

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

January 15 St. Ita
16 St. Berard of Carbio
17 St. Anthony the Abbot
18 St. Volusian
19 St. Canute IV
20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
21 St. Agnes

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14
8 AM Post-Abortive Healing Ministry (Martha Cassell)
5 PM † Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday, January 15
8:30 AM Members of our Parish Ministries
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
Saturday, January 21
5 PM † Charles O'Rourke (Steve Cady)
Sunday, January 22
8:30 AM Larry Bell (Steve and Tricia Cady)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

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

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

THE GREAT NEWS

On December 15, 2016, a decree from our Bishop Francis X DiLorenzo has made the Crozet Catholic Community "**a Mission Parish to be administered and nurtured by Holy Comforter Catholic Church.**" It is a blessing to be a mother once again, as it is a clear sign of our faith-filled community. A spirit of Evangelization is found among the Parishioners of Holy Comforter. Long live Holy Comforter and may we continue to grow.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/14)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (1/15) SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)

9:45-10:45 AM: NO Pre-K – 8 Christian Formation Classes Today

11:00 AM: MASS

12 PM: Confirmation Class (*CRE Office*)

MONDAY (1/16) Parish Offices Closed Today

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

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (1/17)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (1/18)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6:15 PM Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

6-9 PM: Dogma on Draft (*Kardinal Hall*)

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (1/19)

7 AM: MASS (*Please note time change*)

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (1/20)

8 AM: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

2 PM: Finance Council (*Bernard Moore Room*)

5:30 PM: Vespers Service

SATURDAY (1/21)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (1/22) THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Donated by Cynthia and Les Berlin in Honor of Evelyn Berlin's 100th Year)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Pre-K-8 Christian Formation (*Lower*)

11:00 AM: MASS

12 PM: Confirmation Class (*CRE Office*)

1 PM: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee (*Bernard Moore Room*)

1:30 PM: Latin Mass

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory January 7-8, 2017 (Plate)	\$3,941
Offertory (Online)	3,734
Outreach	\$1,196
Justice and Peace	170
Catholic Virginian	132
Christian Formation	120
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>7,675</u>
Surplus	\$ 502

e-GIVING

As a reminder, we offer electronic giving, as well. All the current envelope collections are available there.

Please visit www.holycomforterparish.org and click the **Online Giving** link to get started or to access your existing account.

If you are making your contributions online and would like to be removed from the offertory envelope mailing list, please notify us: office@holycmforterparish.org

PARISH NEWS

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (IN THE 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sacristans Needed: Help is needed to maintain our sacred space. Time commitments from as little as one hour per week for one month out of the year. Training provided. Please contact the office or Suzanne Bailey slank@ntelos.net; 296-5033 for details.

Altar Flower Ministry: The beautiful flowers on the altar are purchased by the office staff from parishioner donations and arranged by volunteers. The process requires 1 1/2 hours of time per month to create the four vases. This ministry is such a rewarding one. You spend quiet time in God's house working with the things He has created. It is truly a blessing to do. Please consider helping with this ministry. For more information, please contact the office or Ginnie Gillen gigillen@gmail.com.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Barbara Marra

The Quatrara Family

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: Normand Auger, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, Jack Andrews, Shawn Simpson-Smith, 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: Ron Lavis, James Worley, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, Michael James McNeil, JoAnn Fox Klein, George Lilly, The Campbell Family, Fred Crane, Bill Eddy, Susan Steeby, Lisa Marshall, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, George William Polhill, II, Claudia Hartland, Betsy Boyce, Michael Norton, 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, 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.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Happy New Year and wishes for a healthy, joyful 2017 to our Holy Comforter family. Consider starting the New Year by praying the rosary on a regular basis. We pray the rosary every week in the Chapel at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings. We also pray for our Parishioners intentions and prayer requests. Please add your intention to our intention book which is outside of the Chapel. All are welcomed to come pray with us. We look forward to meeting you and having you join our prayer group family.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

Our parish Outreach Ministry has been awarded a \$2,100 Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund grant! Congratulations to our Coordinator, Ann Friedlander; the Outreach Staff members, Bridget Davis, Jack Engler and Gary Stevens; and to the many dedicated Outreach Volunteers!

Thank you for your continued commitment in supporting and protecting the dignity of all human life through the important work that you do.

HAITI

News from St. Michel Parish: The community has celebrated New Year's Day and Haitian Independence on January 1. Father Petina is shopping for furnishings for the new clinic. There are still opportunities to contribute to the final outfitting. And, plans are being made for trips by parishioners to Saltadere in March. Please continue to keep our twin parish in your prayers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be next Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 1 pm here 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTMAS FORMATION CLASSES K-8

With the exception of Confirmation preparation, Christian Formation classes will NOT meet this Sunday, January 15, due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

On Sunday, January 22, children in the First Sacraments class will attend their REGULAR CHRISTIAN FORMATION class. Parents should do Chapter 3 of the First Reconciliation packet with your children at home.

CONFIRMATION

The next Confirmation Preparation Class will meet on Sunday, January 15 at 12 PM Noon in the CRE Office.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next Youth Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22 in the Bernard Moore Room. We will have a guest speaker, Patrick Drury, who will talk to us about the sacred gift of our sexuality. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us!

ADULT FORMATION

Please see the bulletin insert for details about our next Adult Study on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love*. This is an important publication for ALL families. Our discussion will be enriched by your presence, so please join us!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School is holding an Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 1-3pm. You are invited to visit the classrooms, tour our new STEAM Wing, speak with teachers, and prepare for your child's next step in their academic journey.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about Charlottesville Catholic School, contact our Admissions Coordinator, Katrina Kuhn, at 434-964-0400 or k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CCC counselors can help you manage your anxiety in healthy ways.

Did you know that anxiety is the most common mental issue among adults in the U.S. among adults? Anxiety disorders are very treatable, but only one third of those with anxiety seek help. If you or someone you know is suffering from anxiety, Commonwealth Catholic Charities can help. Our experienced counselors work with adults and children to reduce anxiety and promote healthy living for children, adults and families. Counseling in multiple languages is available. Call us today at (434) 974-6880 to find out more.

FROM THE PASTOR
JANUARY 2017
EQUIPPED WITH THE BLESSINGS FROM CHRIST.



"By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain." (1Cr. 15: 10)

At the beginning of this Ordinary Time of the Church calendar, I look at ourselves as greatly graced and equipped by Christ's birth to live our sacramental life in a more profound way. The color and the times of this season fit so well with that which is natural. **During this Ordinary Time until Lent, I will explore how we can expect to live out the sacramental life of the Church and how we can benefit from the blessings of the Incarnate Word of God.**

Green is the color of Ordinary Time in the life of the church, and the color of nature during its season of growth. The Offering is a joyful celebration of God's marvelous gifts, including the green earth and the home and nourishment it provides. In the Offering, we respond to God's generosity with our own gifts so that the ministry carried on in God's name will grow and flourish.

Ordinary Time lasts from Pentecost all the way until the First Sunday of Advent when the story begins all over again. It's the longest season of the church calendar. In Ordinary Time the incarnate and risen Christ is now present in the world in a different way: the Spirit dwells in the believer and empowers the church to engage in God's redemptive mission in the world. We reveal his light, we exhibit his life, and we embody his love. **During Ordinary Time, we are empowered to live out all the blessings the Incarnate Son of God has given us and we move on and act in his name.**

What we know is that Sacraments are sacred signs. They show Christ's presence in all the key moments of life: **birth; death; coming-of-age; community leadership; the most basic relationships of family; our daily struggle to love better; and in the Eucharist, our daily life in communion with the God we worship.**

The Sacraments confer grace. They penetrate us with the life of Christ. But it would be too little to think that grace comes only "after" we receive them. It is grace that draws us toward them, grace that leads one to ask for Baptism, grace that leads the sinner to repent and go to Confession, grace that makes us long for the Eucharist, divine, sanctifying, transforming grace that leads us to consecrate our lives in marriage or the priesthood. Grace does not leave us as we were before; grace makes us want to do something, to come to Jesus. Grace makes us want to express our new life through the Sacraments. All of our life, the Holy Spirit is driving us to the Sacraments.