

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

September 4 St. Rose of Viterbo
 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta
 6 Blessed Claudio Granzotto
 7 Blessed Frédéric Ozanam
 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9 St. Peter Claver
 10 St. Thomas of Villanova

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
 Monday, September 5
NOON Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Tuesday, September 6
NOON Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Wednesday, September 7
NOON Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)
 Saturday, September 10
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
 Sunday, September 11
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM All Priests and Deacons serving Holy Comforter Parish in Father Joseph Mary's absence.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

(Altar Flowers provided by Anonymous Donation)

8:30 AM: MASS
NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEKEND
11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (9/5) LABOR DAY (Church Offices CLOSED)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (9/6)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (9/7)

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*)
7 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

THURSDAY (9/8)

NO MASS TODAY
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/9)

NO MASS TODAY
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (9/10)

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

SUNDAY (9/11) TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers provided by the Nguyen Vu Family)

8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory August 27-28, 2016 (Church)	\$5,764.50
Justice and Peace	\$35
Outreach	250
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>5,764.50</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,408.50

Please see the Parish Annual Report in today's Bulletin!

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: 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*) *The 3 Stages of the Interior Life*

Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint.

PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

9/4/1971: *Dominique and Lee Faust*
9/6/1986: *Suzanne and Michael Bailey*
9/10/1994: *Michelle and Wayne Edwards*
9/20/1969: *Cynthia and Les Berlin*

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.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Now that the school year is starting, summer vacations winding down, and you are getting settled back into your routine, why not include the Rosary Prayer Group as part of your routine? We meet every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray for our parishioners' intentions, and to pray the rosary. We have a wonderful prayer family. Come join us!

And, don't forget, add your intentions to the Intention Book outside of the Chapel and we will include your intentions during our weekly prayers.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

Calling all old and new sponsors! The Bi Parish Haiti Ministry will be hosting our annual Sponsorship Fair the weekend of October 1-2. 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

UGANDA

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

OUTREACH

Construction continues on the Lower Level of the Church. Come have a look at the progress so far!

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. Classes are held on Sundays in the office of the Coordinator of Religious Education from 9:40 AM-10:50 AM through Pentecost, 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.

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 23th 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 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.**

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

What should you do with that unwanted vehicle sitting in your garage? Donate it! Your contribution will help provide much-needed support for CCC programs. Cars, boats, RVs and many other vehicles are accepted. Donating is easy and your gift is tax deductible. Contact us (855) 501-GIVE or www.cccofvacardonations.org. We'll schedule the pick up and take care of the rest!

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. To learn more about this retreat please contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings: 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson: 804-432-2589 or 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 4-5pm, prepare dinner from 5-6pm over continued conversation, and eat together at 6:00pm. Join us September 4 any time after 4pm! 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

"AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?" Luke 10:29

The Mercy & Justice Committee and the Charlottesville Marriage Ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish invite you to an evening of fellowship and exploration of the question, "Who is my neighbor?" We are pleased to be joined by Dr. Mark Strauss who will share his experiences as a young boy in Poland when the Nazis invaded his hometown. His story will include a neighbor who was as unlikely as the Samaritan—a Polish Catholic woman. After the liberation of Poland, Dr. Strauss immigrated to the United States. Since then he has lived a rich life as a scientist, educator, activist, husband and father. He is well known as an author and an artist. Join us on Friday evening, September 9, 2016 at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish. 5:15 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Light supper, 7:00 PM Presentation by Dr. Mark Strauss. Seating is limited so advance reservations are required. RSVP: jmzacharias@embarqmail.com. Limited childcare is available for \$5/child. Please submit childcare requests by September 5th to CvilleMarriageMinistry@gmail.com.

FROM THE COORDINATOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In his absence for the next three weeks, Father Joseph Mary asked me to provide a reflection for this space. As formal Christian Formation classes begin, I would like to offer some suggestions for ways that families can engage in catechesis at home, as well as ways that all of us can foster our personal spiritual growth. The following excerpt was taken from an article entitled "Catechesis within the Family" on the USCCB website.

While the catechesis offered within the family is ordinarily informal, unstructured, and spontaneous, it is no less crucial for the development of the child's faith. In a certain sense nothing replaces family catechesis, especially for its positive and receptive environment, for the example of adults, and for its first explicit experience and practice of the faith. The catechesis of infants and young children nourishes the beginnings of the life of faith. Parents have shared the gift of human life with their children and, through Baptism, have enriched them with a share in God's own life. They have the duty to nourish it. Their faith, their attitude toward other human beings, and their trust in a loving God strongly influence the development of the child's faith. Parents are catechists precisely because they are parents. Their role in the formation of Christian values in their children is irreplaceable. They should speak naturally and simply about God and their faith, as they do about other matters they want their children to understand and appreciate. Parents are also the most effective catechists of prayer for their young children. They know what their children are capable of understanding and can easily teach their children basic prayers and the fundamental attitude of prayer. By praying frequently with their children at special moments during the day and especially by praying with them at the Sunday Eucharist, parents introduce children into the prayer life of the Church. By incorporating prayer into everyday family experiences, parents teach their children by example. Their witness encourages their children to call upon God as their Father who loves and protects them; To look to Jesus, their Savior and brother, who leads them to the Father; And to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within their hearts. Children ordinarily enjoy listening to their parents read to them and tell them stories. Reading stories from Sacred Scripture combines both these simple activities. Just as children learn their family histories through stories told by their parents, they learn about the Catholic faith as their parents introduce them to the person of Jesus and the beauty of the word of God and tell them the story of Mary, the Mother of God, as well as of the lives of the saints.....

...The most important task of the catechesis of children is to provide, through the witness of adults, an environment in which young people can grow in faith. Several pastoral directives should guide the catechists of children:

- Be able to understand children, communicate with them, listen to them with respect, be sensitive to their circumstances, and be aware of their current values.
- Recognize that children have a dignity of their own and that they are important not only for what they will do in the future, but for who they are now.
- Encourage them to know and respect other cultural, religious, racial, and ethnic groups, and use catechetical materials that are adapted to accommodate cultural, racial, and ethnic pluralism; the concerns of particular groups; and persons with special needs.
- Understand that the child's comprehension and other powers develop gradually, and present religious truths in greater depth and propose more mature challenges as the capacity for understanding and growth in faith increases.
- Provide experiences in which they can live faith and apply the message of salvation to real-life situations; encourage the use of imagination, as well as intelligence and memory.
- Provide experiences that link Liturgy and catechesis and promote appreciation for the community celebration of the Eucharist.
- Stimulate not only exterior but interior activity—a prayerful response from the heart. Foster a sense of community that is an important part of education for social life.

▪ ---from the *National Directory for Catechesis*.