual Spring Fling this Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-5:30pm. Join us for an afternoon of family fun including carnival games, pony rides, photo booth, inflatables, dunk tank, funnel cakes and more! Spring Fling bracelets include all games and stations, obstacle course, pony rides, juggling show, balloon animals, face painting, and more. Children under 3: free, Ages 3-18: \$15, Over 18: free, \$35 max per family!

*From the Pastor*

**MAY: A MONTH FILLED WITH GRACE (#4)  
"HAIL HOLY QUEEN MARY MOTHER OF MERCY"**

At the end of the prayer for the year of Mercy given to us by the Holy Father Pope Francis are these words; ***we ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy.*** Before this month of Mary ends I wanted to share with you some thoughts about Mary the mother of Mercy. Mary manifests herself as Mother of Mercy by being '**Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, Help of Christians.**'

We call Mary "Mother of Mercy" because she was the one chosen to be the Mother of God — in other words, she was the Mother of the merciful Savior, and in this way she literally brought Divine Mercy Himself to birth in our world. Of course, this is nothing more than the common faith of the Church. When Mary humbly accepted the angel Gabriel's call, she actually conceived in her womb, and brought to birth into our world, the merciful God made flesh, Mercy Incarnate, Jesus Christ.

In the encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (1993), Pope John Paul II summarized this Gospel truth for us: **Mary is Mother of Mercy because her Son, Jesus Christ, was sent by the Father as the revelation of God's mercy (Jn 3:16-18). Christ came not to condemn but to forgive, to show mercy (Mt 9:13). And the greatest mercy of all is found in His being in our midst and calling us to meet Him and to confess, with Peter, that He is "the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16). No human sin can erase the mercy of God, or prevent Him from unleashing all His triumphant power, if we only call upon Him. Indeed, sin itself makes even more radiant the love of the Father who, in order to ransom a slave, sacrificed His Son: His mercy toward us is Redemption. This mercy reaches its fullness in the gift of the Spirit who bestows new life and demands that it be lived. No matter how many and great the obstacles put in His way by human frailty and sin, the Spirit who renews the face of the earth ( Ps 104:30), makes possible the miracle of the perfect accomplishment of the good. This renewal, which gives the ability to do what is good, noble, beautiful, pleasing to God and in conformity with His will, is in some way the flowering of the gift of mercy, which offers liberation from the slavery of evil and gives the strength to sin no more. Through the gift of new life, Jesus makes us sharers in His love, and leads us to the Father in the Spirit.**

In short, Mary, as Mother of our merciful Savior, is rightly called the Co-Redemptrix and the Mediatrix of all His graces and mercies to us. She plays a unique and unequalled role in God's plan to shower His mercy upon us all. Like any true and loving mother, her children can be trustfully and completely dependent upon her to bring us all that we need for life and growth. And that's all that Mary's "mediation" really means. It sounds complex at first, but it's really as simple and dependable as a mother's love!

Mary as a mother of Mercy she hurts we our children hurt and looks for the remedy for the cure. She is Health of the Sick by the many providential or miraculous cures which have been obtained through her intercession throughout the Christian centuries up to our own days. Her most important cures are those of the four spiritual wounds which we have suffered as a result of original sin and our personal sins ---- **the wounds of concupiscence, of weakness, of ignorance, and of malice.**

She heals the wound of weakness too, our feeble pursuit of the good, our spiritual sloth. She makes the will constant and firm in its practice of virtue and helps it to despise the attractions of this world by throwing itself into the arms of God. She strengthens those who falter and lifts up those who have fallen. She heals the wound of ignorance by lighting up the darkness of our minds and providing us with the means to escape from error. She heals us finally of the wounds of malice, by urging our wills Godward, sometimes by gentle advice, sometimes by severe reproaches. Let us then call upon her and say: ***Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.***