

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

August 7 St. Cajetan
 8 St. Dominic
 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 10 St. Lawrence
 11 St. Clare of Assisi
 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 13 Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 6
5:00 PM Darlene Hilton & Brian Beard
 Sunday, August 7
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM † Dominik Stillfried (Martin Schmidt)
 Saturday, August 13
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
 Sunday, August 14
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Members of the Parish
3:00 PM Members of the Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 40:2-4, 18

A prayer for God's help

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory July 30 & 31, 2016 (Church)	\$4,479.50
Justice and Peace	\$22
Outreach	175
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>4,479.50</u>
Deficit	\$2,693.50

PARISHIONERS RECENTLY MARRIED

7/16/2016: Jenna Ohnesorge and Shiladitho Deb

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/6)

8 AM: MASS

9 AM: Spiritual Walk and Talk (Riverview 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 Tim and Virginia Michel*)

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

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (8/8)

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

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (8/9)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (8/10)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

THURSDAY (8/11)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (8/12)

8 AM: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (8/13)

8 AM: MASS

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women

10 AM-12 PM: Parish Life Outing at Carter Mountain Orchard (*See below for more information*)

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (8/14) TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(*Altar Flowers provided by Harry McMahon*)

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

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

3 PM: Latin 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

LECTORS NEEDED:

Have you been blessed with a love of the spoken word, and reverence for God's love for us as expressed in our readings at Mass? Please consider sharing your gift with your fellow parishioners as a Lectorat Holy Comforter. We especially need readers for our Saturday, 5 pm Mass. Training is provided, and we pride ourselves in having NO meetings. We are usually assigned 2 or 3 Masses per 2 month period. For information, contact Kevin Connally at 804-339-1871, or Kevin.connally@bayer.com.

DONATIONS OF READING GLASSES:

We are collecting reading glasses for the people of Uganda. If you have reading glasses you no longer use that are in good condition, please bring them to Church by August 21st. There is a basket in the Commons for you to drop them off. Thank you and God Bless.

LIVING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The campaign has successfully raised \$102 million dollars thanks to parishioners, like yourselves, who donated and have pledged future donations. The Diocese has formulated a long term plan for how they can continue to serve and support parishes, building upon the foundation created through the campaign.

To that end, the Diocesan Office of Development will offer webinars to interested parish staff and lay leaders from 10:30am to 11:30am on the following dates:

August 28th or August 19th
Living Our Mission Campaign Continuation
August 30th or September 1st
Legacy Giving and Endowment Building
September 14th or September 15th
Annual Parish Stewardship and Offertory

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

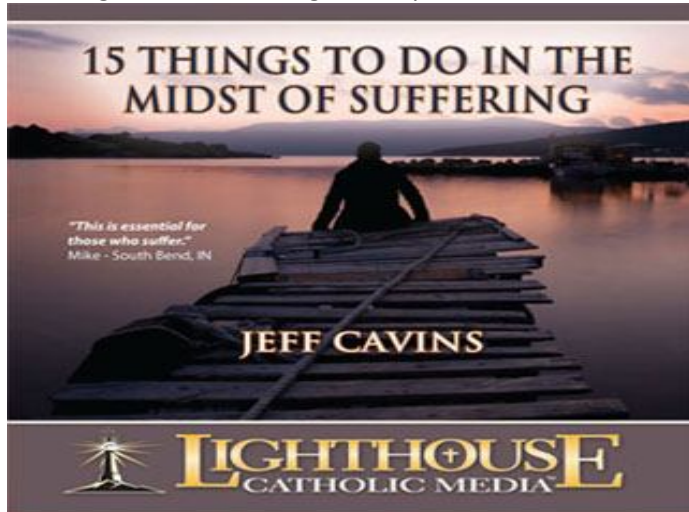
Saturday, August 13th, 10 AM, meet other parishioners at Carter Mountain Orchard for peach-picking. "Share the Summer Bounty" by picking some extra fruit to donate to Holy Comforter's Outreach Ministry. Donated fruit will be included in Food Pantry bags and/or used at the Thursday Soup Kitchen. This is a family-friendly event. Please email parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com if you can attend this fun event.

Do you know there is a Parish Life email list? Signing-up gives you all the latest news and updates for social events with your fellow parishioners. Join the list by sending an email to parishlife.holycomforter@gmail.com with 'Subscribe' in the subject line. Thank you and see you at one of the gatherings!

Check the bulletin board in the Commons for announcements about upcoming events

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (Displayed in Commons)**15 THINGS TO DO IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING**

Suffering is a mystery we all face at some time in our lives. Whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual, it will test our faith. Internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares personal insights he gained through his own physical pain. He shows us how we can join our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross, bringing renewed meaning to the suffering we experience in our lives.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES****BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE**

St. Michel Parish: is praying for us as we are praying for them. School staff is preparing for the new school year which begins September 5. The clinic renovation is progressing with completion expected next month. The clean water project has a Haitian government approval and is now seeking funding. Your continued support of our twin parish makes possible a better life for our brothers and sisters in Saltadere.

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

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.

If you are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities in Outreach, please contact Ann Friedlander at 293-8989.

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 and click "live training" under that "Training" tab.

For questions regarding the program, please contact Sue Dougherty at 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.

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 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF “Religious Orders and Communities” IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? (Continued----)#2

The Catechism of the Church says: “Religious life derives from the mystery of the Church. It is a gift she has received from her Lord, a gift she offers as a stable way of life to the faithful called by God to profess the counsels. Thus, the Church can both show forth Christ and acknowledge herself to be the Savior's bride. Religious life in its various forms is called to signify the very charity of God in the language of our time”. (926). There exist various forms of religious communities as the second Vatican council speaks about them in the following words: **“Thus it has come about, that, as if on a tree which has grown in the field of the Lord, various forms of solidarity and community life, as well as various religious families have branched out in a marvellous and multiple way from this divinely given seed. --- these various religious families themselves and the welfare of the entire Body of Christ.”**(Lumen Gentium 43).

I would like to point out that the list of religious orders and communities I may write about, is nowhere near exhaustive. I would like to extend this list to include all communities notable for faithfulness to the magisterium of the Catholic Church and to the charism of their founders, I will give a general understanding of these communities for one to appreciate their value in the life of the Church.

In each of the hundreds of different religious orders, communities, and congregations the spirituality of the group is based on the founder of its congregation. For example, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity whose members vow to serve “the poorest of the poor.” Some communities specialize in teaching and others in hospital work. Some engage in several active missions, and a few devote themselves to a cloistered life of contemplative prayer.

Consecrated religious live in community with other members of their order. They share all meals together and try to work together, pray together, and recreate together. Because they take a vow of poverty, they don’t own their own car, and they have no personal savings or checking accounts. The religious order they belong to provides all this, and they must ask their superiors when they need or want something. This is where that vow of obedience kicks in.

The categories: **Enclosed religious orders** of the Christian churches have solemn vows, with a strict separation from the affairs of the external world. The term **“cloistered”** is synonymous with *enclosed*. In the Catholic Church enclosure is regulated by the Code of Canon Law. The stated purpose for such enclosure is to prevent distraction from prayer and the religious life. Depending upon the reason and the length of time, the proper authority (usually the superior gets approval from the local bishop and/or the Holy See) can allow enclosed men or women to leave the enclosure (for study, for medical reasons, for work in the order or in a diocese, or rarely, to care for a relative). More commonly, cloistered individuals are temporarily released from the obligation of enclosure to participate in a major religious event - a papal visit or a bishop's visit, for example. Some men and women who are cloistered may have knowledge of certain fields like education or health care, depending on their training during formation or the cloistered life, or prior to it. They can provide for the needs of their community, and, rarely, may be allowed to minister for a time outside the cloister. Enclosed religious order of men and women include monks following the **Rule of St. Benedict, such as the branches of the Order of St. Benedict itself, the Cistercian Order and the Trappist Order, monks of the Carthusian Order and some branches of the Carmelite friars.**(*To be continued*).

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19TH. SUNDAY SNAPSHOT.

JOHN: ARE YOU READY “LITTLE FLOCK”?

MARY: READY FOR WHAT?

JOHN: BECAUSE THE LORD IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT.

MARY: WITH MY FAITH, I HAVE PATIENTLY WAITED FOR THAT HOUR TO GIVE MY ACCOUNT. ARE YOU?

JOHN: NOT SURE!!!!!!!