

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

October 16 St. Hedwig
 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
 18 St. Luke
 19 St. Isaac Jogues and companions
 20 St. Paul of the Cross
 21 St. Hilarion
 22 St. John Paul II, Pope

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15
5:00 PM Simon Ospina
 Sunday, October 16
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM †Frank McCarthy (Judy and Steve Hennesent)
 Saturday, October 22
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
 Sunday, October 23
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM †Frank McCarthy (Outreach Ministry)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (Displayed in Commons)

The Eucharist: Our Very Life

As a medical doctor and licensed psychotherapist, Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald knows very well the deep hunger and inner needs of the human heart. He explains how the Holy Eucharist becomes the core and center of our lives since only Jesus can fill what is lacking within the human spirit that is bruised and broken. Discover the immensity of God's love revealed by His Real Presence.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (10/15)

8 AM: MASS

9 AM: Cursillo Men

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*)

11:00 AM: MASS

NOON: Lectio Divina/Scripture of the Heart (*Lower Level*)

MONDAY (10/17)

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

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (10/18)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (10/19)

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 (10/20)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (10/21)

8 AM: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (10/22)

8 AM: MASS

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/23) THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 (*Altar flowers donated in celebration of Jill and Steve Paitzel's Wedding Anniversary*)

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

1 PM: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory October 24-25, 2016 (Plate)	\$11,579
Offertory (Online)	3,424
Outreach	\$1,702
Retired Religious	318
Justice and Peace	195
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>15,003</u>
Surplus	\$7,830
<i>Next weekend is the annual Diocesan collection for World Missions.</i>	

DONATIONS OF STOCK ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED

Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

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<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1665>

PARISH NEWS

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 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.

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: Mary Fusco, Eileen Foster, Jack Valloric, Tam Nguyen, 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.

Recently Deceased Parishioners:

Mary Ann White
Frank McCarthy

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Sponsorship Fair Success

We received six new \$150 sponsorships and one renewal. Four more people took home forms to submit directly to St. Thomas (where sponsorship money from both parishes is collected). We also collected \$89 in donations for Haiti and sold 31 bags of Haitian coffee. Thank you for your support!

Prayers for Haiti Travelers: We welcome back Bob and Monica. St. Michel School is busy after an unanticipated closing for the hurricane. Saltadere fortunately escaped the damage seen in other parts of Haiti. We anticipate that some from the damaged areas will return to families in Saltadere, which will put stress on the local economy. Attend our next meeting 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 or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org.

OUTREACH

During the month of September 2016, the Food Pantry volunteers provided food bags to 304 households.

The Soup Kitchen served 958 meals. Our wonderful Outreach volunteers have been working with a very cooperative construction team during the basement renovation, and are able to continue the Outreach ministry for those who are at or below the poverty level in our community.

This month's story: On a recent trip to Kroger's to get Soup Kitchen supplies, the volunteer mentioned to the produce employee that she volunteers at Holy Comforter church. "God Bless you for what you do", he said. He went on to say that when he first arrived in Charlottesville, he had no job, no place to stay, and became a regular client at Holy Comforter's food pantry and soup kitchen. He now has a good job, and an apartment of his own. He said that he will always have a special place in his heart for the church that fed him when he was in need.

BASEMENT RENOVATION VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to members of our Youth Ministry and the adult Core Team who gave a part of their Saturday to contribute to the renovation upgrades by painting the basement: Olivia Barnaby and her Dad, Ed; John Emery, Henry Chin, Stephanie Langan; along with the Core Team Dawn Osterholt, Kees Boogart, Matt Blumenfeld, and Sue Dougherty. Kudos to the young people who offered their services for our Parish!

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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: All students at least 15 years old and in the 10th 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.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION

The next meeting of our High School Youth Ministry will take place on Sunday, October 23 from 4:00-5:30 pm. The topic will be Catholic Social Justice, and several guest speakers will talk about their specific ministries. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join our growing Youth Ministry!

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Lectio Divina/Scripture of the Heart presentation takes place **THIS SUNDAY, October 16 at 12:00 noon** on the lower level. Please join us for this interactive Scripture immersion experience to enhance your prayer life!

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible DVD series will continue on Sunday, October 23 from 9:45-10:45 in the Chapel. The group will not meet this Sunday so that members can attend Kate Burke's presentation at noon.

SEEKING ADDITIONAL CATECHISTS: Although we have at least one catechist in each of our Pre-K to 8th 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 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Christians for *40 Days for Life* For more information, please visit: 40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville

FROM THE PASTOR:
IS THE PRAYER OF THE ROSARY OUTDATED? (Part 3)



The Rosary has been an important sacramental that has enriched the faith of Catholics for centuries. It is a timeless aid to contemplation that marks the special rhythm of human life on a *beaded rope* that can serve as a lifeline to individual salvation. The rosary is a powerful aid to salvation because of its deep and powerful connection to the Bible and the Divine mysteries that are tied to Jesus' redemptive stay on earth. Gloria Hutchinson in her book, *The Rosary: A Prayer for All Seasons*, compares the Rosary, to an *Olympic champion emerging from early retirement*. She writes that "the Rosary has regained its lofty position as an *ever-reliable prayer for all seasons* since Pope John Paul II proclaimed 2002 the *Year of the Rosary*". Hutchinson reminds Catholics that the Rosary has always been a peoples' prayer. Poets have delighted in its mystical powers for centuries. Robert Cameron Rogers called it *a string of pearls* while Joyce Kilmer saw it as *a harp that any hand can play*.

Father Oscar Lukefahr has written, *the mysteries of the rosary translate the Bible into prayer*. The Rosary then binds Catholics to the historical life of Christ and foreshadows their eternal destiny and union with Christ in heaven. The most amazing thing about the Rosary is that Mary made *15 promises* to those who recite it daily. These aren't insignificant promises, but rather enormously helpful graces provided to those who are trying to live a good and faithful Catholic life: 1- To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces. 2- Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive signal graces. 3- The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against Hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy. 4- The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means. 5- Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish. 6- Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly, reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life. 7- Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church. 8- Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed. 9- I will deliver promptly from Purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary. 10- True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven. 11- What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain. 12- To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities. 13- I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court. 14- Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. 15- Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination (*To be continued--*)

29THSUNDAY SNAPSHOT.

JOHN: SEVEN TIMES A DAY I PRAISE YOU MY GOD. SAYS THE PSALMIST.

MARY: THAT IS TOO MUCH PRAYER.

JOHN: I DON'T THINK SO; IT IS JUST PERSEVERENCE IN PRAYER, CONSTANCY IN PRAYER AND TRUST IN GOD AS WE PRAY.

MARY: DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO PRAY?

JOHN: I DON'T! **PRAYER IS WORK.** YOU REMEMBER EVEN JESUS HAD TO SWEAT WHILE PRAYING IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

MARY: I CAN SEE THAT EVEN THAT SIMPLE PRAYER; "**THY WILL BE DONE**" REQUIRES, FOCUS, SINCERITY, AND PERSISTANCE TO DO THE WILL OF GOD.