

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

June 12 Blessed Jolenta of Poland
 13 St. Anthony of Padua
 14 St. Albert Chmielowski
 15 St. Marguerite d'Youville
 16 St. John Francis Regis
 17 St. Joseph Cafasso
 18 Venerable Matt Talbot

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 11
5 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, June 12
8:30 AM †Chuck Sansone (son of Philip Sansone)
 (The Soup Kitchen Volunteers)
11 AM For Father Joseph Mary's Ordination
 Anniversary (Martha Cassell)
3 PM Sick Members of the Parish
 Saturday, June 18
5 PM Joann Dreilling (Connie Flamm)
 Sunday, June 19
8:30 AM Johanna Mickiewicz (Jeanne and Ed
 Mickiewicz)
11 AM Members of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Zechariah 12:10–11; 13:1
 Zechariah prophesies a time of great mourning.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9
 A psalm of longing to return to a close relationship with
 God.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:26–29
 For the baptized, union with Christ goes beyond all
 boundaries.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:18–24
 Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (6/11)

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

SUNDAY (6/12) ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Altar Flowers provided by anonymous donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS
3 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (6/13)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (6/14)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (6/15)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6-9 PM: Parish Life Dogma on Draft (*Kardinal Hall*)
6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

THURSDAY (6/16)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (6/17)

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

SATURDAY (6/18)

8 AM: MASS
9 AM: Men's and Women's Cursillo Group Reunions
 (*Church Offices*)
11 AM: Baptism (*Daniel Edward Schulz*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (6/19) TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(FATHER'S DAY)

(Altar Flowers provided by anonymous donation)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS

LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD

Holy Comforter will begin offering low gluten hosts that
 have been fully approved by the Holy See. Every host is
 individually packaged to prevent cross contamination.
 Please notify the office if you require this option, so that
 arrangements can be made.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory June 4 & 5, 2016	\$8,079
Justice and Peace (Uganda)	\$253
Justice and Peace	335
Outreach	395
Peter's Pence	35
Haiti	312
Flower Donations	100
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received Online	2,144
Regular Collection	<u>5,935</u>
Surplus	\$ 906

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: Jeanette McCarthy, 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: Bernadette Rumpf, Susan Straub Martin, Dolores J. Calka, George William Polhill, II, Claudia Hartland, Betsy Boyce, Michael Norton, Leslie Gilliam, 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: Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, David Alvey, Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

June 18, 2016: Daniel Edward Schulz

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy with a Pilgrimage! Parishioners of Holy Comforter are invited to join a Diocese of Richmond sponsored pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk on **Saturday, June 25, 2016**. We will meet other parishioners in the Diocese at the Pastoral Center in Richmond to join the pilgrimage, which will be led in prayer and reflection by Deacons Frank Nelson and Charles Williams. This journey will allow us to be renewed in the Spirit and to be "merciful like our Father." Individuals or families are welcome. We will depart from Charlottesville at 7:15 a.m. and return by about 9:30 p.m. If you are interested, please email Sue Dougherty, Coordinator of Christian Formation, at cre@holycomforterparish.org or 295-6559.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us on Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6:15 PM for reflection, prayer and the Rosary. We look forward to praying with you and to being with you. Don't forget - The Intention Book is outside of the Chapel. Please include any intentions you would like for us to include in our weekly prayers.

PARISH LIFE

Do you know there is a Parish Life Holy Comforter email list? Signing-up gives you all the latest news and updates for social events with your fellow parishioners. Please consider joining the email list. Simply send an email to parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com with 'Subscribe' in the subject line. Thank you and see you at one of the gatherings!

Join us for the First installment of the "Dogma on Draft" series on **June 15th** from 6-9pm at Kardinall Hall in Charlottesville! We will hold this event every third Wednesday of the month. Meet new friends, have good conversation, relax and unwind with a pint. Stop-by for a bit or stay for a while! Visit www.kardinallhall.com for menu, pricing, and location details. Email parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com for more information.

PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

6/10/1961: *Therese and Normand Auger*

6/13/1970: *Carole and Barry Gajdosik*

6/14/1969: *Bobbie and Jim Hoskins*

6/27/1967: *Mary and John Simonette*

6/27/1992: *Deanna and Stephen Simonette*

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

FEMININE GENIUS Building upon Blessed Pope John Paul II's writings about "the feminine genius", Colleen Carroll Campbell discusses the uniqueness of the makeup and vocation of women from God. She uses the lives of several female saints to help women recognize and use their gifts to live out their faith as Christians in the modern world. Author and columnist Colleen Carroll Campbell hosts EWTN's *Faith and Culture* program.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

During the month of May 2016, the Food Pantry provided groceries to 296 households; and served 564 meals at the Soup Kitchen.

Outreach was the happy recipient of 710 pounds of food, given to us by the Greene County Women's Club. They sponsor the Greene County USPS food drive and shared their bounty with our Food Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

For more information, please contact Ann Friedlander at 293-8989 or outreach@hollycomforterparish.org

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

St. Michel School news: The school year is almost over and the students in sixth, ninth and thirteenth grades are looking forward to taking government exams which they must pass in order to advance to the next level. Please keep the St. Michel students in your prayers this month. And thank you for your continued sponsorship support.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next meeting will be August 21 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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School would like to thank all of their families and students for another wonderful school year! We wish you the best over summer break, and cannot wait to hear all about your summer when you return! Keep an eye out for announcements over the summer.

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, Church of the Incarnation. 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](tel:434-973-4381), [X127](mailto:grk@incarnationparish.org), or e-mail him at grk@incarnationparish.org. Applications are available in the Commons.

DIOCESE OFFICE OF WORSHIP MUSIC WORKSHOP

3rd Annual Diocesan Music and Liturgy Conference Monday, June 20, 2016, 9AM - 4PM - Please Join us for the rescheduled 3rd Annual Liturgy and Music Conference "Sing of the Lord's Mercy" with Guest Speakers Robert Feduccia and Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ.

Due to the winter ice storm we had in February, we had to reschedule the event and both speakers have agreed to come this June to speak on the Year of Mercy in relation to Music and Liturgy! Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Hosted by St. Mary's Richmond. Presented by Office of Worship. Register at richmonddiocese.org/worship

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC WORKER

All are welcome to pray with us at Casa Alma!

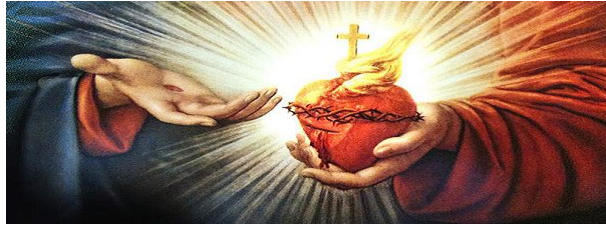
Morning Prayer **every Wednesday** from 7:30-8:00am.

We join with Charlottesville Mennonite for Taize prayer Wednesday **June 29, 7:30-8:30pm**.

Come to Holy Comforter Catholic Church for Vespers **Friday, June 24 at 5:30pm**.

Casa Alma is located at 911 Nassau Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. For more information please visit cvillecw@casa-alma.org.

FROM THE PASTOR
JUNE: FOR LOVE AND MERCY.



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1Cr.1:18).

God's love is very personal toward you. It doesn't matter where you've been, it doesn't matter what you've done, it doesn't matter what you've experienced - God loves you. It doesn't matter what you have thought about yourself or what other people may have said about you - God loves you. This is what God says about you! **You are honored, you are precious in His eyes (Isaiah 43:4).** The Cross is God's statement of just how much He loves you. When you think of the immensity of God's love, the first thing scripture often asks us to do is to consider the price that was paid. ***This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)***

The Cross stands alone as the most controversial symbol in world history! Without question it has also been—and IS ABUSED, MISUSED AND WORSHIPED. To some it is a symbol of terror as used by the KKK and also by Christian crusaders against the Moslems [*sic*] in war. It has also been used in the Christian killing of Jews in the Inquisition. It was carried by many slave traders, and in the slaughter of Indians in the Americas. Sometimes it is disturbing when the world's greatest abuses have been done in front of the Cross.

YET the Cross today graces the top of church steeples, hangs in churches and is on the front of most Bibles. Let's look further— The Cross is popular among believers and non-believers as an ornament—cross rings, cross earrings, cross necklaces, cross tattoos, cross bookmarks, cross grave markers, etc. It is worn by priests, prostitutes, soldiers, Christians and even terrorists. The sign of the cross is made by some before ball games or sports, by some before battle, by some at meals and by many in church. For many Christians the sign of the cross is at birth, baptism, communion, marriage, and death. Cross carrying has never been viewed in a true historical sense 'a pleasure' or in early years 'a work of art' or an 'object of beauty.' People died horrible, bloody, agonizing, tortured deaths on crosses. It was the symbol of the worst in man. Even most ancient Christian art is full of blood in its scene of the crucifixion. The art shows suffering and agony; a very ugly picture. Yet the modern cross is cleaned up, gone is the blood, gone are the swarming flies that would be crawling about on the face of the crucified, gone is the smell of death and the ring of hammer against nail as it tears through the skin. NOW the cross is gold or silver and perhaps dotted with diamonds.

In the days of the Cross, people would see one and vomit or look away in disgust or ridicule it. TODAY we say: 'Oh how lovely' 'How beautiful' 'It looks so nice' 'Where did you buy yours?' 'What did it cost?' All things no first century follower of Jesus would ever utter. Do you see how shallow we've become? How lost? You don't buy a Cross, you carry a Cross. Jesus said: **"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me (Mt.16:24).** What did it cost? It cost the Father His Son; and the Son, His life. What does the Cross cost you? EVERYTHING? The true follower of Jesus has forsaken himself, has taken up his cross (the instrument of death) and is following Jesus. We can wear a cross and look good, but in your heart have you crucified yourself, taken up your cross and are you following Jesus or the crowd? It's the heart God sees and knows. Do we need to be reminded of all this? Yes we do. How? In words and symbols we need to be reminded that in the Cross we have been LOVED. In the Cross we have been given back OUR LIFE. **(to be continued--).**