

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

May 28 St. Germanus
 29 St. Maximinus of Trier
 30 St. Joan of Arc
 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

June 1 St. Justin
 2 Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
 3 Sts. Charles Lwanga, Joseph Mkasa,
 Martyrs of Uganda

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27

5 PM Members of our Parish

Sunday, May 28

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM †Richard Simeone (Barbara Marra)

1:30 PM: Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Saturday, June 3

5 PM Members of our Parish

Sunday, June 4

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM Members of our Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 10, 1961: Therese and Normand Auger

June 12, 1954: Marian and Herman Ortmann

June 13, 1970: Carole and Barry Gajdosik

June 14, 1969: Bobbie and Jim Hoskins

June 27, 1967: Mary and John Simonette

June 27, 1992: Deanna and Stephen Simonette

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/27)

8 AM: MASS

2 PM: WEDDING (*Colleen Owens and Richard Seney*)

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

5 PM Vigil MASS (*Followed by: Rosary Procession from Church to Potluck Supper*) (*Lower Level*)

SUNDAY (5/28) SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(*Flowers Donated in Memory of Joan and Cliff Fusco, by the Mackey Family*)

8:30 AM: MASS

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

11 AM: MASS

NOON: Baptisms (*Alice Ridge and John Condi*)

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (5/29) (Memorial Day: Parish Offices Closed)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (5/30)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (5/31)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6 PM: Choir Rehearsal

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

THURSDAY (6/1)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (6/2)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON-2 PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (6/3)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS (*Followed By: Parish Feast Day Celebration*) (*Commons*)

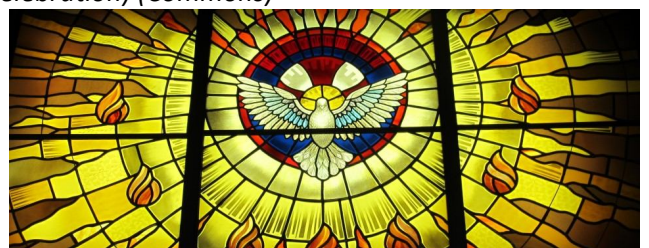
SUNDAY (6/4) PENTECOST SUNDAY (Parish Feast Day)

(*Flowers Provided by the Parish*)

8:30 AM: MASS (*Followed By: Parish Feast Day Celebration*) (*Commons*)

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

11 AM: MASS (*Followed By: Parish Feast Day Celebration*) (*Commons*)



GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory May 20-21, 2017 (Plate)	\$3,238
Offertory (Online)	1,330
Outreach	2,135
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	(4,568)
Deficit	(\$2,605)

PARISH NEWS

PENTECOST FEAST DAY CELEBRATION JUNE 3 & 4

Please join in celebrating Holy Comforter's Feast Day on the weekend of June 3rd and 4th. There will be a special gathering of refreshments and fellowship after each of the weekend Masses. All are welcome!

Contact parishlife@holyccomforter.org for more details.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

Nominations are being sought for two (2) open positions on the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council is an advisory body to the Pastor that relays concerns and provides suggestions to promote the functional and spiritual development of the parish. Council Members serve for three years, and meet the second Monday of each month from August to June. To be eligible, a parishioner must be a registered and active member of Holy Comforter parish and be a confirmed Catholic.

To nominate yourself or an eligible parishioner, please fill out a nomination form, available in the Commons. During the weekend of June 3rd and 4th, there will be a Pastoral Council Member available after each of the Masses to answer questions. If there are more than two interested Parishioners, we will then hold an election. Thank you for considering volunteering for this very important position.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

As we close out the Easter season, please come join us in praying the Rosary. Everyone is welcomed. May is the month of Mary, come pray the rosary to our most Blessed Mother. If you don't remember how to pray the rosary, no problem, we would love to show you. If you don't have a rosary, no problem, we have plenty to share. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Rosary Prayer Family. We meet every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel.

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: Herman Ortmann, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, Jack Andrews, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mary Fusco, Eileen Foster, Jack Valloric, Tam Nguyen, Rachel Witt, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore, Kitty Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Father Gerald Fogarty, Mary Ann Kline, Beatrice Stack, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, 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, Josephine Nampijja, Grace Dawn Wicke, Melyssa Dove, Nicole Carpenter, Beth Mauk, Evan Dots, Dave Halley, Cullen McQuhae, Bill & Marie Jones, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, 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, 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, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Brother Knights and their spouses are invited to a special meeting on June 5th at 6pm at the Stone Chapel at the Church of the Incarnation. We will hold a small voting session on new members and new officers. After that we will have a social with food and drinks. Dinner will be from Wayside Chicken, supplemented by food brought in by the brothers. RSVP if you plan to attend the meeting by emailing keesboog@gmail.com and include whether you are bringing a side dish or dessert.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Sponsorship Fair Success! Thank you to the many Holy Comforter parishioners who sponsored St. Michel students or renewed their current sponsorships during our Sponsorship Weekend. These contributions will pay for books, uniforms, teacher salaries, and lunches for the children.

As the students would say, Mesi Anpil! Thank you!

Contact with Student Sponsors: New pictures of St. Michel students were taken by visitors to Saltadere in March. They are now being sorted and entered into a database. Please be sure we have your correct e-mail (Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com) as this is our chief method for updating you on school progress.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting will be July 9 at the Knasel's home. All are welcome.

Website: www.saltadere.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHILDREN'S MASSES

We will continue the Children's Masses throughout the summer! They will be at the **8:30 AM Mass on June 4, July 2, and August 6.**

Your children can participate by using the Sign-up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4faeac2ca5fc1-childrens> or by bringing a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

ALL *rising* 9th through 12th grade students are invited and encouraged to join our dynamic Youth Ministry! This summer, we will be participating in a number of service activities, beginning with Holy Comforter's very own soup kitchen! Please join us as a volunteer in the soup kitchen on **Thursday, June 22 from 10:00-1:00 pm.** Secondly, we will join Church of the Incarnation and St. Olaf Catholic Church to participate in a **summer mission trip work camp from July 12-15.** Deadline for registration is **July 2.** For details, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holyccomforterparish.org. Don't miss out! To be sure that we have your contact information for these and future events, please email Sue ASAP!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Get a jump-start on registration for Christian Formation for the 2017-18 school year and receive a discount! Registration forms will be available throughout the month of May and on the Holy Comforter website. This will help us plan for the next school year. Be an early bird and avoid the fall frenzy!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for the week of **August 7-11!** Holy Comforter Children ages 4-11 are invited to participate in **"Birthday Blast, A Celebration of Life!"** Registration begins soon. Also, volunteer helpers are needed! If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holyccomforterparish.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATECHIST FOR 2017-18 NEEDED

We extend much gratitude and appreciation to our middle school catechist, Robyn Jackson, who has so faithfully and skillfully filled this role for the past few years. As she is regretfully unable to be a catechist in the 2017-18 school year, we are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic, and dynamic person who is eager to share his or her faith journey with our middle school students. If you are interested, please contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious education.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us on **Sunday, June 25 from 9:45-10:45** to hear a presentation by Hugh Owens from the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation. His topic will be "Marriage Made In Heaven": The Special Creation of Adam and Eve as the Foundation of the Church's Teaching on Holy Marriage." Mr. Owen directs the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation which provides a forum for Catholic theologians, philosophers, and natural scientists all over the world who are dedicated to making sure that the evidence for and against the theory of evolution is made available to Church leaders and to the lay faithful. Mr. Owen's presentation will deepen your faith in the beauty of God's plan for Holy Marriage, in the wisdom and goodness of God and in the perfect harmony between natural science and divine revelation.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INSTITUTE 2017-19 CLASS

The Spiritual Direction Institute offers a two year program, first developed in 1989 by the late—and much loved—Msgr. Chester Michael; it's a program that has benefitted over 600 people. Participants in SDI learn to deepen their own spiritual life through this ecumenical program that is built around group discussion, lectures, daily personal prayer and study, reflections on the great spiritual masters of our Christian tradition, Lectio Divina and other disciplines. Apart from the benefits to the individual participants and the group, many "graduates" of the program have gone on to be effective spiritual directors. For more information, visit www.chestermichael.org. If you're interested in following up, please contact Bev Mirmelstein: at bevmirm@gmail.com or 434-996-9178.

FROM THE PASTOR
IT TAKES FIFTY DAYS TO CELEBRATE EASTER (part 6)



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (Col.3:1).

The Feast of the Ascension (always) takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday. Forty days after Jesus had risen from the dead He appeared for the last time to the Apostles. Then He was taken up into heaven. We may wonder what impact the Ascension of Jesus made to his disciple! Usually good-byes are sad times! But to the Apostles their fare-well with Jesus was a moment of joy. Why? We need to remember that Jesus' ascension into heaven was the fulfillment of the prophecy that He made to the Jewish leaders during His trial, **"But from now on the son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" (Lk. 22:69)**. There, having offered one sacrifice of sins for all time, He awaits the time that the Father has ordained to make His enemies a footstool for His feet (Ps. 110:1). As the writer of Hebrews (1:13) states, God never told any of the angels that they should sit at His right hand until He made their enemies a footstool for their feet. But of Jesus, the Son of God, He says, **"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of Your kingdom" (Heb.1:8)**. The ascension had a profound impact on the disciples. Up to the moment that Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples seemed to be puzzled, trying to figure it all out. But after the ascension, they worshiped Him. They traveled back to Jerusalem with great joy. They maintained a regular presence in the temple—worshiping God. At first, the disciples' reaction to Jesus' ascension may catch us off guard. Jesus had just "left them." And yet they were happy—filled with joy. Why this reaction? After all, when Jesus told them at the end of John 13 that He would soon leave them, they were deeply disturbed. Thus, He encouraged them by teaching them about the ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 14–17). He kept them from despair by saying, **"You are not losing Me, but I am going to be with you in a different way through My Spirit."** It is no wonder that the ascension of Jesus produced joy because the disciples realized what amazing benefits would come to them when Jesus returned to the Father. The disciples accepted His ascension, for they had accepted Jesus' word about the promised One to come. Their doubts and fears were gone. They were convinced of who He was. They knew that He died to forgive them of their sins. They knew He was alive from the dead. In His resurrection, they had hope in victory over death.

They trusted Him. For these reasons, Jesus' departure gave the disciples joy. They celebrated His departure. Theologians point out some benefits of the Ascension thus: ***"When Jesus ascended and sat down at the Father's right hand, the Father verified the accomplishment of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and confirmed that the final payment for sin had been made (Heb. 10:11-14). When Jesus ascended, the intercessory work of Jesus on behalf of His people began. We are assured that we will always have access to the Father forever (1 John 2:1). When Jesus ascended, His eternal reign over all enemies began. As Peter wrote, "Now that He has gone into heaven, He is at God's right hand with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him" (1 Pet. 3:22). When Jesus ascended, the church was empowered to accomplish its mission. In Ephesians 1:22-23, Paul said, "[God the Father] put everything under His feet and appointed Him as head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of the One who fills all things in every way."*** Ascension is our celebration of letting go and letting the past bless you. We don't need to cling to the old, let us allow the past to ascend and give us its blessing. We have the assurance of the promise of the Lord that where he has gone we will also go. His departure has a purpose: to prepare a place for each one of us. So that where the head is found so the body will be forever.