

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola  
 August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori  
 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli  
 3 St. Peter Julian Eymard  
 4 St. John Vianney  
 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica  
 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 30  
**5 PM** Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, July 31  
**8:30 AM** †Mary Nguyen, Thi Thanh (Thy Vu)  
**11:00 AM** Lila Force (family)  
 Saturday, August 6  
**5 PM** Darlene Hilton and Brian Beard  
 Sunday, August 7  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11 AM** †Dominic Stillfried (Martin Schmidt)

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

**First Reading**  
*Wisdom 18:6-9*  
 The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-22*  
 Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.  
**Second Reading**  
*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*  
 We will look for the city designed and built by God.  
**Gospel Reading**  
*Luke 12:32-48*  
 You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

Offertory July 23 & 24, 2016 (Church)	\$5,166.50
(Online Giving)	1,950.00
Justice and Peace	70
Outreach	220
Haiti	110
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$ 7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>7,116.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 56.50

**PARISHIONERS RECENTLY MARRIED**

7/16/2016: Jenna Ohnesorge and Shiladitho Deb

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (7/30)**

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

**MONDAY (8/1)**

**10:30 AM:** Divine Will Prayer Group

**NOON:** MASS

**TUESDAY (8/2)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (8/3)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

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

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

**THURSDAY (8/4)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (8/5)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON-2 PM:** First Friday MASS and Adoration

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

**SATURDAY (8/6)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**9-10:30 AM:** Parish Life Spiritual Walk and Talk  
 (*Riverside Park Trail*)

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (8/7) NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

(*Altar Flowers provided by Virginia and Tim Michel*)

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

**8:30 AM:** MASS

**11 AM:** MASS

**PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

8/4/2001: Alix and David Paget-Brown

8/4/2011: Emily and Robert Cox

8/8/1981: Lisa and Michael Marshall

8/26/1989: Amber and John Eros

8/31/1996: Kelly and Patrick Langan

## 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:** Joe Murray, 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:** Bill Eddy, Susan Steeby, Lisa Marshall, John Lank, 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, 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.

### 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](mailto:parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com).

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*) SET ALL AFIRE

This one-of-a-kind CD includes seven segments, approximately 10 minutes each, covering some of the most important topics and questions in the Church today. Taken from seven of our most powerful and popular talks, these segments are sure to stir the soul and inspire you to SET ALL AFIRE for love of Christ and His Church.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### OUTREACH

There has been quite a bit on TV 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.

### 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).

### UGANDA

Father Nkonge sent this photo:



## 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@cccovfva.org](mailto:Interpreter.Services@cccovfva.org) or call (540) 342-7561

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### VIRTUS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is committed to ensuring that diocesan institutions and ministries provide a safe and nurturing environment for children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The mission of the diocese *Safe Environment Program* is to create a safe environment incorporating the standards as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. To that end, all parish volunteers, including catechists, members of various church ministries; in effect anyone having contact with children under the age of 18 in the church, are strongly encouraged to participate in a Virtus training workshop. This 3-hour workshop is both reflective and enlightening.

Training sessions will be held on **Wednesday, August 24, from 6:30-9:30 pm** at Holy Comforter Parish and on **Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6:00 pm** at Charlottesville Catholic School.

To register for a workshop, go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and click "live training" under that "Training" tab.

For questions regarding the program, please contact Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org).

### 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](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org).

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**FOR 2016-2017** Registration is now open for all Religious Education classes for children ages 3 through 18 (rising Pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org).

### 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](http://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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cdrcmf.org) for more details and to register.** This year we are hosting a **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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? Part #2**

***“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Psalm 42:2).***

Does that describe the cry of your heart? Some people in response to that cry, enter into “religious life”, consecrated to God.

The catechism of the Catholic Church says thus; **the state of consecrated life is thus one way of experiencing a “more intimate” consecration, rooted in Baptism and dedicated totally to God. In the consecrated life, Christ’s faithful, moved by the Holy Spirit, propose to follow Christ more nearly, to give themselves to God who is loved above all and, pursuing the perfection of charity in the service of the Kingdom, to signify and proclaim in the Church the glory of the world to come. However, they all bear common features that are the hallmark of religious life, such as; community prayer (primarily the Divine Office), community meals, labor/work, private prayer, meditation, study, and of course religious vows (the vows of the evangelical counsels; poverty, chastity, and obedience (#916).**

It is further stated that the perfection of charity, to which all the faithful are called, entails for those who freely follow the call to consecrated life, the obligation of practicing chastity in celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom, poverty and obedience.

The practicing of these evangelical counsels depends on the type of religious community. Some of these communities are “contemplatives” who allow more time for prayer and others are “active” which tend to allow more time for outside apostolate.

However, whether a religious community is more active or contemplative, they all share this fundamental component, that is: **the heart of their life is prayer; dedicated to a life of self-conversion and renunciation for the sanctification of the Church.** Every religious community in the world recites the same prayers of the Divine Office each day, breathing together in the same rhythm of prayer. According to Saint Therese of Avilla, **the existence of religious communities are so vital that, if one were to draw an analogy to the Mystical body of Christ, they would be considered the heart.** Saint Faustina confirms this reality; ***“I learned that the world's existence is maintained by chosen souls; that is, the religious orders.” -diary 1431***

Some people in the Church may be tempted to think that consecrated life is a waste of time. One might hear the argument; ***“Prayer is important, yes, but what are they doing to help the world?”*** (As if prayer is not the greatest act one can perform). And yet, as Our Lord told Saint Faustina, more souls are saved through prayer and sacrifice alone than through missions and preaching. And it is precisely behind the walls of these religious communities that a strong force that keeps the Church going is formed. It is in this rhythmic exchange of prayer, labor, and rest, that religious are liberated from the distractions of the world, devote themselves wholly to God and bargain with God like Abraham (**Story of Sodom and Gomorrah**) that many souls are saved. As Our Lord said, it was not Martha who chose the better part, occupying herself with many concerns, but Mary, sitting at the feet of her Jesus, lost in His gaze. (*Lk 10:42*). (***To be continued---***).

**18<sup>th</sup>. SUNDAY SNAPSHOT.**

**JOHN:** WHAT IS THE “WORD” TODAY?

**MARY:** ALL IS VANITY! THINK OF WHAT IS ABOVE, NOT OF WHAT IS ON THE EARTH.

**JOHN:** THEN HOW ARE WE TO SURVIVE.

**MARY:** BE RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.