

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

June 19 St. Romuald  
 20 St. Paulinus of Nola  
 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
 22 St. Thomas More  
 23 St. John Fisher  
 24 Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
 25 Blessed Jutta of Thuringia

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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  
 Monday June 20  
**NOON:** Grazyna Witkowski birthday remembrance (Grazyna Witkowski)  
 Saturday, June 25  
**5 PM** †Pauline Carroll (Amber and John Eros)  
 Sunday, June 26  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11 AM** †Jon Ahlbrand (The Lilly-Higginbotham Family)  
**3 PM:** Sick Members of the Parish

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

**First Reading**

*1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21*

Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11*

I set the Lord ever before me.

**Second Reading**

*Galatians 5:1, 13-18*

Christ has set us free.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 9:51-62*

Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

**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.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**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

**MONDAY (6/20)**

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

**NOON:** MASS

**TUESDAY (6/21)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (6/22)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

**NOON:** AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*

**6:15 PM:** Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group *(Chapel)*

**THURSDAY (6/23)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (6/24)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS for Deceased Members of The Parish

**NOON:** AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*

**SATURDAY (6/25)**

**7:15 AM:** PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY DOORS OF MERCY IN RICHMOND AND NORFOLK (see bulletin for details)

**8 AM:** MASS

**11 AM:** Baptism *(Daniel Edward Schulz)*

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (6/26) THIRTEENTH 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

# GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory June 11 & 12, 2016	\$10,465
Justice and Peace	310
Outreach	1,586
Haiti	132
Flower Donations	50
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received	<u>10,465</u>
Surplus	\$ 3,292

## 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.

## PARISH NEWS

### 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](mailto:parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com) with 'Subscribe' in the subject line. Thank you and see you at one of the gatherings!

### 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@hollycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@hollycomforterparish.org) or 295-6559.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

For more information, please contact Ann Friedlander at 293-8989 or [outreach@hollycomforterparish.org](mailto:outreach@hollycomforterparish.org)

## 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, 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 Dots, 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, 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.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

**THE FOURTH CUP** Well-known Catholic theologian Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Is the Spirit calling you to serve your parish in a leadership capacity?

Holy Comforter will soon have two spots on the pastoral council opening up and we need parishioners who are willing to serve! As a member of the council you will be an invaluable adviser to Father Joseph Mary as we seek to move the parish forward on its mission of serving the poor, educating our children and preaching the Gospel to our community and the rest of the world!

If you are interested in learning more about the council or submitting your name, or someone else's, for consideration for the upcoming election, please contact the parish office or fill out the nomination form on the credenza.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**PARISH LIFE OUTING**

Enjoy an evening with great food and music at **'Starry Nights' Saturday July 9th** with fellow parishioners at Veritas Winery. Reserved table, live music, and dinner. Email the organizer [keesboog@gmail.com](mailto:keesboog@gmail.com) for details and to reserve your spot.

**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*

**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 outside of the Chapel. Please include any intentions you would like for us to include in our weekly prayers.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES****OUTREACH**

Backyard farming is a summertime hobby for many of us. But sometimes Mother Nature is a bit too generous (think zucchini). If your garden has an abundance, how about donating some to the pantry. Our pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (soup kitchen on Thursday.) Just drop off your horn of plenty, and we'll give it away. If you happen to have a good recipe, please donate that too. We'll duplicate it, and give it away with the produce. Thank you.

**BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE****ST. MICHEL PARISH NEWS:**

The St. Michel health clinic committee has plans to furnish the renovated building to accommodate care for pregnant women and adults and children. The facility will have a small lab and a pharmacy. Father Petina hopes to have the project completed by September/October. Pictures of the construction activity will be on the website soon.

**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](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com). Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://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 wishes you and your family a safe and fun-filled summer! The school offices will be open Monday-Thursday from 9am-2pm, and phones will be open Monday-Friday.

Don't forget! You can still take a tour over the summer! If you are considering Charlottesville Catholic School as a possibility for your family, please contact Katrina Kuhn, Admissions Coordinator, at 434-964-0400 or [k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org)

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC WORKER**

All are welcome to pray with us at Casa Alma, 911 Nassau Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902!

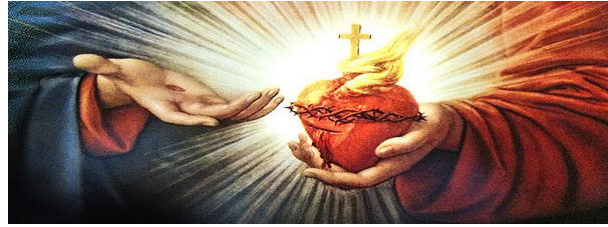
Morning Prayer **every Wednesday** from 7:30-8:00am.

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**.

**Summer reading and reflection** on the book "Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition" by Christine Pohl. Join us for any or all of six sessions **Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm beginning June 23**. RSVP to receive details for each session. "Making Room" is available locally at The Sycamore Tree. If you can't attend the roundtable at Casa Alma, read along with the online study guide

**FROM THE PASTOR**  
**JUNE: FOR LOVE AND MERCY.**



*"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." (Jn. 12:32)*

The crucifix is a characteristically a Catholic icon. Although other Christians fondly and proudly display the cross, it is the crucifix that is largely unique to the Catholics. Why is the symbol of the death of Christ so important to Catholics?

Many Protestants condemn the Catholics for having the image of Jesus on the cross. *"Oh we don't like that 'it's an empty cross, Jesus arose and lives'".* Perhaps it could be a grave error in cleaning up the cross. The reality is a bloody mutilated Savior did hang on the cross. In some of the Catholic churches you get the view of Jesus really suffering and dying for us, we see the crown of thorns and a glimpse of His agony. One preacher told me that we must be careful not to create a Jesus like a successful business man that won 'salesperson of the year'. Or a Jesus like a super sports hero who always wins! No. The real Man Jesus carried a real Cross, shed real blood, suffered in a real body, and his real dead body was taken down and buried in a tomb. Jesus sweat real drops of blood in the garden the night before He was crucified. He prayed to the Father *"if it is possible let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not my will but Thy will be done!"* Within hours a scourged, bloody and tortured Jesus is carrying a Cross toward Calvary. No beautiful cross there, No-one saying 'this cross would look good on you!' Horror of horrors—how could we, even worse how do we? At that Cross no cheering crowds, no wild praise, no long cheer of applause only jeers, mockery, curses, nails, blood and a cross as the Son of God bought our souls with his life!

The fact that Christ suffered and expired in the worst way imaginable serves as a lesson that our sins are no small thing. Indeed, the moment we take our eyes off the crucified Savior we tend to convey the message that our salvation came so easily! Our salvation is the result of a willing sacrifice by the very Son of God Himself who chose the ordeal of the cross because He so loved the people of God.

As Catholics, we celebrate the entire ministry of Christ at every single Mass, with special emphasis on the Last Supper, the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The Liturgy of the Word covers begins with an Old Testament reading accompanies with a Psalm. Then, a reading from the New Testament, often from one of the many letters of the apostles is shared. Finally, a selected Gospel passage is read which shares with parishioners a teaching from Christ Himself. After the Liturgy of the Word, we enjoy the Liturgy of the Eucharist which involves the reenactment of the Last Supper, a meal to which we are all called to eat the Body of Christ and to drink the Blood of Christ, shed for us that sins may be forgiven.

St. Paul also make it very clear to the early Christians that the crucifixion itself was integral to the Christian devotion. St. Paul mentioned the fact that Christ died for us all (2 Cor 5:14). In the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, he mentioned that he preached about "Christ crucified," (1 Cor 2:2) to drive home the importance of the deed of the crucifixion itself.

So the crucifix represents among other things, our level of commitment to Christ. Yes, we believe in and trust what comes after the cross. We believe in the Resurrection and that we too will be with Christ in heaven one day. However, on Earth we must make sacrifices to serve our God, our family, our neighbor and our nation and the crucifix keep on reminding us of that commitment. The crucifix represents our pledge to live fully as Christians, and our wiliness to make all sacrifices required to fulfill the vocations to which God calls each man, woman and child. *(To be continued).*