

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

August 28 St. Augustine of Hippo
 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist
 30 St. Jeanne Jugan
 31 St. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
 September 1 St. Giles
 2 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
 3 St. Jerome

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 27
5:00 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, August 28
8:30 AM †Franz Kopp (Food Pantry Volunteers)
11:00 AM †Ann Stratton (Soup Kitchen Volunteers)
 Monday, August 29
NOON Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Tuesday, August 30
NOON Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Saturday, September 3
5:00 PM Members of the Parish
 Sunday, September 4
8:30 AM Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
11:00 AM Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Lorene Primich (Judy Pateman)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship. When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/27)

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (8/28) TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (8/29)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
NOON: MASS
7 PM: MASS

TUESDAY (8/30)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (8/31)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

THURSDAY (9/1)

NOON: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/2)

NOON: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
5 PM: Vespers
5:30-8:30 PM: Meet and Greet (*Fridays After Five*)

SATURDAY (9/3)

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/4) TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
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*
 8/14/2004: *Daisy and James Hutcherson*
 8/26/1989: *Amber and John Eros*
 8/31/1996: *Kelly and Patrick Langan*

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory August 20-21, 2016 (Church)	\$4,250.50
(Online Giving)	1,278
Justice and Peace	\$55
Outreach	195
Uganda	1,000
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>5,528.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,644.50

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 Lector at 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

Right Here, Right Now: Always Be Ready to Share Your Faith It's profound to consider what hangs in the balance when we share our faith with others. Patrick Madrid, in his highly engaging manner, speaks from a lifetime of experience to help Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ and his Church whenever the opportunity arises.

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: Fred Crane, 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

Calling all old and new sponsors! Our Haiti Ministry will be hosting our annual Sponsorship Fair the weekend of September 10-11 in St. Thomas Hall. Committee members will be present to explain our transition from student to general sponsorship and how to receive our newsletter by e-mail. Funds raised by sponsorship support in part the operating costs of St. Michel School. Thank you for your support.

Next meeting will be in October. **All are welcome.**

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

OUTREACH

With school starting soon that means we don't have to worry about kids getting free and reduced breakfasts and lunches, right? Well, yes and no. School kids get fed, but what about pre-Schoolers and their moms and dads? There's still plenty of need around. So drop off that chunky soup and tuna in the basket at the top of the stairs.

UGANDA

Please pray for Father Joseph Mary and Theresa Lynch who are providing assistance to many of God's people in Uganda

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church, or do you know someone who is? If so, RCIA may be the answer. RCIA at Holy Comforter is starting up for 2016-2017. If you are interested, please contact Diane Auger Smith at dianeaugersmith@gmail.com or at (434) 996-0502, or call the church office at (434) 295-7185.

The RCIA Orientation for 2016-2017 will take place Sunday, Aug. 21st after the 11 AM Mass on the lower level. Thereafter, regular class sessions will be held in the office of the Coordinator of Religious Education between the two Sunday masses from 9:40 AM - 10:50 AM beginning August 28, 2016 and going through Pentecost, Sunday June 4, 2017. Please join us!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

FOR 2016-2017: Please return your Registration Forms to the envelope on the table in the Commons as soon as possible. Classes begin for Pre-k-8th grade on **This Sunday, August 28th at 9:45 AM.** For specific questions, please contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education, 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.

CHURCH LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

Holy Comforter maintains a small library of religious books in the area at the bottom of the stairs for parishioners to use. We have had many generous donations to the library that need to be placed on the shelves, while outdated books need to be purged. If you have a passion for spiritual books and good organizational skills, please consider donating a few hours a week to help us reorganize our church library so that it can be a useful resource for all of us. If you are interested, please email Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2016 MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Thursday, October 20 - Sunday, October 23rd at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg. Catholic men are invited to spend an inspiring long weekend with other men who want to deepen their relationship with God and enrich the way each lives out his faith every day. The weekend will be led by a team of Catholic men who have made a Cursillo weekend before, along with spiritual directors including a priest. Mass will be held each day, along with engaging reflection times and talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Great food and fun included. Cost: \$60.00 (donations will be accepted at the end of the weekend to allow others to go on a Cursillo Weekend). For information and downloadable applications, visit the Valley Cursillo website: www.valleycursillo.com. **Application due date: Wednesday, October 12th.**

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Sept 30th - Oct 2, 2016, at Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, Virginia. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend is a confidential retreat that combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at [804-704-0429](tel:804-704-0429), or Maggie Carlson at [804-432-2589](tel:804-432-2589) or email: RV4hope@gmail.com. Visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

Comment from a retreat participant:

"The Rachel's Vineyard weekend has done for me what all the self-help books could not. I needed the Divine Healer Himself!"

CASA ALMA

Charlottesville's Catholic Worker community is initiating a monthly community supper - all are welcome! On the first Sunday of each month, we will host tours and Q&A from 4:00-5:00pm, prepare dinner from 5:00-6:00pm over continued conversation, and eat together at 6:00pm. Join us September 4 anytime after 4pm! Please RSVP if you'd like to bring a group. For more information, contact Laura at cvillecw@gmail.com or 434-202-2221. Casa Alma is located at 911 Nassau Street and online at casa-alma.org

FROM THE PASTOR**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF “Religious Orders and Communities” IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? (Continued----)#5*****THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RELIGIOUS VOWS***

The Servant of God Pope Paul VI once meeting with the religious said: “--- it follows that the profession of the evangelical vows is a super-addition to that consecration which is proper to Baptism. It is indeed a special consecration which perfects the former one, inasmuch as by it, the follower of Christ totally commits and dedicates himself to God, thereby making his entire life a service to God alone.”

We need to understand that the profession of the evangelical counsels, though entailing the renunciation of certain values which are to be undoubtedly esteemed, does not detract from a genuine development of the human persons, but rather by its very nature is most beneficial to that development. Indeed the vows, voluntarily undertaken according to each one's personal vocation, contribute a great deal to the purification of heart and spiritual liberty. They continually stir up the fervor of charity. But especially they are able to more fully mold the Christian man and woman to that type of chaste and detached life, which Christ the Lord chose for Himself and which His Mother also embraced. This is clearly proven by the example of so many holy founders. Let no one think that religious have become strangers to their fellowmen or useless citizens of this earthly city by their consecration. For even though it sometimes happens that religious do not directly mingle with their contemporaries, yet in a more profound sense these same religious are united with them in the heart of Christ and spiritually cooperate with them.

Last time we looked at the vow of Obedience now we continue with the **VOW OF CHASTITY**. The vow of Chastity takes its inspiration from Jesus' life as a single person who remained unmarried. Jesus taught us to respect and honor every person. The chastity "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:12) which religious profess should be counted an outstanding gift of grace. It frees the heart of man in a unique fashion (cf. 1 Cor. 7:32-35) so that it may be more inflamed with love for God and for all men. Thus it not only symbolizes in a singular way the heavenly goods but also the most suitable means by which religious dedicate themselves with undivided heart to the service of God and the works of the apostolate. All Christians, then, are called to be chaste but Religious go beyond this. Following the example of Jesus, they not only live a chaste life but also surrender the possibility of marriage and family (Celibacy).

The VOW OF POVERTY, takes its inspiration from Jesus' simple life style and his teaching that wealth and possessions can distract us from what is really important and meaningful - which is to love God and each other. By their vow of poverty religious promise to live a simple life. They commit to share their resources and their time and talents within their communities and with those in need. A vowed member of a religious community does not have personal possessions but like the early Christians they “place all things in common” (Acts 2: 44). This means that any money earned or gifts received are for the good of the whole.

All Christians, then, are called to live simply but Religious go beyond this. Following the example of Jesus they not only to live simply but they surrender the right of personal ownership sharing all things in common in their Order.

22nd. SUNDAY SNAPSHOT.

JOHN: This week, I noticed the key word is humility?

MARY: I hate to hear that word.

JOHN: Why?

MARY: It makes me feel as if I am nothing!

JOHN: Never forget that you are somebody by the grace of God. And wisdom says: If we perform our tasks with humility, we will be loved by those whom God accepts.

MARY: Where then do I begin to live a humble life.

JOHN: Humility begins by not discriminating against others because of their age, their gender, their occupation, their nationality, their culture, etc... In the eyes of God, we are all equal. MARY: That helps.