

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

October 2 Guardian Angels  
 3 St. Gerard of Brogne  
 4 St. Francis of Assissi  
 5 St. Faustina Kowalska  
 6 St. Bruno  
 7 Our Lady of the Rosary  
 8 St. Pelagia

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 1  
**5:00 PM** Young Families who are Struggling  
 Sunday, October 2  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** †Hiram Black (The Shealy Family)  
 Monday, October 3  
**NOON** Cecelia DeSimone (The Shealy Family)  
 Saturday, October 8  
**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, October 9  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** †Frank McCarthy (Judy and Steve Hennesent)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*2 Kings 5:14-17*

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4*

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

**Second Reading**

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 17:11-19*

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONER**

Mary Ann White  
 Frank McCarthy

*The family of Frank McCarthy extends our heartfelt thanks to the parish for prayers and support following Frank's death. It was very gratifying to see so many familiar faces at his funeral.*

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (10/1)**

**9 AM:** BAPTISM (*Benson Han-Walsh*)  
**9 AM:** Cursillo Men and Women  
**1:00 PM:** WEDDING (*Meredith Drexel and David Deal*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/2) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME** (*St. Michel School Sponsorship Fair*)  
*(Altar flowers provided by anonymous donation)*

**8:30 AM:** Children's MASS  
**9:40-10:50 AM:** RCIA (*CRE Office*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Adult Formation (*Chapel*)  
**11 AM:** MASS (*BAPTISM: Niamh Lally*)

**MONDAY (10/3)**

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

**TUESDAY (10/4)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (10/5)**

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

**THURSDAY (10/6)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (10/7)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON-2 PM:** MASS and Adoration  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**4 PM:** Wedding Rehearsal  
**6:30-9 PM:** PCCV Candlelight Banquet (*Double Tree by Hilton*)

**SATURDAY (10/8)**

**9 AM:** Cursillo Men and Women  
**10 AM:** Rosary Making Workshop (*Church*)  
**1:00 PM:** WEDDING (*Sonja Nakasian and Alexander Soltesz*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/9) TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*(Altar flowers donations will be gladly accepted)*

**8:30 AM:** Children's MASS  
**9:40-10:50 AM:** RCIA (*CRE Office*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Adult Formation (*Chapel*)  
**11:00 AM:** MASS

### GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory September 24-25, 2016 (Plate)	\$4,317.50
Offertory (Online)	1,150.00
Retired Religious	\$1,542
Outreach	125
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>5,467.50</u>
Deficit	\$1,705.50

### 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:** Rachel Witt, Jack Andrews, 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:** The Campbell Family, 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

We have a small group of EMs who serve the homebound of the parish as well as patients in healthcare facilities assigned to Holy Comforter. Albemarle Health & Rehab is a new facility with short term and long term care patients near Monticello High School. On a weekly basis there are 4-5 patients requesting communion. We need more EMs to help! Day/time is flexible. Training provided. Patients are so happy to receive the Eucharist! Please consider & contact Barbara Rainville: 434 295-8493 [consultrainville@aol.com](mailto:consultrainville@aol.com)

### LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

#### The Mass Comes Alive - Episode 1

Cat. Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their Faith like never before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses the Catholic Faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their Faith every day. Join Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Josh, Hanna, and friends for an unforgettable experience!

### MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and the month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary. 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

This weekend is our Sponsorship Fair! Sponsorship donations are the main means of supporting the children of St. Michel School, our sister parish in Saltadere, Haiti. We will also be selling Haitian coffee after the Masses.

**Prayers for Haiti Travelers:** Please keep Bob Fromm and Monica Walker and all our Haitian brothers and sisters in your prayers. Bob and Monica are working with Father Petina and obtaining updates on St. Michel School, the parish and the renovated medical clinic. Bob will work on next steps for the clean water project. Attend our next meeting (see below) to hear a trip report.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Next meeting will be October 23, at 1 PM, at Holy Comforter. **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).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**FIRST SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION:** All children at least age 7 and in second grade are eligible to participate in preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist beginning in December. Registration forms, available in the Commons and on the Website, should be completed as soon as possible.

### HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION

**Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM**

All High School youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join us as we build and expand our youth ministry! You may still register by completing the registration form available in the Commons or on the website.

**High School Service Opportunity!** High school students are invited to join the Youth Ministry Team on Saturday, October 8 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM to help paint part of the newly renovated lower level of the church! We will provide all supplies – paintbrushes, rollers, painters tape.....and plenty of snack foods! All you need to do is come with your painting clothes on. Please join us for a time to have fun with your friends while doing a service for the church!

### ADULT FORMATION

**Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible** DVD series continues this Sunday, from 9:45-10:45 in the chapel. You may still register by picking up a form in the Commons or from the website. Please consider joining us for this excellent overview of the Old and New Testaments.

**NEW ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!** Kate Burke, UVA Drama Professor, will present Lectio Divina/Scripture of the Heart on **Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 12:00** Noon on the lower level. Join us for this interactive Scripture immersion experience to enhance your prayer life! Please see the bulletin insert for details. \*Please note: The *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* study will NOT meet this Sunday so that participants can attend this program.

**SEEKING ADDITIONAL CATECHISTS:** Although we have at least one catechist in each of our Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, it would be very beneficial to have two catechists for each class. Additional substitute teachers are also needed. Please prayerfully consider your call to this important ministry and contact Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org) if you are interested.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Classes are underway! Please contact Diane Auger Smith for more information [dianeaugersmith@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaugersmith@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ARE YOU CONSIDERING A VOCATION?

The monks at Mary Mother of the Church, Benedictine Abbey in Richmond, invite men 18 to 50 to a Vocations Weekend on October 14 to 16. Come experience monastic life firsthand as you attend the Mass, Holy Hour, Pray the Divine Office, Work, and Recreate with the monks, both Brothers and Priests. Contact the Vocation Director, Fr. John Mary Lugemwa, OSB, at (804) 708-9653 or [vocations@richmondmonks.org](mailto:vocations@richmondmonks.org) or visit [www.RichmondMonks.org](http://www.RichmondMonks.org)

### 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](http://www.valleycursillo.com). **Application due date: Wednesday, October 12th.**

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Christians for *40 Days for Life* – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood on Hydraulic Road, and to help spread the word about this important community effort to defend the most innocent among us: unborn babies. [40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville](http://40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville)



**FROM THE PASTOR**  
***IS THE PRAYER OF THE ROSARY OUTDATED?***



I came across the following story which I think is worthy to consider as we enter into this month of October, **traditionally known as the month of the Rosary**. "More than a century ago, a proud university student boarded a train in France and sat next to an older man who seemed to be a peasant of comfortable means. The brash student noticed that the older gentleman was slipping beads through his fingers. **He was praying the Rosary.** "Sir, do you still believe in such outdated things?" the student inquired. "Yes, I do. Don't you?" the man responded. The student laughed and admitted, "**I do not believe in such silly things.** Take my advice. Throw that rosary out the window and learn what science has to say about it." "Science? I do not understand this science. Perhaps you can explain it to me," the man said humbly, tears welling in his eyes. The university Student noticed that the man was deeply moved. To avoid hurting the older person's feelings, he said, "Please give me your address and I will send you some literature to explain the matter to you." The man fumbled in the inside pocket of his coat and pulled out his business card. On reading the card, the student lowered his head in shame and was speechless. The card read: "Luis Pasteur, Director of the Institute of Scientific Research, Paris." The deluded student had encountered his country's leading chemist and bacteriologist, and a scientist of worldwide renown.

Some people have a belief that the Rosary is for Religious, Old ladies and funerals! The Rosary is arguably the most recognizable Catholic devotion. Sadly, it is a devotion that has fallen out of fashion for many Catholics. This is deeply unfortunate, yet the Rosary is one of the most powerful weapons in our resource for spiritual warfare and one of the greatest aids in the pursuit of a fruitful spiritual life. Among the most common excuses for failing to pray the Rosary one hears are that it's "**boring**" or that it **takes too much time**. What many Catholics aren't aware of, however, are the benefits – **promises from Our Lady herself – associated with its faithful recitation.**

Many have become saints because they prayed the rosary. The Popes and Bishops our leaders in faith have prayed the rosary **why?** As one a Redemptorist priest by the name of Father John Hamrogue put it: "**The rosary is clearly something to hold on to, literally hold on to, like a rope in the ocean. In grave illness or death, it will be enough just to clutch the rosary or wordlessly rub the beads.**" There are times in my own life when, feeling somewhat "low" before falling asleep, I hold my rosary without attempting to recite it, in order to make contact with the higher power. **How about you? To be continued.....**

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**27<sup>TH</sup>.SUNDAY SNAPSHOT.**

**JOHN:** IT CAN BE HARD TO HAVE FAITH. RIGHT?

**MARY:** I GUESS SO. SOMETIMES I FEEL MY FAITH ISN'T AS STRONG AS IT SHOULD BE.

**JOHN:** THE LORD TELLS THE PROPHET TO WAIT, TO HAVE FAITH.

**MARY:** AND THE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS TO INCREASE THEIR FAITH.

**JOHN:** IT REMAINS OUR JOB TO HAVE FAITH, TO TRUST IN GOD AND TO DO WHAT WE KNOW, WE MUST PUT FAITH INTO ACTION.

**MARY:** I PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH IN FACE OF TRIALS.