

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

- July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 17 The Blessed Martyrs of Compiègne
- 18 St. Bruno of Segni
- 19 St. Arsenius
- 20 St. Margaret of Antioch
- 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- 22 St. Mary Magdalene

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15

- 8:00 AM †** Mildred J. Chrzastek (Michele Skarvelis)
- 5:00 PM** Father Joseph Mary's Birthday (Theresa Lynch)

Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 AM** Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)
- 11:00 AM** Members of our Parish

Monday, July 17

- NOON †** Jud "Papa" Alexander (Angela Alexander)

Tuesday, July 18

- NOON** Paul Alexander (Angela Alexander)

Wednesday, July 19

- NOON** Carly Alexander (Angela Alexander)

Thursday, July 20

- 8 AM †** Alfred M. Goodison (Michele Skarvelis)

Friday, July 21

- 8 AM †** Helen Hall (Colette Hall)

Saturday, July 22

- 5 PM** Members of our Parish

Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 AM** Members of and Visitors to our Parish
- 11:00 AM** Members of our Parish
- 1:30 PM †** Rosario Araneta (J P Villazor)

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

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/15)

- 8 AM:** MASS
- 9 AM:** Christian Formation Committee Meeting
- 3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
- 5 PM** Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (7/16) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Donated by Jessica Zareno and Kees Boogaart in memory of Buena Zareno)

- 8:30 AM:** MASS
- 9:45 AM:** Adult Formation: "Food and Faith, Showing Mercy to Our Common Home"
- 10 AM:** Choir Rehearsal (choir loft)
- 11 AM:** MASS
- 12:15 PM:** Blessing of the Library

MONDAY (7/17)

- NOON:** MASS

TUESDAY (7/18)

- 10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry
- NOON:** MASS

WEDNESDAY (7/19)

- 10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry
- NOON:** MASS
- NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
- 6-8:30 PM:** Dogma on Draft (*Kardinal Hall*)
- 6:15 PM:** Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
- 7 PM:** Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (7/20)

- 8 AM:** MASS
- NOON:** Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (7/21)

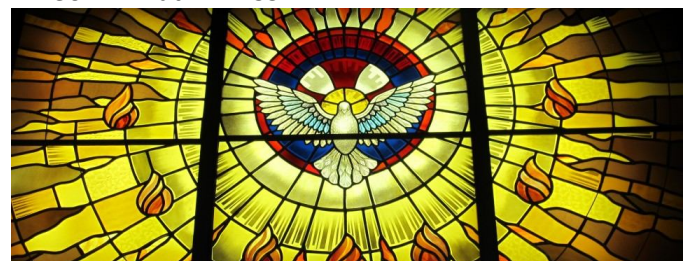
- 8 AM:** MASS
- 10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry
- NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (7/22)

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

SUNDAY (7/23) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Donated by Cynthia and Les Berlin)

- 8:30 AM:** MASS
- 9:45-10:45 AM:** Service Project to Benefit UVA Hospitality House (*Lower Level*)
- 11 AM:** MASS
- 1:30 PM:** Latin MASS



GIFTS FROM GOD

JULY 2, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$4,036.50	
Weekly Offertory Budget		\$7,173.00
Offertory Received		<u>(4,036.50)</u>
<i>Under Weekly Budget</i>		<i>(\$3,136.50)</i>
Outreach	1,000	
Flowers	650	

JULY 9, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$4,842.50	
Online	5,398.00	
Weekly Offertory Budget		\$7,173.00
Offertory Received		<u>(10,240.50)</u>
<i>Over Weekly Budget</i>		<i>\$3,067.50</i>
Outreach	1,998	
Justice and Peace	130	

PARISH NEWS

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.

#6 Create jobs for young people.

We find purpose in our lives through meaningful work; we are encouraged to take that one step further and ensure that young people have what Pope Francis calls "dignified jobs." We can start the process early in our own families by assigning to our children household chores that teach them the importance of making a contribution to the family. We can involve preteens and adolescents in volunteer service projects where they can use their God-given gifts and talents. "We need to be creative with young people," the pope urges, "in order to prevent them from slipping into drugs and despair. When we find ways to raise them up, we will discover in them and in ourselves a deeper sense of happiness." How can you help young people find dignity and happiness through meaningful work or service?

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHONERS!

Jeri and Tom Evans
Diana Torres and Mauricio Herrera and Family

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: Ryan Pace, 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 Pruffer, 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

Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, 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.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 5, 1947: Kitty and Charley Moore
July 5, 1969: Florence and Roman Bakke
July 14, 1973: Sharon and Emmett Dudley
July 16, 2016: Jenna and Shiladitho Deb
July 28, 1979: Tricia and Steve Cady

PARISH LIFE: DOGMA ON DRAFT

We invite you to come to Dogma on Draft on Wednesday July 19th! Please join Parish Life every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Kardinal Hall from 6-8:30pm. Stop-by anytime for a pint, bratwurst, or great conversation. Contact Kees Boogaart keesboog@gmail.com for details.

FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Christian Formation and Parish Life Event!

Put your faith into action! On **Sunday, July 23rd at 9:30**, bring your entire family to prepare snack packs for families staying at the UVA Hospital Hospitality House while their loved ones receive treatment. Teach your children about this Corporal Work of Mercy while enjoying fellowship and refreshments. Your commitment of time and talent are sure to bear much fruit!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

BLESSING OF THE LIBRARY THIS SUNDAY

Please join us for the “grand re-opening” as Father blesses the library this **Sunday, July 16 at 12:15 AM**. The Holy Comforter Parish library is has a rich collection of books on a wide range of topics ranging from Catholicism and spirituality to saints and social justice. The library has recently been reorganized and is ready for use! Many thanks to volunteer Maureen Clark for the hours of help she gave to assist Sue Dougherty in this process.



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.

Some parishioners from Holy Comforter will be attending this seminar. If you wish to attend and would like to carpool, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org

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!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Gardening at Casa Alma: Attention all rising 9th through 12th grade students: Please let Sue know if you are interested in helping with garden work at Casa Alma on **Tuesday, August 15**, time TBD. You may email her at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

Farmville Mission: Kudos and thanks to Stephanie Langan and Olivia Barnaby, who are participating with other parishes in a work mission trip in the area of Farmville, VA this week and next! Please keep them in your prayers.

Babysitting: 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

Our Outreach program is looking for a volunteer who is able to enter information into Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. Instructions will be available, and the data entry is currently being done on Wednesdays, but could be done any day. Please call the church if you can help. During the month of June 2017, Outreach received the following donations:

St. Thomas Aquinas Church donated 649 pounds of food for our food pantry, and 31 pounds of sandwiches for our soup kitchen; The Violet Crown Theater donated 332 pounds of canned goods, including restaurant-sized cans of dark cherries (yum); Casa Alma donated fresh produce from their garden; Congregation Beth Israel donated wonderful soups and sandwiches.

The Food Pantry volunteers provided bags to 267 households, and the Soup Kitchen volunteers served 1091 meals. Thank you and God Bless you for your food donations and financial support.

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St. Michel School: It is summer vacation for the students and teachers. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our Ministry will be hosting Richard Joseph, director of education for the Diocese of Hinche in August. We hope to have a reception for him and his wife at the church. This is our opportunity to learn how St. Michel School compares with others in the diocese.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting will be in September. Stay tuned for details. All are welcome. Website: www.saltadere.org

FROM THE PASTOR
CELEBRATING THE FULFILLED PROMISE (part 6)



“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”(Jn.14:12)

Is it possible for the disciple to do greater works than Jesus? Jesus fed five thousand to show us that he was the all-satisfying bread of life. He walked on water to show that he was sovereign over all dimensions of the believer’s life. Even raising the dead to show that he can bring life when life has ceased. How can it be true that those who have faith in Him will perform **“even greater”** works than those? Jesus’ miracles were signs pointing to something greater. We get to participate in what those signs point to. We have to admit that we are not greater than Jesus. *No one* is greater than Jesus. We will not meet Jesus face to face and say, “You lived, died, rose from the grave, atoned for sin, and reconciled the world to God the Father, but you’re not better than me.” It is why Jesus continues and says, **“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”(Jn.14:13-14)**

In saying that those who believe in Him would do the works that He did, Jesus was not saying that every Christian would walk on water and raise the dead. The apostles in the book of Acts performed some miracles that were similar to Jesus’ works, but even they did not walk on water or feed multitudes, as far as we know. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people as He sees fit (1 Cor. 12:4). Not everyone has the same set of gifts. Some believers have more public gifts, and others have quieter, more private gifts. Jesus said that not only would His followers do the same works, but they would do “greater” works than He. Again, this is not a reference to the works being greater *in power*. Jesus had raised Lazarus, who had been four days in the tomb (Jn.11); humanly speaking, not even the apostles did a greater work than that. No one has ever exceeded the power or majesty of Jesus’ miracles. So, what did Jesus mean that His faithful followers would do **“greater”** works than He? Without a doubt, the works of Jesus’ followers would be greater *in extent*. Jesus’ earthly ministry had been largely limited to Galilee and Judea; His disciples, however, were going to extend His ministry to the uttermost parts of the earth. When Jesus ascended to heaven, His followers numbered in the hundreds; forty days later, in response to the preaching of the apostles, that number leaped into the thousands (Acts, 2:41). By the end of Acts, the gospel had made its way to Rome. Jesus links the works of His followers with the fact of His return to heaven. In fact, He says His absence is the *cause* of their greater works: **“Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father”** (Jn. 14:12). Jesus also links the greater works His followers will do to the promise of answered prayer. His very next words: **“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it”** (Jn. 14:13-14). The words of Jesus in (Jn.14) were of great comfort to His eleven disciples. He was about to be arrested and suffer a cruel and unjust death. The disciples themselves would be scattered that night. But Jesus assures them that, no matter what happens, God’s work will continue in the world. Even after Jesus’ earthly ministry ended, His work would go on. The followers of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, would continue to help and heal people. The gospel would have a worldwide impact. As God’s people pray in Jesus’ name, answers would come, and the greatest miracle of all—the spiritual transformation of a sinful heart through faith in Christ—would become commonplace, to the glory of God. We have to remember that: **Jesus’ disciples rely on Jesus’ generosity to give them whatever they need for doing these greater works in answer to their prayer.**