

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

June 11 St. Barnabas
 12 St. John of Sahagun
 13 St. Anthony of Padua
 14 St. Methodius I of Constantinople
 15 St. Germaine Cousin
 16 St. John Francis Regis
 17 St. Avitus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 10

8 AM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)
5 PM Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, June 11

8:30 AM † Bonnie and George Ham (Carol and Steve Ham)

11:00 AM Members of our Parish
1:30 PM: Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Monday, June 12

NOON Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, June 13

NOON † Jozefa Zagorski (The Witkowski Family)

Wednesday, June 14

NOON Paul Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, June 15

8 AM Paul Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Friday, June 16

8 AM Paul Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, June 17

8 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
5 PM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, June 18

8:30 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

Praise God, Jerusalem!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (6/10)

8 AM: MASS
1 PM: Wedding (*Sarah Harrison and Ning Bao*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (6/11) The Most Holy Trinity

(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS and First Holy Communion
3 PM: Baptism (*Adele Zinman*)

MONDAY (6/12)

NOON: MASS
7 PM: Pastoral Council Meeting (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (6/13)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
7 PM: Liturgy and Worship Committee Meeting (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (6/14)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (6/15)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (6/16)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (6/17)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (6/18) The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Father's Day)

(Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)

8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS

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

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory June 3-4, 2017	\$5,054.50
Justice and Peace	\$169
Haiti	151
Christian Formation	125
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>(5,054.50)</u>
Deficit	<u>(\$2,118.50)</u>

Next weekend, there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence.

CATHOLIC VIRGINIAN

Our Diocesan newspaper is published every other Monday by The Catholic Virginian Press and sent to the homes of all of our parishioners. It is also available to be read online at richmonddiocese.org. To provide this service, parishes are assessed a fee based on our annual income, and Holy Comforter will pay \$5,670 during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. For those of you willing to do so, we invite you to contribute toward the cost by returning the envelopes we distribute every other month. A suggested donation is \$12.50 per family. Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

St. Michel School: For the remainder of this month, students are preparing for and taking exams. For those in sixth, ninth and thirteenth grades there are national exams which determine the ability of the student to continue to the next level. Please keep all the school children in your prayers.

Contact with Sponsors: Please be sure we have your correct e-mail: Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com

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

Website: www.saltadere.org

PARISH NEWS

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE LIGHTHOUSE TALKS

(AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS)

Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality

Mike Sweeney was a five-time Major League Baseball all-star and played for the Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners, Oakland Athletics, and Philadelphia Phillies. In a this talk given at the *Catholic Athletes For Christ* retreat for professional athletes, Mike gives a Marian perspective on sports and the Christian life by using what he has identified as the Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us if you would like a name added to or deleted from this list, office@holycomforterparish.org
To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Florence Dennis, Pam Heron, Herman Ortmann, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, Jack Andrews, Mary Fusco, Eileen Foster, Tam Nguyen, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Father Gerald Fogarty, Mary Ann Kline, Beatrice Stack, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, James Worley, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, Kimberly Hasenus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

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. There will be a Pastoral Council Member available after each of the Masses this weekend 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.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The Holy Comforter family thanks Jessica Zareno and Kees Boogaart for organizing our very special gathering last weekend!

POPE FRANCIS' 10 SECRETS TO HAPPINESS

We all want to be happy, and in our world today there are many people telling us how to achieve that goal. Yet, many of these paths to happiness are based on false promises or superficial suggestions that offer fleeting moments of pleasure and quickly fade away. The good news is that Pope Francis, who carries an aura of joy in everything he says and does, has now identified ten secrets to happiness that are time-tested and true. We will post one "secret" per week.

#1 Live and let live.

Too many of us jeopardize our happiness by trying to control the lives of others. We become fixated on what other people are doing and lose sight of what God is asking us to do. Jesus said it a little more bluntly when he asked the question: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" (Mt 7:3). How would your life be happier if you stopped trying to change or control the lives of others?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION**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.

ADULT FORMATION PLANNING SURVEY

Many thanks to those who have returned the Adult Formation Planning Survey. If you haven't done so, your input is still needed! Kindly take a form from the CF table, complete it, and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18

Registration forms for Christian Formation for the 2017-2018 school year will be available throughout the summer on the CF table in the Commons as well as on the website. Be an early bird to avoid the fall frenzy and help us plan for the next school year!

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 is open now! Adult and teen volunteers are also needed. Please return both participant registration forms and volunteer forms by July 2 to the Christian Formation office.

CHILDREN'S MASSES

We will continue the Children's Masses throughout the summer! They will be at the **8:30 AM Mass on 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.

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 regrettably 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.

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@holycomforterparish.org. Don't miss out! To be sure that we have your contact information for these and future events, please email Sue ASAP!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**CASA ALMA**

You're invited to a reception and friend-raising event for Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (VADP) Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Church of the Incarnation (1465 Incarnation Drive). RSVP to office@vadp.org. Learn more at www.vadp.org. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE PASTOR
CELEBRATING THE FULFILLED PROMISE (part 2)



“Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

Christians believe in one God whose being is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. While God the Father and God the Son are revealed to us in their distinctive personal subsistence, God the Holy Spirit is not directly known in his own Person, for he remains hidden behind the very revelation of the Father and the Son which he mediates *through* himself. He is the invisible Spirit of Truth who is sent from the Father in the name of the Son, thus does not speak of himself, but declares of the Father and the Son what he receives from them. He is the invisible Light in whose shining we see the uncreated Light of God manifest in Jesus Christ.

Jesus, in telling his disciples to be with them till the end of the age, referred to his physical presence that will be replaced by “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit. Since the Spirit is “another” helper, we understand that Jesus himself was a helper for the disciples. Since the Holy Spirit can “replace” Jesus, we conclude that the Spirit is thought of as equal to Christ. Otherwise, how could the Spirit be able to come in the place of Jesus and perform saving work?

The Holy Spirit would bring the divine presence that the disciples knew when Christ was in their midst, the presence of God. Had Jesus remained on the earth, He could not have fulfilled this assurance of divine presence to all God's people, at all times, as they were scattered across the whole globe, separated for various reasons. But the Comforter has come, and we have the presence of God through the Holy Spirit! After Christ's crucifixion, and then His resurrection, and before His ascension, He gives the great commission: “Go and take my message, go and take the Gospel to all people.” Again, we have the promise, “I am,” the divine presence, “with you always.” At the beginning of Matthew's gospel, the divine presence is “Emmanuel, God with us.” In the middle, “Where two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst,” God's presence. At the end, “And I am with you always.”

Christ assured these disciples that as they would go forth on this mission of evangelization of the world, His presence would go with them always. “You're not going alone, don't be afraid,” the Lord assures His own friends, “you're sent out, and I know it is the greatest task in the world, but there is going with you the greatest presence in the world, my presence.” Though His body is gone, though any tangible sense of His presence may not be perceived, Christ is here in a greater capacity than He was when He was on the earth! But do we believe that? In our case, when we learn the practice of the presence of Jesus, we'll grow stronger. We'll grow stronger in faith; we'll grow stronger in grace when we realize that Jesus is the ***always present presence***, as someone put it. In the times of loneliness, His always presence will give us company - the company that you need! In times of weakness, His always presence will give you that strength to get through. In times of suffering, His always presence will give you peace, tranquillity of mind. In times of death, His always presence will give you hope - and when it comes your time to pass, He will give you eternity. ***“I am always with you until the end of the age.”***