

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

June 25 St. William of Vercelli
 26 St. Josemaria Escriva
 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria
 28 St. Irenaeus
 29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles
 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 July 1 St. Junipero Serra

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24

5 PM Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, June 25

8:30 AM †Stephen Beeghly and his family: Meg and Jim Friedewald, Craig Beeghly, Dan and Robert Beeghly (Sue Dougherty)

11:00 AM †Marcie Murray (Angie and Jim Morrisard)

1:30 PM Members of our Parish

Saturday, July 1

5 PM Rev. Gerald Fogarty, SJ (Holy Comforter Staff)

Sunday, July 2

8:30 AM †Phillip Gaffney (Nancy and Paul Dierdorf)

11:00 AM †Marcie Murray (Knights of Columbus Council 3670)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3, 16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

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 (6/24)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (6/25) Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation: "Marriage Made in Heaven" (*Chapel*)

11 AM: MASS

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (6/26)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (6/27)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (6/28)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (6/29)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (6/30)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS (*For Deceased Parishioners*)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (7/1)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (7/2) Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE LIGHTHOUSE TALKS
(AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS)

The Jesuits, The Church, & The Papacy

The election of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope in Church history, has dramatically increased popular interest in the Jesuit Order. In this presentation, Mark Brumley interviews Ignatius Press's founder and editor, Jesuit Father Joseph Fessio. He shares the story and influence of the Jesuits throughout Church History, reflects on his own life and experience as a Jesuit, and speaks especially about Pope Francis.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory (plate) June 17-18, 2017	\$4,889
Peter's Pence	\$1,190
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	(4,889)
Deficit	(\$2,284)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The deadline to register for the Youth Mission Work Camp in Farmville, VA and the surrounding area is **July 2**. Registration forms are available on the Holy Comforter website or may be obtained by contacting Sue Dougherty at cre@holycorforterparish.org. The trip takes place from **July 12-15**.

Are you interested in offering babysitting services to Holy Comforter Parishioners with young children? If so, please contact Sue to indicate your interest and availability.

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. You may also complete the form on our website: holycorforterparish.org. 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

The next Children's Mass will be **Sunday, July 9** at 8:30 AM (note this date change). To participate, please use the Sign-up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4faeac2ca5fc1-childrens> and/or bring a non-perishable food item to take up during the offertory.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Our next adult faith formation opportunity will be on **Sunday, July 16 at 9:45 AM**, when Michael Reilly, founder of "Foodwaze," will lead a discussion on "Food & Faith; Showing Mercy to Our Common Home." In light of Pope Francis' call to respect and protect our Earth and all its living creatures, the conversation will focus on our food choices. By increasing our knowledge and awareness about food, we can make life-affirming changes that will boost our personal health, protect our planet... and benefit all of God's creations. Please join us for to learn more about this important and very relevant topic!

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us if you would like a name added to or deleted from this list, office@holycorforterparish.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 Hasenfus 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.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

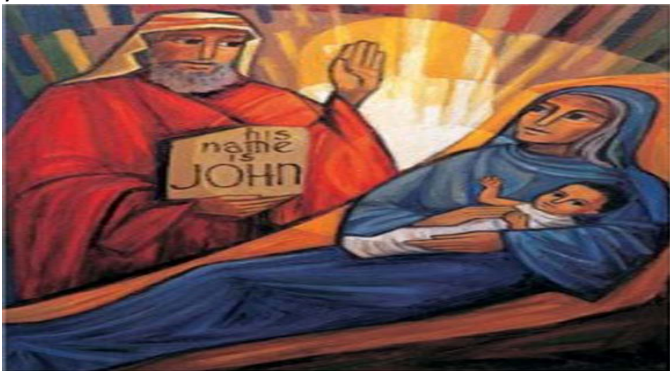
Please join us throughout the summer in praying the Rosary. We meet every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel. In between swimming meets, soccer games and vacations -- find a few minutes to pray to our most Holy Mother for your intentions. Our Holy Mother listens and she answers. Come join us, everyone is welcomed.

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.

#3 Proceed calmly.

Happiness is jeopardized when our lives become hectic and out of control. The pope uses the image of a quiet pool of water and urges us "to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life." In trying to cultivate calmness in life, it is important for us to understand that life is not governed so much by what happens to us as it is by how we react to disruptive influences. One way to maintain calmness — no matter what is happening — is to establish a deep spiritual life. When we are centered on God, what happens on the surface of our lives may ruffle us a little, but it will not disturb our deep inner peace. In what ways can you cultivate peacefulness in your life?



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR SERIES

The Diocese of Richmond's Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a three-part series intended for anyone who would like to learn how to anticipate common issues that might arise toward the end of life. The next seminar is on **Tuesday, August 24 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**. A panel of speakers will present practical guidance for **how to care for an aging parent or spouse** and **what to consider when choosing among several long-term care options**. *There is no cost to attend and lunch is included with your free registration.* Each session will be offered live at the Diocese of Richmond Pastoral Center and broadcast to satellite locations in the Western and Eastern Vicariates. Learn more and register at www.cdrcmfl.org or call the office at 804-622-5109.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking a part-time Aftercare Director and Aftercare assistants. This person(s) should have experience working with children ages 4-13 and be available from 3:30-5:30 Monday through Friday. CPR certified and teaching experience is recommended but not required.

Please contact Chris Tillson c.tillson@cvillecatholic.org or 434-964-0400 ext 388 if you are interested.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT SHALOM HOUSE

Chicken Soup for the Caregivers of Seniors

with Dr. Mary Ann Massey

Different Needs for Different Generations, Self-Care, Communicating About the Future – Now

Saturday July 8, 2017, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

\$35 includes lunch

Aging with Style and Grace, with Dr. Mary Ann Massey

What's next on the Journey, Our Spouse is Ill, The New 70's, 80's, 90's, Preparing for our Future

Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

\$35 includes lunch

Experiencing God in the Natural World

with Annie McEntee,

Pastoral Associate and Spiritual Director

Mindfulness, attentiveness and wonder in nature, Sacramental wonder and ecological attentiveness, Creation as a form of prayer, The healing embrace of green

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\$45 includes lunch

To sign up for any of these retreats, call Shalom House at 804-883-6149 or email the director at malexander@richmonddiocese.org.

Go to shalomhouseretreatcenter.com for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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St. Michel Medical Clinic

Two community health workers are working to prevent infectious diseases in the population. And there have been 37 births at the clinic since it opened. Your support has improved health care for our twin parish. Please keep the clinic and its staff in your prayers. Thank you.

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

FROM THE PASTOR
CELEBRATING THE FULFILLED PROMISE (part 4)



**“Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.'
 If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.”
 (Jn.15:20)**

Early Christians expected suffering. Christ had died on the cross, so there was no higher honor than to imitate that death through accepting martyrdom. The Jewish legacy portrayed, in writings such as the Fourth Book of the Maccabees, the glorious nature of death rather than renunciation of Israel. Even without this, Christianity would inevitably have held the martyr's death in high esteem. As the writer of 1 Peter 4:16, expressed it, **“If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.”** Are you willing to suffer and sacrifice for the cause and Name of Jesus Christ? The apostles were arrested and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest because they were witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus. **Acts 5:28-33, says:** *“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name... Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead..... We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”* It may be difficult for us to comprehend the magnitude of the persecution the Apostles and the early Christians had to go through, for we have vowed freedom of religion. Since there is a freedom to worship whatever god or set of religious codes we wish, most individuals go to their places of worship without realizing the value of the privilege. However, terrible persecution is inevitable. Jesus said, ***“They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.”*** There are many good books that one can read about this subject: ***“The early persecution of Christians” by Leon Canfield, or “Where Lights Remains” by Scott Craft,*** among many others.

Persecution has been going on for centuries and it will continue until Jesus returns. Unfortunately some of the worst persecutions will be done in the name of God. This will happen even though God remains unknown to the persecutors. For example, today Islamists believe they are doing God a service by killing Christians and all non-Muslims. Jesus warns us so that we will stand. As long as Jesus was present with His disciples, He attracted all of the persecution. As He prepared to leave the twelve, our Lord prepares them for what lies ahead. They will become the front line that draws the hottest fire. That role has been passed from generation to generation to those who are willing to live for Christ and, if necessary, to die for Him. The promises Jesus gave the first century church are also for us today. That's why we must not forget the words of our Lord. We must develop an intimate relationship with Him. The closer we get to Jesus, the less fear and more faith we will have. Then His love and joy will be with us, and will be in us. We, too, will have grace to rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for His Name's sake. Even in the face of Christian persecution, we can press on. We can thank God for His grace and patience with us. We can express gratitude for those whom we love in the Lord and who stand with us in times of distress. And we can pray for those who would accuse, misuse, or abuse us. The Lord Jesus obliges us in Matthew, 5:44: ***“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”***