

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

July 10 St. Veronica Giuliani
 11 St. Benedict
 12 Sts. John Jones and John Wall
 13 St. Henry
 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 15 St. Bonaventure
 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 9
8 AM Private Intention
5 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, July 10
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
11 AM Members of the Parish
3 PM John Magri, III (Lisa Schneider)
 Monday, July 11
NOON † Alfred M. Goodison, III (Michele Skarvelis)
 Tuesday, July 12
NOON Mary Nguyen Moc (Thuy Vu)
 Wednesday, July 13
NOON Shirley O'Rourke (Martha Cassell)
 Thursday, July 14
8 AM † Mable P. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)
 Friday, July 15
8 AM † Mildred J. Chrzastek (Michele Skarvelis)
 Saturday, July 16
5 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, July 17
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
11 AM Don Schneider (Lisa Schneider)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading
Genesis 18:1-10a
 Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 15:2-5
 Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.
Second Reading
Colossians 1:24-28
 The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.
Gospel Reading
Luke 10:38-42
 Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/9)
8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (7/10) FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (*Altar Flowers provided by anonymous donation*)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS
NOON: BAPTISM (*Charlotte Francis Wetzel*)
3 PM: Latin MASS
MONDAY (7/11)
10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group
NOON: MASS
TUESDAY (7/12)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
6:30-8:30 PM: Paint Night (*Wine and Design*)
WEDNESDAY (7/13)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
THURSDAY (7/14)
8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
FRIDAY (7/15)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
8 AM: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:30 PM: Restaurant Week (*The Fitzroy*)
SATURDAY (7/16)
8 AM: MASS
9-11 AM: Spiritual Walk & Talk (Monticello Trail)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (7/17) SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Altar Flowers provided by The Sareno & Boogaart Family for Buena Sareno)
 Please note: Reconciliation is **CANCELLED** today.
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS
NOON: BAPTISM (*Charlotte Francis Wetzel*)
3 PM: Latin MASS
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

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory July 2 & 3, 2016	\$5,993
Justice and Peace	265
Outreach	210
Flower Donations	150
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received	<u>5,993</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,180

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 OUTINGS

Email parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com to be added to the email list or for more details regarding any of the following activities:

"Paint Night" on Tuesday, July 12th. Create a beautiful work of art with a small group of parishioners at one of Holy Comforter's downtown neighbors, Wine & Design.

Restaurant Week - Enjoy an evening of fellowship at one of downtown Charlottesville's newest restaurants, The Fitzroy. The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank is this year's charitable partner and \$1 from every meal served is donated to BRAFB

"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 16th at Monticello Trail.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Is the Spirit calling you to serve your parish in a leadership capacity? Holy Comforter will soon have one spot 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!

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, 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: Lisa Marshall, John Lank, 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*) Making P.E.A.C.E. With Difficult People

Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak, through a five-part P.E.A.C.E. process, offer powerful insights to help you work through difficult situations with the people in your life. This system will assist you in resolving problems and working towards more fully reconcile with them. Full of practical guidance, this presentation will show you how to better love and relate to the difficult people in your life.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We Are Accepting. Respectful. Compassionate. Advocates. Leaders. Stewards. Collaborators. Achievers. Creators. We Are CCS Students

Join a community where children are not only challenged academically with hands-on, inquiry based learning, but also one that helps them to grow in their faith, creating well-rounded leaders for a positive tomorrow.

Charlottesville Catholic School's enrollment for the 2016-17 school year remains open with our Rolling Admissions process! For more information, contact Katrina Kuhn, Admissions Coordinator, at 434-964-0400 or k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org or fill out an inquiry form on our website: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=1787>

(for printed versions, please print:

www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions; *it does not link directly to the inquiry form, but will get them to the right place without the confusing address)*

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC WORKER

Take action this month to protect our land and climate. Join activists, communities, and students from across the state for the March on the Mansion **Saturday, July 23 from noon-3pm in Richmond.**

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

Morning Prayer is **every Wednesday** from 7:30-8:00am, and we join with Charlottesville Mennonite for Taize prayer **Wednesday July 27, 7:30-8:30pm.**

FROM THE DIOCESE

Gospel Music Workshop 2016, August 12-13, 2016

M. Roger Holland, II of GIA Publications will host a 2 day workshop and discuss the role of African American Music in Black Catholic Worship and its importance in the liturgy. His two masses, The Sound of My People and Welcome Table: A Mass of Spirituals, are published by GIA Publications, Inc. and are featured in the newly released second edition of the hymnal, Lead Me, Guide Me. He has played for the Broadway productions of Oprah Winfrey's The Color Purple and the Tony award winning show, Memphis. If you have a love of music and would like to be a part of this informative workshop, please register online at www.regonline.com/obcgospelmusicworkshop. Cost: \$25. For more information please contact Pam Harris or Katie Lemza, obc@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Do you need help with immigration issues?

Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Immigration Services staff can help you process your paperwork and collect the forms needed to assist in a variety of situations like citizenship, employment visas and petitions for family reunification. It's important to have guidance you can trust, and our multi-lingual immigration counselors are all accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals. Call (540) 342-7561 ext. 304 to learn more.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

There has been quite a bit on television recently about lunches being provided during the summer to kids who would normally be receiving free lunches at school. How about providing some NUTRITIOUS snacks as part of our pantry program? Cool idea in the hot summer.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOOD PANTRY

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

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

New bishop of Hinche: Bishop Desinord Jean has been officially installed as the new bishop of Hinche. He was ordained at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Hinche. Haiti's Cardinal Chibly Langlois welcomed the new bishop. If you missed the most recent newsletter to school sponsors, 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.**

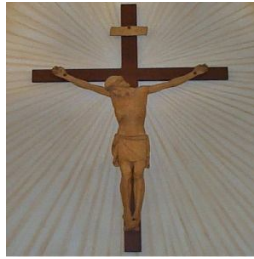
Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org.

UGANDA

As you know, a collection has been underway to purchase solar panels for the residents of two villages in Uganda. After wiring money to Father Nkonge, he writes:

"We will be taking 50 kits to Kitasiba on Wednesday this week to begin installing. Pray for us that everything will go well. Next week will see us install in Kamuzinda with the same number. On the behalf of the two villages I want to thank you greatly for the mobilization of funds and for all this love for human beings."

FROM THE PASTOR:
THE VALUE OF THE CRUCIFIX



“We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee: because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.”

“In the struggle for life, talking about God is indispensable. Only in this way does the value of the weak, the disabled, the non-productive, the incurably ill become apparent; only in this way can we relearn and rediscover, too, the value of suffering: the greatest lesson on human dignity always remains the cross of Christ. Our salvation has its origins not in what the Son of God did but in [H]is suffering, and whoever does not know how to suffer does not know how to live” (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI).

The cross in the New Testament seem to have a more personal and individual meaning as a symbol or an image for the path of transformation, for what it means to follow Jesus. It means to die and rise with Christ. We find this in Paul. ***“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”*** (Gal.2:20). In the cross there is an image for that path of spiritual and psychological transformation that leads to a new identity and way of being.

After the dark-days of Poland (1939), we read that Polish Catholics, mindful of the horrors of the death camps, did what was of no surprise to Catholics around the world. They fashioned what was for them a symbol of divine presence, in this case a convent where women would pray in reparation for the horrors that had happened on that soil; outside the convent, they erected a twenty-three foot cross. Their actions were in one sense typically Catholic. Raise a cross? It probably never entered into the minds of the builders to do otherwise.

Atonement is the Christian doctrine of the cross -- **Why did Jesus die? What did his death accomplish?** There are a lot of versions of the atonement doctrine in Christian history....The “substitutionary blood sacrifice” version of the atonement is the least compelling theological explanation of the cross for a number of people. **For me, the suffering of Jesus is a sacrament of the love of God. The story tells us that God willingly soaks up all of our systemic injustice, personal evil and violence and returns only love.** The predominant philosophy of Jesus is compassion, compassion beyond words. Jesus reveals a God whose love for us is deep and womb-like, like the love a mother has for the child of her womb. What we understand in the crucifix is God with us (**Emmanuel**) on earth in our horror, our terror, our violence, and our suffering. God refuses to add to the evil and violence, but instead responds with vulnerable, compassionate love. That's how God wins. The resurrection of Jesus proclaims that love is more powerful than hate, compassion triumphs over oppression, and vulnerability overcomes power. Jesus invites us to put our trust in God, even in the face of horror, oppression, cruelty and death. God is with us. God feels and suffers deeply with us. And, what God does best is to bring life out of death.

Ultimately, the value of life is found in the Cross of Christ. The dignity of the unborn, the dignity of family life, the dignity of chastity, the dignity of the elderly, is rooted in the suffering Christ. Only in His wounds will we find strength to carry our crosses and to see our intrinsic value. **(To be continued---).**