

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

October 9 St. Denis  
10 St. Francis Borgia  
11 St. Tarachus  
12 St. Wilfrid  
13 St. Edward the Confessor  
14 St. Callistus I  
15 St. Teresa of Avila

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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)  
Tuesday, October 11  
**NOON** Robert Horner, Jr. (Anonymous)  
Wednesday, October 12  
**NOON:** †Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)  
Saturday, October 15  
**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish  
Sunday, October 16  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** †Frank McCarthy (Judy and Steve Hennesent)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*Exodus 17:8-13*

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8*

The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

**Second Reading**

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:2*

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Have you considered using Online Giving? By creating a login and contributing online you'll always have a report of your giving history available. You can access your report easily and securely via the web, and your information will always be up-to-date with your latest contributions. You can find the Online Giving link on <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1665>

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**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  
**6:30-9 PM:** PCCV Candlelight Banquet (*Double Tree by Hilton*)

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

**TIME** (*Altar flowers donations will be gladly accepted*)

**8:30 AM:** 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  
**3:30 PM:** WEDDING (*Courtney Bishop and Ian O'Connor*)

**MONDAY (10/10)**

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

**TUESDAY (10/11)**

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

**WEDNESDAY (10/12)**

**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 (10/13)**

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

**FRIDAY (10/14)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON-2 PM:** MASS and Adoration  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**4 PM:** Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY (10/15)**

**9 AM:** Cursillo Men and Women  
**10 AM-NOON:** "Share the Fall Bounty" Apple Picking (*Carter Mountain Orchard*)  
**1:30 PM:** WEDDING (*Golda Harris and Evan Barrow*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/16) TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

(*Altar flowers donated in celebration of Dorothy Lilly's Birthday*)

**8:30 AM:** 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

**RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONER**

Mary Ann White  
Frank McCarthy

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

Offertory September 24-25, 2016 (Plate)	\$4,598
Justice and Peace	\$360
Outreach	610
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>4,598</u>
Deficit	\$2,575

**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:** George Lilly, 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.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)**  
**The Mass Comes Alive - Episode 2**

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**

Excerpts from Catholic Online:

October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and the month of October is traditionally the month of the rosary. Why did the Blessed Mother ask us to pray the rosary at many of her approved apparitions such as at Fatima, Lourdes and Medjugorje?

One reason the Blessed Mother asked us to pray the rosary might be because it can benefit anyone at any stage of the spiritual life from beginners to advanced. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches about various types of prayer including vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation. The rosary is a vocal prayer, a meditation and can lead to contemplation as Pope John Paul II mentioned in his encyclical Rosary of the Virgin Mary.

Come join us on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel to pray the Rosary and to become a part of our prayer family. If you have never prayed the rosary, have forgotten how to the pray the rosary or have not prayed the rosary in a while and need a refresher....no problem. We have hand out cards that are easy to follow along, we have spare rosaries to lend....we are here to help and encourage you to once again begin a close relationship with the rosary.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

**HAITI**

**Prayers for Haiti Travelers:** Please pray for the safe return of our parishioners visiting our twin parish. While they were visiting they worked on clean water, computers for the school and on the clinic building renovation. And Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti hard during the visit. 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

**High School Youth Ministry** will meet this Sunday, October 9 from 4:00-5:30 in the Bernard Moore room. All high school students are invited and encouraged to join in for fun, fellowship and faith!

**Confirmation Registration:** All students at least 15 years old and in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Eight preparation classes are held independently of and in addition to the Youth Ministry program. If your child is eligible to be confirmed this spring, please complete the Sacramental Registration form located on the table in the Commons or on the website.

### 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.

**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.

**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 Lagemwa, 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 23<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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)

### 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 Commonwealth Catholic Charities' programs. Cars, boats, RVs and many other vehicles are accepted. Donating is easy and your gift is tax deductible. Call (855) 501-GIVE or visit [www.cccofva-cardonations.org](http://www.cccofva-cardonations.org). We'll schedule the pick up and take care of the rest!

### FROM THE PASTOR: IS THE PRAYER OF THE ROSARY OUTDATED?



Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary. St. Louis de Montfort said, ***“When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer”***. Pope Francis said; ***“The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it is a prayer from my heart.”*** Reflecting over the first year of Francis’ pontificate, Mgr. Alfred Xuereb, the Pope’s former secretary, told Vatican Radio: ***“Pope Francis “does not waste a minute! He works tirelessly and, when he feels the need to take a moment's pause, he closes his eyes and does nothing: he simply sits and prays the Rosary. “This helps me unwind” he told me. Then he sets to work again.”***

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he prayed the rosary with the faithful a few years back said: ***“Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past,... Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime.-- “The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each “Hail Mary.”***

On October 16, 2002, the 24th Anniversary of his election as Roman Pontiff, Pope John Paul II signed the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (**the Rosary of the Virgin Mary**) that presents the Rosary as an outstanding way to contemplate the face and mysteries of Christ. He also proclaimed a “Year of the Rosary”, which extended from October 2002 to October 2003.

If these three spiritual giants of our time pray(ed) the rosary and insist on the recitation and meditation of the Rosary, it is because they know the Church and mankind are in need of this prayer to battle the enemy of our salvation. As St. Pope John Paul wrote: ***“The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer..”***

There are people who do not believe in this prayer of the rosary, claiming that the repetition of the words of the Hail Mary are of no value. But a few things in life need repeating e.g “Please” and “Thank you” and “I’m sorry” and “I love you.” The same can be said of the words of the Hail Mary, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.....”

Someone called the rosary the ***“Worry beads that brings peace”***. They let the sense of touch do its healing work. It is not uncommon to find a worried child calms itself to sleep grasping a much loved teddy bear. A frightened adult reaches for a comforting hand in times of stress. Heaven has its own psychology, and the Rosary beads must have a high rating in its pain department. Not just something, but someone! It is the Nurse of heaven who holds the other end of the golden string. Nurse of the shining white Lamb as an Irish poet called her, Mary invites us to grasp this life-line. ***(To be continued---***).

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#### 28<sup>th</sup>SUNDAY SNAPSHOT.

**JOHN:** “FOR MY MOTHER AND FATHER, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME TO HAVE A DREAM. YOU ARE SEING MY DREAM COME TRUE”.

**MARY:** I GOT YOU, YOU ARE REFERING TO **LOUISE FLETCHER** WHO WAS DELIVERING A MESSAGE IN SIGN LANGUAGE, BECAUSE BOTH HER PARENTS WERE DEAF MUTES AND THEY WERE WATCHING FROM THEIR HOME IN ALABAMA.

**JOHN:** SO HOW CAN WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS?

**MARY:** LOVE HIM and MY NEIGHBOR, OBEY HIM AND PRAISE HIM ALL THE TIME.

**JOHN:** THAT IS TRULY THANKS GIVING TO GOD.