

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf
 25 St. James, Apostle
 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 27 Blessed Antonio Lucci
 28 St. Leopold Mandic
 29 St. Martha
 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23
5 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, July 24
8:30 AM †Franz Kopp (Ann Friedlander)
11 AM Catherine Barrs Floyd (Father Joseph Mary)
 Saturday, July 30
5 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, July 31
8:30 AM †Mary Nguyen, Thi Thanh (Thy Vu)
11 AM Deceased Members of the Parish

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

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory July 16 & 17, 2016	\$4,945.50
Justice and Peace	127
Outreach	240
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>4,945.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 2,227.50

PARISHIONERS RECENTLY MARRIED

7/16/2016: Jenna Ohnesorge and Shiladitho Deb

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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*)

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

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

3 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (7/25)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (7/26)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (7/27)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

THURSDAY (7/28)

7 AM: MASS (**PLEASE NOTE THIS TIME CHANGE**)

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (7/29)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS (*For Deceased Members of The Parish*)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

2 PM: Finance Council (*Lower Level*)

5 PM: Vespers

SATURDAY (7/30)

8 AM: MASS

9-10 AM: Cursillo Reunions (*Parish Office*)

9-11 AM: Parish Life Spiritual Walk and Talk (*Riverside Park*)

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (7/31) EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(*Altar Flowers provided by The Mackey Family*)

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

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: 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

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: 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.

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.

PARISH LIFE OUTINGS

Check the bulletin board in the Commons for announcements about upcoming events. To be added to the mailing list, or for more information, please email parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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@holyccomforterparish.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@holyccomforterparish.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

St. Michel School: The school year ended on June 16 with a big party for the students. On June 17 teachers and staff met to plan the next school year. During the vacation some teachers will pursue continuing education. From July 18 to August 18 the school will reenroll old students and enroll new ones. Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers.

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.

OUTREACH

Have you seen a school of tuna on Jefferson Street? They are lost fish who belong in the Holy Comforter food pantry. If you see any of them, please return them. There are quite a few people in our community who need them.

UGANDA

Father Nkonge writes: "We completed with Kamuzinda solar installation. We are very grateful to you all. God bless you."



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@cccofva.org or call (540) 342-7561

FROM THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting the **5th Annual Catholic Men's Conference** in the Diocese of Richmond on **Saturday, September 10** at the **Double Tree Hotel in Williamsburg**. The day will feature powerful and inspiring talks, an expo area, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. We are also pleased to welcome Catholic speaker and musician, Sean Forrest, and Father Damian Ference as our keynote speakers. All men 18 and older are invited to attend this one-day conference as an opportunity for learning, fraternity, and solidarity with other men of faith in the Diocese. Registration is \$50 for general admission. Early-bird registrants who register before August 31 can attend at the discounted cost of \$40. Permanent deacons registered by August 31 will receive an additional \$10 discount and, as always, the conference is free for priests and religious brothers. **Learn more and register at www.cdrcmf.org** or call 804-622-5109 for details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us for a day of fellowship, prayer, and inspiration to refresh and renew the soul! On **Saturday, September 24**, the diocese will host the **4th Annual Catholic Women's Conference** at the **Downtown Richmond Crowne Plaza**. Nationally-known author and speaker Sarah Swafford will provide reflections on what it means to be "Fully Alive." Musician and emcee, Sarah Hart, will host the day, offer some reflections, and perform some of her music. The conference will feature multiple sessions, Adoration, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and an expanded expo area with several different vendors and ministries available. The conference is open to all women 18 or older. Registration includes admission to the event, lunch, and continental breakfast. The \$45 early bird registration is available through September 14. Registration after that date will only be available at the door at the increased cost of \$55. The conference is free for all women religious (i.e. nuns or Religious Sisters). The conference has a limited space this year so please register quickly to ensure your spot. If the conference sells out, registration will not be available at the door. All those interested may contact the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life for more information. **Visit www.cdrcmf.org for more details and to register.** This year we are hosting a **Friday, September 23rd Pre-Conference** event at the Diocesan Pastoral Center featuring an acoustic concert with Sarah Hart at an additional cost of \$10 per person. Please sign up during your online registration as space is limited and expected to go fast!

FROM THE PASTOR:

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF “Religious Orders and Communities” IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work” (1Cr.12:4-6).

Recently someone asked me; **“Can you explain the purpose of having different religious orders and communities within the Church (e.g. Franciscans, Dominicans, Jesuits, Benedicts-----)?** This prompted me to bring up this topic to the attention of a number of people who might have similar questions.

Did you know that we have more than five hundred of such a communities of men and women in the Catholic Church? Some of these communities are local (Diocesan) others are international (answer directly to the Holy See). The presence of religious **“orders and communities”** in the Catholic Church can be confusing to folks outside the Catholic Church – and to Catholics too! First of all, the term “orders” is used rather loosely; it has become a generic term for any specialized group recognized either by the Vatican/pope or by the local bishop that was founded by a charismatic (spiritually and otherwise gifted) man or woman who invites others to “share their vision” of ministry and Christian service in a particular way: Contemplatives focused on praying for the Church; caring for the “poorest of the poor”; educating those on the margins of society; missionary efforts to those who have not heard of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and so on.

A more proper generic term for these groups might be “religious communities.” The reason for this is that, as a quick look at a Google search for “Catholic religious orders” will show (and give you a headache), there is a huge number of classifications for those groups which people commonly call “orders” in the Catholic Church – way too many to explain in this article! There are orders, congregations, religious institutes, institutes of consecrated life, mendicant orders, clerics regular...is your head starting to ache? Confusing. Right?

The formation of these religious communities, is in response to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who moves the Church into a complete union with Jesus Christ. Their intention is to imitate Jesus more closely, mainly, but not exclusively, by observing evangelical chastity, poverty, and obedience, which are the three evangelical counsels of perfection (cf. canons 599–601). The members bind themselves to this form of living by taking public vows in accordance with the norms of church law. They may additionally profess to obey certain guidelines for living, since each order or community has its peculiar charism.

Why again do these Christian religious communities exist within the Church? Dating back to the early centuries of Christianity, some followers of Jesus felt drawn to gather together in monastic, celibate communities to dedicate themselves to regular, frequent, daily prayer; farming, and caring for the needy in the local community. For example in the early 500s, Benedict of Nursia wrote his “rule” for his monks – and the Benedictine communities have continued to this day, around the world, following his “Rule.” As the centuries continued, other men and women were stirred to go beyond the monastery “into the world” to meet the needs of the people of their day, as they were inspired by the Gospel. Some of the best known are people like St. Francis of Assisi, the son of a wealthy merchant who abandoned his inheritance and, with his friend (St.) Clare, dedicated themselves and called followers to serve the poor, taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Ignatius of Loyola, a soldier wounded in war, had a spiritual conversion while recuperating and gathered some friends around him at the university to form the Company (or Society) of Jesus – the Jesuits. They also took the three vows mentioned above – and an additional vow of obedience to the pope. [When Pope Francis – who is the first Jesuit to be elected pope in history – met with the superior general, the head, of the world-wide Jesuit order, he joked about whether he still owed obedience to the superior general, or himself?!] **(To be continued---).**

17TH. SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME.

John: I can’t remember a lot of complicated stuff preached on Sunday.

Mary: Just remember the **“Our father”** and persevere in prayer with trusting faith.