

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

January 29 St. Gildas the Wise
30 St. Hyacintha of Marescotti
31 St. John Bosco
February 1 St. Brigid of Ireland
2 Presentation of the Lord
3 St. Blaise
4 St. Joseph of Leonessa

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28
8 AM The Kevin Gallagher Family
5 PM Josephine Vinci Miller (Anna and Ed Stelow)
Sunday, January 29
8:30 AM †Zofia Witkowski (The Witkowski Family)
11:00 AM Members of and Visitors to our Parish
Saturday, February 4
5 PM †Robert Miller (Anna and Ed Stelow)
Sunday, February 5
8:30 AM †John O'Brien (Helen Crowley)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

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

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 112:4-9

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (IN THE COMMONS)

Making P.E.A.C.E. with Difficult People

Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak, through a five-part P.E.A.C.E. process, offer powerful insights to help you work through difficult situations with the people in your life. This system will assist you in resolving problems and work towards more fully reconcile with them. Full of practical guidance, this presentation will show you how to better love and relate to the difficult people in your life.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/28)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (1/29) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Donated by The Mackey Family)

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*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation:

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love (*Chapel*)

11:00 AM: MASS

12 PM: Confirmation Class (*CRE Office*)

MONDAY (1/30)

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

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (1/31)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (2/1)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (2/2)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (2/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON-2 PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (2/4)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/5) FIFTH 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: Pre-K-8 Christian Formation (*Lower*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation:

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love (*Chapel*)

11:00 AM: MASS

4 PM: High School Youth Ministry (*Bernard Moore Room*)

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/2: Jeanne and John Chamales (1965)

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory January 121-22, 2017 (Plate)	\$3,667.50
Respect Life	\$761
Outreach	568
Christian Formation	500
Food for the Poor	500
Justice and Peace	228
Flowers	200
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	9,272.50
Surplus	\$2,099.50

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP FAIR MARCH 18-19

We are excited to announce our annual Stewardship program, the giving of Time and Talent by members of our Parish. *This program is not about weekly offerings or making annual pledges.* To introduce the multiple ways you can become more involved in parish life, a representative from each ministry will give a brief talk just before Mass. We invite you to then reflect on God's generosity to you and prayerfully discern how you can give back those blessings to our parish. No matter your age, there is a place for you to contribute and we invite you to embrace God and His work.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

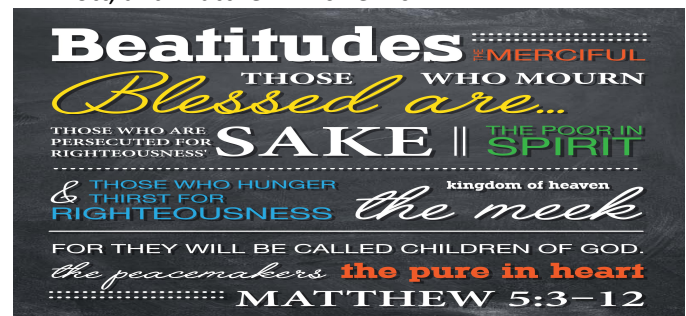
Please call the parish office at 295-7185, to arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary.

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, 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: Sue Newman, 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

Come join us in praying the rosary every week in the Chapel at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings. Start the New Year off by joining our prayer family and praying the rosary. If you don't know how, we have handouts and will happily show you, if you don't have a rosary, we have plenty to lend to you. 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**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support! We have lost our source of fresh farm eggs, so please discontinue sending in egg cartons.

HAITI

St. Michel School Sponsors: If you are or have been sponsoring a child or a class or a teacher at the school, we want to be able to reach you by e-mail with school news and renewals. If your address has changed, please let us know at sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com. Sponsorship funds help support operating costs at the school, particularly teacher and staff salaries.

Medical Clinic: Plans for the opening of the clinic are underway. Solar power will be installed shortly. Please keep this effort in your prayers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting is Sunday, March 29 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**ADULT FORMATION**

You are still welcome to join our adult study on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, *The Joy of Love*. We meet following the 8:30 AM Mass in the chapel. Pope Francis has an important message for families, and it is a great way to spend the hour while your children are in Religious Education classes!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation classes continue THIS Sunday, January 29 following the 11:00 AM Mass in the CRE office.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Your next Youth Ministry meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 5 at 4:00** in the Bernard Moore Room. We will continue to explore our CHOSEN series in the topic, "The Person and Mission of Christ." All high school youth, regardless of whether you have attended previous meetings, are welcome to join us!

FIRST SACRAMENTS

The next First Sacraments preparation class will take place **this Sunday, January 29 from 9:45-10:45** on the lower level. Please send the children with their "backpack" including their completed Chapter 3, their lesson packet, and their Children's Bible.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Charlottesville Catholic School invites you to their Open House TODAY, January 29th from 1-3pm. Help us kick-off National Catholic Schools Week by visiting classrooms, touring the new STEAM Wing, and speaking with teachers and administrators.

Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year is now open at Charlottesville Catholic School. For more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact our Admissions Coordinator, Katrina Kuhn, at 434-964-0400 or admissions@cvillecatholic.org

THE PREGNANCY CENTER OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Is God calling you to serve in a new way this year? If you have a heart for helping families, and women and men facing unplanned pregnancy, and can volunteer 3-4 hours per week, becoming a counselor at the Pregnancy Center may be for you. You'll learn how to counsel those in a crisis pregnancy and support them through it. Training is fun and counseling is as simple as listening, being there to love, and allowing God to take the lead. There is a \$25 fee to cover materials. Call or email today for more information and to sign up! 434.979.4516 Pat@virginiapregnancy.org,

(Not sure about counseling? The Downtown Charlottesville Center needs volunteer receptionists too!)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." As we reflect on the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is March 31-April 2 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit us at:

renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at 757-690-1369 or applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org

FROM THE PASTOR
EQUIPPED WITH THE BLESSINGS FROM CHRIST (3)



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

The Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy says: **"Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the SACRAMENTS by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in His Word, for it is He himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, He is present when the Church prays and sings, for He himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst."**

The life of Christ received through the Sacraments is real, as the Vatican II document has stated. However it is important to know that a Sacrament is not some form of magic or technique; it always operates only by and through Divine Grace and can in no way be manipulated by men for their own self-centered purposes. This Grace is most evident in our lives in these Holy Mysteries, which are the continuing, operative form of the act of redemption. It is in the nature of a Sacrament always to have **visible form**. There is no such thing as a "purely spiritual" Mystery; there is always a concrete, visible manifestation of sacramental grace. Further, just as there were specific agents of the fall (**Adam and Eve**) and the Redemption (**the Lord Jesus**), so also for any Sacrament there is a **proper agent or minister**. This minister is not just any person, but rather one appointed by Christ (through the Church) as His agent for the purpose. For example, in **Baptism**, the agent is the ordained minister (or in an emergency, a person who can pronounce the words of baptism); in **Confirmation**, the official minister is the Bishop (sometimes he may delegate a priest); **Reconciliation, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick** are administered by an ordained priest. In **Holy Orders**, the Bishop Ordains, and for **Matrimony** the ministers are the bride and groom with an official witness as an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. It is further necessary that both minister and recipient approach the Sacrament with a proper intent; God does not impose His grace upon us regardless, in spite of ourselves. Rather, He grants us ordinary and reliable means in the Sacraments whereby we may turn to Him for the Grace and energy needed for leading the life to which He calls us.

To live the life of the Sacraments is always to be running to Christ, and to know that it is Christ himself who has given you the grace to run to him. St. Patrick said, **"Christ before me, Christ behind me."** It is important to point out that **at the heart of the sacraments is the Eucharist**. They all revolve around the Eucharist as around the sun. We receive Christ in communion. On the one hand, our life is profoundly united to him. He comes to dwell in us, and draws us to dwell in him. Our whole life is consecrated by union with Jesus. With him in the person of the ordained priest we offer a worthy sacrifice to our heavenly Father. Christ is the victim, the sign we offer of how precious the Father is to us. He is the altar, upon which we offer ourselves. By joining our worship to His, we not only accept Him as the perfect worship, but say that we want to give our life as fully to the Father as He did. **"To live the sacramental life is to be all Eucharistic,"** as one theologian said. It is to love this sign, this culmination and fulfillment, this source and summit of our perfect prayer and perfect self-offering in love that the graces received in the Sacraments is realized. **(To be continued...)**