

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

July 2 St. Bernardino Realino
 July 3 St. Thomas
 July 4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 July 5 St. Antonio Zaccaria
 July 6 St. Maria Goretti
 July 7 St. Ethelburga
 July 8 St. Raymond of Toulouse

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1
5 PM Fr. Gerald Fogarty (Holy Comforter Staff)
 Sunday, July 2
8:30 AM † Phillip Gaffney (Paul and Nancy Dierdorf)
11:00 AM † Marcie Murray (Knights of Columbus Council 3670)
 Saturday, July 8
5:00 PM The Holy Family (Pat Monty)
 Sunday, July 9
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Members and Visitors of the Parish
1:30 PM † Milagros Araneta Villasor (J.P. Villasor)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading
Zechariah 9:9-10
 The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
 A prayer of praise to God who is our king.
Second Reading
Romans 8:9,11-13
 Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 11:25-30
 Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory (plate) June 24-25, 2017	\$11,049.50
Outreach	\$85
Justice & Peace	\$42
Haiti	\$315
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>11,049.50</u>
Surplus	3,876.50

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)
8:30 AM: MASS
11 AM: MASS
MONDAY (7/3)
NOON: MASS
TUESDAY (7/4)
OFFICE CLOSED
Food Pantry CLOSED
NOON: MASS – Fr. Paul Kkonde
WEDNESDAY (7/5)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
THURSDAY (7/6)
8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
FRIDAY (7/7)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON-2PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
SATURDAY (7/8)
8 AM: MASS
10 AM: Baptism of Ree Sienna Thomas
2 PM: Wedding (James Meizanis and Christina Heischmidt)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (7/9) Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Flower Donations Pat Monty)
8:30 AM: Children's MASS
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin Mass

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@holycomforterparish.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 Dougherty 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: holycomforterparish.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

Please turn in your registration forms **THIS WEEK** for our Vacation Bible School Program, **"Birthday Blast, A Celebration of Life!"** which will take place the week of August 7-11. Both participant and volunteer registration forms are available on the CF Table in the Commons and on the website. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

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 to learn more about this important and very relevant topic!

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE LIGHTHOUSE TALKS (AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS)

Fatima: Living the Message

In a time of lost innocence, the faith of three children inspired thousands and made the world believe in miracles. Mary's messages at Fatima have been promoted by Popes, approved by the Church, and validated by over 70,000 witnesses. Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years. **BONUS:** Fr. Shanon Collins, retreat master and well known speaker on EWTN, explains the intended impact and opportunity of the messages of Fatima on the spiritual lives of believers today.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHONERS!

Tom and Jeri Evans

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 5, 1969: Florence and Roman Blake

July 5, 1947: Kitty and Charley Moore

July 14, 1973: Sharon and Emmett Dudley

July 16, 2016: Jenna and Shiladitho Deb

July 28, 1979: Tricia and Steve Cady

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 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.

#4: Develop a healthy sense of leisure.

We live in a secular world that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many of us deal with stressful job demands and other commitments. Parents juggle work demands in addition to the busy schedules of children involved in school, sports, and other activities. Pope Francis notes the real fear that the pleasures of art, literature, playing with children, and spending time with family members are being lost in the busyness of daily life. Leisure activities give our bodies and minds a chance to refresh and renew themselves, and give us a chance to reconnect with one another. It is important to set aside time to turn off the television, communicate with one another, read together, engage in playful activities, and eat dinner together as a family, as well as explore the arts, culture, and nature. How do you balance work and leisure in your life?

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Haiti Ministry needs your help with coffee sales, computers and sponsorship management. **Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com.

Update from St. Michel School: Father Petina reports that exams have ended and students have received their results. Thank you to all, who through student sponsorship, have contributed to improved education for these students of Saltadere. To begin sponsoring a student, visit the Haiti table. Please keep the students and teachers 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 a potluck cook-out, July 9, at the Knasel's home. **All are welcome.** **Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org.

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 **Thursday, 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

Shalom House Retreats:

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.

Diocesan Retreats:

Fruit of the Spirit: Asian Youth Retreat We will

challenge our youth to imitate the life of Christ through
the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our youth are called to be
disciples of Christ and to be a living witness for the
church, school and community.

**August 18-20, 2017, Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond,
VA. \$65 includes meals and lodging.** For more

information, contact: Pam Harris,

asianministry@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

Registration deadline is August 4, 2017.

From Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education

The Cost to Follow Christ

³⁷ *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;"*³⁸ *and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.*³⁹ *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

We are asked to ponder these words of the Gospel today. What is Jesus asking of us? How can I lose my life to find it? The question really is, where is my life centered; where is my "first love?" Jesus says that in order to follow him, we must love him even more than we love our parents and our children. How can we do that? Only by participating in the death and resurrection of Christ, and then living as Jesus lived. Paul speaks of this in the second reading from Romans: "If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him.....we know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;.....you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." The Good News is that by virtue of our Baptism, we have indeed been born to new life; we have died with Christ and live with him!

How then are we to live this new life that we have been given in Christ? By loving as Jesus first loved us. By giving sacrificially to those in need – a cup of water, a place to stay – whatever it takes! In the first reading, the "woman of influence" illustrates Jesus's point. She receives Elisha the prophet and for her generosity, receives the prophet's reward – the promise that she will have a baby son within the year. New life!

Catholic Bible teacher Kevin Saunders offers this insight:

Jesus demands a loyalty from his disciples that is normally reserved only for family. He announces that they must love him more than they currently love their father and mother. More than they love their son or daughter.

This concept of love is defined uniquely in the Bible. In our modern world, "love" primarily conveys heartfelt emotion. The love Jesus refers to here is expressed in the idea of the attachment family members have for one another. It conveys the meaning of being attached, staying connected with one another. So too the word "hate," used biblically, means to be detached. In Luke's version of our story ([Luke 14:25-27](#)), Jesus teaches that his disciples must hate their father and mother. Hate their son and daughter. He means that they will have to be radically committed to him and his vision if they are going to identify with Jesus and his public ministry.

In order to follow Jesus, then, to experience the resurrection in our lives, we must first be completely committed to Him, and through that love to be willing to be so attached to our brothers and sisters that we would sacrifice all that we have for them. In our humanity, that is impossible, but in Christ, such unconditional love can be received and shared. As we have freely received, we can freely give.

So where is my first love? Am I willing to risk it all for Jesus? Will my faith challenge the relationships I have with my family? My friends? My job? How will I have to live differently today so that the people I meet and greet will know that I belong to God, His Church, and the Body of Christ?

We pray for the courage and grace to live our Baptismal promise to line in Christ, share His love, and call others to Him.