

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

June 26 Blessed Raymond Lull
 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria
 28 St. Irenaeus
 29 Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
 30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
 July 1 St. Junipero Serra
 2 St. Oliver Plunkett

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 25
8 AM Benedictine Oblates of the Divine Will
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 Schneider Family (Lisa Schneider)
 Monday, June 27
NOON Private Intention
 Tuesday, June 28
NOON Private Intention
 Wednesday, June 29
NOON Private Intention
 Friday, July 1
NOON Special Intention (Lisa Schneider)
 Saturday, July 2
8 AM Special Intention (Lisa Schneider)
5 PM †Al Nezerski, Jr. (Kathy Smith)
 Sunday, July 3
8:30 AM †Helen Vitale (Gloria Vitale)
 Members of the Parish
11 AM Members of the Parish

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

First Reading
Isaiah 66:10-14c
 I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 123:1-4
 Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.
Second Reading
Galatians 6:14-18
 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Gospel Reading
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
 Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (6/25)

7:15 AM: PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY DOORS OF MERCY IN RICHMOND AND NORFOLK

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

6 PM: Baptism (*Claire Elizabeth Holian*)

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

MONDAY (6/27)

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

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (6/28)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (6/29)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

THURSDAY (6/30)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (7/1)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON-2PM: MASS and First Friday Adoration

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (7/2)

7:15 AM:

8 AM: MASS

9-10 AM: Men's And Women's Cursillo Reunions (*Church Offices*)

9-11 AM: Parish Life Spiritual Walk And Talk (*Riverview Park*)

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (7/3) FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(*Altar Flowers provided by the Petroni and Conaway Family for Steven Williams*)

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

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory June 18 & 19, 2016	\$4,969
Online Giving	1,953
Justice and Peace	55
Outreach	615
Haiti	110
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received	<u>6,922</u>
Shortage	\$ 251

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

"Spiritual Walk & Talk" Get to your daily 10,000 steps with fellow parishioners! We walk every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9-11am at either the Monticello Trail or at Riverview Park. Our next walk will be Saturday, July 2nd at Riverview Park. Email parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com for more details.

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 for details and to reserve your spot.

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.

PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

7/5/1947: Kitty and Charley Moore
7/5/1969: Florence and Roman Blake
7/14/1973: Sharon and Emmett Dudley
7/28/1979: Tricia and Steve Cady

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 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, 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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

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

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA *(Displayed in Commons)*

How to Bring Fallen Away Catholics Back to the Church

What is evangelization all about? What role does the Church expect ordinary Catholics to play in spreading the Catholic Faith? Dr. Scott Hahn, author and renowned theologian, challenges cradle Catholics to witness to the Faith through everyday life. He presents proven and effective ways to touch those who have fallen away from the Church, even those with the most hardened of hearts.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

When was the last time you prayed the Rosary? If it has been a while, we are very happy to show you how and have Rosaries to borrow, so don't let that stop you from joining us! We meet on Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6:15 for reflection, prayer and the Rosary and look forward to praying with you and 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

Sometimes we receive donations of fresh produce either from the Food Bank or our own parish. And oftentimes people will refuse the fresh produce because they don't know what to do with it. So if you have a VERY SIMPLE recipe for any fresh produce, please pass it along to us and we'll pass it along to our clients. Thank you!

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BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

St. Michel School news: The St. Michel students are preparing for final exams and some also prepare for national exams. Please keep them in your prayers. If you missed receiving the e-newsletter with school information and pictures from the March trip, let us know at sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com. We will get it to you.

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.

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

FROM THE DIOCESE

The Office of Asian Ministry Filipino Commission serves as an advisory group to the Bishop in collaboration with the Office of Asian Ministry. We currently have vacancies on the commission and seek qualified Filipino Catholics with a willingness to work and fully participate in the mission of the commission. If interested and for more information about the application process please contact Pam Harris, Director, Office of Asian Ministry, asianministry@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

The Office of Asian Ministry Annual Youth Retreat will be held August 12-14, 2016 at Shalom House Retreat Center, 15340 Robert Terrell Road, Montpelier, VA 23192. This year's theme is "Dalisay Na Puso", (a pure heart offer to God). All youth, rising 9th graders to college freshman, are invited on a weekend spiritual journey dedicated to assist you to deepen your relationship with Christ through talks and small group sharing designed especially for you.

Cost: youth, \$65 (includes lodging, meals and materials), adult chaperone, \$80. Please register online at www.regonline.com/oamyouthretreat16. Discounted lodging is available for parents dropping off youth.

For more information please contact Pam Harris, Director, Office of Asian Ministry, asianministry@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262. www.richmonddiocese.org/oam. *The discounted cost is made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.*

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

What should you do with that unwanted vehicle sitting in your garage? Donate it!

Your contribution will help provide much-needed support for Commonwealth Catholic Charities' programs. Cars, boats, RVs and many other vehicles are accepted. Donating is easy and your gift is tax deductible. Call (855) 501-GIVE or visit www.cccofva-cardonations.org. We'll schedule the pick up and take care of the rest!

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.

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.**

FROM THE PASTOR
JUNE: FOR LOVE AND MERCY.



“So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived” (Numb. 21:9)

Throughout the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites, God was constantly teaching them things about Himself and about their own sinfulness. He brought them into the wilderness, to the same mountain where He revealed Himself to Moses, so that He could instruct them in what He required of them. Shortly after the amazing events at Mt. Sinai, God brought them to the border of the Promised Land, but when the people heard the reports from the spies, their faith failed. They got discouraged, and in their unbelief they murmured against Moses for bringing them into the wilderness. As a judgment against the people for their sin, God sent poisonous serpents into the camp, and people began to die. This showed the people that they were the ones in sin, and they came to Moses to confess that sin and ask for God's mercy. When Moses prayed for the people, God instructed him to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole so the people could be healed (Numbers 21).

In John 3: 14-15 in a discussion with Nicodemus, Jesus connects this event with his own crucifixion. He is raised up on the cross to die for our sins. He dies on the symbol of death, apparently "bitten" by the serpent Satan, dying the death we deserve. Yet, through this symbol of death we have life; everyone who looks on the cross of Christ in faith will live, even though we have been bitten by the serpent and are therefore sinners (Numbers 21:9).

For many modern people the importance of symbols is almost lost yet the message they can convey is awesome and biblical. Symbols are very important in the Bible and in the Christian tradition. In the Garden of Eden God made for Adam and Eve, a covering of skin to cloth them from their nakedness after their sin. Abraham, was told by God to kill his son upon a wooden altar. Just as Abraham was lifting up the knife, God stopped him and said there is a ram caught in the bush, offer him instead. A life was given, blood was shed, a covering was made! In Egypt as God was leading Moses to lead the Hebrews out of bondage God had the people kill a lamb, put the blood over the doorpost, a covering was made to keep the death angel away. Again a life was given, blood was shed, a covering was made! At Calvary, God offered up His Son Jesus, His life was given, Jesus' blood was shed, a covering was made for our sins. But not just a covering JESUS TAKES AWAY THE SIN, JESUS FORGIVES SIN, JESUS CLEANSSES FROM SIN, JESUS WASHES AWAY SIN!

Jesus made use of symbols The Bread and the Wine used in Holy Communion. **“This is my Body— take and eat!” “This is my blood— drink this!” “Do this in remembrance of Me!”** What is the symbolism in the crucifix? For us Catholics, the crucifix is a powerful symbol that represents the focal point of our beliefs: that Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. While other Christian denominations use a bare cross to emphasize Jesus' resurrection, Catholics include the image of Christ's body on the cross to represent his sacrifice. According to the Catholic catechism, the crucifix is a sacramental, a "sacred sign" instituted by the church that prepares Catholics to receive God's grace. For example, we believe that gazing at the crucifix during prayer help stimulate feelings of hope, love and trust. According to the catechism, a sacramental draws its power from the paschal mystery which is central to the Catholic faith and refers to Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. **(To be continued---).**