

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

July 17 St. Francis Solano
18 St. Camillus de Lellis
19 St. Mary MacKillop
20 St. Apollinaris
21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22 St. Mary Magdalene
23 St. Bridget

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 16
8 AM Miles Shealy (Ben Shealy)
5 PM Members of the Parish
Sunday, July 17
8:30 AM † Mae Young Singleton (John and Cathy Singleton)
11 AM Dan Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
Monday, July 18
NOON Anne Weigel (Lisa Schneider)
Tuesday, July 19
NOON † Katherine Martino (Ben Shealy)
Wednesday, July 20
NOON Alfred M. Goodison III (Michele Skarvelis)
Saturday, July 23
5 PM Members of the Parish
Sunday, July 24
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
11 AM Members of the Parish

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

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6-8

Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/16)

8 AM: MASS

9-10 AM: Men's And Women's Cursillo

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 Zareno)

Please note: Reconciliation is **CANCELLED** today.

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (7/18)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (7/19)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (7/20)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6-8:30 PM: Dogma on Draft (*Kardinal Hall*)

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

THURSDAY (7/21)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (7/22)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

8 AM: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

2 PM: Finance Council (*Lower Level*)

6-10 PM: Meet & Greet: Tom Sox Baseball Game and The Sandlot Film (*Charlottesville High School*)

SATURDAY (7/23)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (7/24) SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers provided by The Cerrone Family)

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

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 9 & 10, 2016 (In Church)	\$2,324
(Online)	4,712
Justice and Peace	170
Outreach	1,796
Haiti	560
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173
Offertory Received	<u>7,036</u>
Deficit	\$ 137

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, 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: Susan Steeby, 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.

CATECHISTS FOR 2016-17 NEEDED

Do you love to share your faith? Do you enjoy spending time with children and young adults? Please prayerfully consider serving in the ministry of being a catechist for the coming school year. Training and help are available! Catechists are needed for grades K-1 (2 people), 2-3 (2 people), 4-5 (1 person) and middle school (1 person). Classes meet on Sunday from 9:45-10:45 from the end of August through mid-May. For more information, please contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Formation, at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR 2016-17:

Registration is now open for all Religious Education classes for children ages 3 through 18 (rising Pre-k through 12th grade). Registration forms will be sent via email and may also be found on the Christian Formation table in the Commons. Kindly return your completed form and fees to the office no later than **August 12**. Please note that there will be a separate registration for the Sacraments of Initiation, including First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Diocesan policy requires that children planning to receive these Sacraments also attend regular Religious Education classes. For specific questions, please contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education, at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

PARISH LIFE OUTINGS

Join us for the second installment of the "**Dogma on Draft**" series on Wednesday **July 20th** from 6-8.30pm at Kardinall Hall in Charlottesville! We will hold this event every third Wednesday of the month. Meet new friends, chat with acquaintances, relax and unwind with a pint, and have good conversation. Come anytime. Stop-by for a bit or stay for a while!

Cost: "No Host" – Visit www.kardinalhall.com for menu, pricing, and location details.

Email parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com for more information.

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!

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

The Joy of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a faithful steward? How is stewardship intimately linked with the Eucharist as a response of our faith in God for His many blessings? Fr. John Lanzrath shows us how to develop an attitude of gratitude to grow in grace, incorporate a spirituality of stewardship in every aspect of daily life, and overcome the selfishness that keeps us from recognizing God's gifts.

CHURCH BELL REPAIRS

Thank you to Ed Mickiewicz and Chris Murray for lending your time and talents to bringing our bell back to life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

FROM THE DIOCESE

Join the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Worship as we present another series of workshops for singers. This workshop is for cantors, choir members and ensemble singers, who seek greater understanding of the music they sing and enhanced skills for reading it from the printed page. Three Sessions will be provided, one in each vicariate or area of Virginia: Western (7/23), Central (8/27), and Eastern (9/17) Saturdays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Registration is \$5.00 and includes Lunch. For more info & to register, visit www.richmonddiocese.org/worship or contact Vy Barto at vbarto@richmonddiocese.org (804) 622-5235.

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Join Our Team of Interpreters!

Are you fluent in English and some other language? If so, you might enjoy working as an interpreter with Commonwealth Catholic Charities! Contact us to learn more about the requirements, compensation and benefits of being an interpreter in your community. Email Interpreter.Services@cccfova.org or call (540) 342-7561

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

During the month of June 2016, Holy Comforter's Food Pantry provided groceries and hygiene items to 257 households; Holy Comforter's Soup Kitchen served 928 meals.

The Dollar Tree at Pantops conducted a food drive and, as a result, donated 383 pounds of pantry items. A HUGE Thank You goes out to Karl Meier and his teen volunteers from St. Thomas Aquinas whose energy and willingness helped us to accomplish several tasks quicker than expected.

A short story: Recently, a soup kitchen guest asked who had made the potato leek soup that had been part of the day's lunch. Pat, our head cook, said that she had made the soup. At that, the man said, with a tear in his eye, that it was just like the soup his grandmother had made when he was a boy. He thanked all of the volunteers with a "God Bless you for what you do."

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

Clean Water project: The St. Thomas Haiti Ministry and UVA Engineering, including many students, have worked on this project over the past 4 years. Many miles of the Haitian Central Department were walked and surveyed. Maps were drawn, measurements taken, the hydraulic flows estimated. Through the Water Committee of Saltadere, the plans were submitted to the Haitian Ministry of Public Works, DINEPA. Recently their letter of approval arrived. To all involved thank you for your time and effort. The next task will be to find the funds to carry out the project

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.

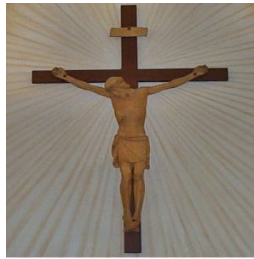


UGANDA

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

"We are very grateful for your love for us. Pray for us that the installation goes on well. Blessings."

FROM THE PASTOR:
THE VALUE OF THE CRUCIFIX (part 3)



“And again another Scripture says, *THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED.*”(Jn. 19:37).

When the side of Christ was pierced, there flowed from it blood and water. It was supposed by some that by death the blood was divided, the clots parting from the water in which they float and that in a perfectly natural way. But it is not true that blood would flow from a dead body if it were pierced. Scientists tell us that only under certain very special conditions would blood gush forth. The flowing of this blood from the side of our Lord cannot be considered as a common occurrence—it was a fact entirely by itself! We cannot argue from any known fact in this case, for we are here in a new revelation of what the crucified Jesus has to offer. Whether, in His case, blood and water flowed naturally from His holy and incorruptible body, or whether it was a miracle, it was evidently a most notable and remarkable thing and John, as an eyewitness, was evidently astonished at it—so astonished at it that he recorded a solemn affirmation in order that we might not doubt his testimony. He was certain of what he saw and he took care to report it with a special note in order that we might believe. And our longing be satisfied.

There seems to be a cry going up across this land for equality. That everyone gets a fair shake that everyone gets the same deal or privileges as someone else. However facts show that in this world, there are no places where there is a level ground. Many times it is who you know, where you live, what school you attended and so on. However when we are longing for level ground and equality, at the cross there is level ground. Let’s look at the value Jesus the son of God brings to the cross- **Level ground, and Equality.** Revelation says, and I saw both great and small bow before the throne. There are no exceptions with God, you can’t buy one ounce of his precious blood shed at the crucifixion, all the monies in the world won’t buy one splinter off the old rugged cross.

No one is smart to by-pass the cross—at school you have those that are involved in advance classes, you have people that skip grades. It doesn’t matter if you are a Jeopardy winner, you cannot by-pass the cross. From the gospels at the scene of the crucifixion **all the passerby along the road jeered shaking their heads.**

No one is strong enough to move the cross—we live in a world of physical fitness, and powerful sports figures. But the strongest man cannot move the cross, it must be knelt at for someone to be saved.

No one is righteous enough not to need the cross—all our righteousness is as a filthy rag, there is none righteous, no, not one, we all fall short of the glory of God.

No one is too lost, too sinful, too far from God, that the cross can’t save them. All that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

There are no races at the cross, there are no denominations at the cross, there are no differences at the cross, what Jesus has done for one, He has done for all. Let us then celebrate the cross, there is where you’ll find, level ground. There you find your value worth.