

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

July 23 St. Bridget of Sweden
 24 St. John Boste
 25 St. James the Greater
 26 St. Joachim, St. Anne
 27 St. Pantaleon
 28 St. Samson
 29 St. Martha

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22

8 AM † John Cooney (Chris Melnick)

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 Villasor)

Saturday, July 29

5 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Sunday, July 30

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM Mary Nguyen Thi Thanh (Thuy T. Vu)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE LIGHTHOUSE TALKS

(AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS)

Real Womanhood

In a talk that was given to a group of women at the FOCUS national conference, Lisa Cotter debunks the myths of modern day stereotypical womanhood. Using insights from the late Pope John Paul the second and the heroic example of modern-day saints, Lisa gets to the truth about what it means to be an authentic woman.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/22)

8 AM: MASS

1 PM: Wedding (*Alaina Augustine and Brian Yahas (Church)*)

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)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: Service Project to Benefit UVA Hospitality House (*Lower Level*)

10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

11 AM: MASS

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (7/24)

NOON: MASS

7-8 PM: Gregorian Chant (Schola) Rehearsal (*Church*)

TUESDAY (7/25)

7 AM: MASS (*Please Note Time Change*)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/26)

7 AM: MASS (*Please Note Time Change*)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

THURSDAY (7/27)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (7/28)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS (*For Deceased Parishioners*)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

2 PM: Finance Council (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (7/29)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (7/30) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Donated by the Petroni-Conaway Family)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

11 AM: MASS

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

GIFTS FROM GOD

JULY 16, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$3,645.50	
Weekly Offertory Budget		\$7,403.00
Offertory Received		<u>(3,645.50)</u>
<i>Under Weekly Budget</i>		<i>(\$3,757.50)</i>
Outreach	348	

PARISH NEWS

FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Christian Formation and Parish Life Event!

Put your faith into action this **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!

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.

#7 Respect and Take Care of Nature.

We are the stewards of God's creation, and we have a responsibility to preserve and protect it — not just for ourselves, but for future generations — including clean air and water, wetlands and forests, and farm lands and natural resources. Pope Francis asks the question: "Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?" We can start in our own homes, schools, and workplaces by recycling, reusing, and cutting back on pollutants and waste. Our personal campaign to respect and care for nature brings happiness, because we know that we are taking time and important steps to respect and preserve our environment. What is something that you can do to become a better steward of God's creation?

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHONERS!

Jeri and Tom Evans
Diana Torres and Mauricio Herrerra and Family
Mary and Thomas Griffin

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 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

Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Fr. Gabriel Amorth shares the following:

The Rosary is both prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.

"When you pray Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now..., the Blessed Mother comes instantly to your side to pray with you. And she does not come alone. She brings angels with her. And not just one or two for she is the Queen of Angels, so choirs of angels come with her. And she and Jesus are joined at the heart and cannot be separated so she brings Jesus with her. And Jesus cannot be separated from the Trinity so He brings the Father and the Holy Spirit with Him. And where the Holy Trinity is, all of creation is, and you are surrounded by such beauty and light as you cannot imagine in this life."

The Rosary is a beautiful gift of prayer given to us by our most Holy Mother. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray this beautiful gift of prayer.

PRO LIFE CELEBRATION WITH THE PREGNANCY CENTER OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA

On Saturday, October 14, The Pregnancy Center will be hosting their CVILLE BANQUET. We are reaching out to Holy Comforter Parishioners as we are hoping to fill an entire table this year for this important fund raiser. Mark the date. Details to follow. If interested, please email Barb Cassidy on bcc32968@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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!

VIRTUS TRAINING

All volunteers who work with youth and children in the Diocese of Richmond must attend a *VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children Session for Adults* and have a background check. This includes catechists, VBS volunteers, and anyone over the age of 18 working with children and youth in any capacity in the church. **Charlottesville Catholic School** is offering a VIRTUS session on **Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30 pm**. Pre-registration is required and may be completed at www.virtusonline.org. Contact Sue Dougherty for information or help with the registration process. A session will be held at Holy Comforter in early September, date TBA.

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.cdrcmf.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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Farmville Mission: A huge shout out to Stephanie Langan and Olivia Barnaby who participated in a mission trip to Farmville and Prince Edward County with the parishes of St. Olaf's Williamsburg, St. Theresa's Farmville, and Incarnation! They worked faithfully in the 90+ degree heat to help make homes in the area safer and more functional by repairing, constructing, and refurbishing. Congratulations on a job well done, Stephanie and Olivia.

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.

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.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

As announced last week, the church library has been reorganized and is ready for use. While we are grateful for donations, our space is limited. If you have a few books that you would like to donate, please be sure that the copyright date is 1990 or later. They may be placed in the designated box in the library for screening. Any books not put on the shelves will be donated to the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library. Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES



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St. Michel School: Some teachers will be spending summer vacation in continuing education classes to keep their skills current. Our coffee sales support this effort. Please keep them in your prayers.

Richard Joseph, director of education for the Diocese of Hinche, visits in August. We hope to have a reception for him and his wife at the church. He will report on progress at St. Michel School. **Contact with Sponsors:** Please be sure we have your correct e-mail (Contact: sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com)

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting will be in September. Details to be announced. All are welcome. Website: www.saltadere.org

FROM THE PASTOR
CELEBRATING THE FULFILLED PROMISE (part 7)



“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, **“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (Jn.8:31-32)**

What could be the better definition of freedom if not, **"being able to be all that you were meant to be."** Don't we all long for that? To feel fulfilled, to be able to do all that is possible for you to do and be -- that is freedom. Jesus, who came to set us free, declared the path to the true freedom and said: **“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”** It is a declaration that discipleship is the only true path to freedom, to being all that you were meant to be. If you want that, (and I'm sure everybody does), then Jesus says the way is to become his disciple. This is the path to freedom. It is the only way to be all that you want to according to God's purpose.

It is important to understand that belief can only come from evidence. You will never find freedom until you examine the evidence that Jesus is who He claims to be. You must believe Him first, and that means examining the evidence. Hundreds of thousands of people reject Jesus without ever really examining the evidence for who He is. That is why the following statement was written at the end of the Gospel of John: **"Many other things Jesus did that are not written in this book."** (John 20:30). (John did not write an exhaustive but rather a very selective account of the life of Jesus, as did the other Evangelists.) **"But,"** he continues, **"these things are written in order that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and believing, you might have life in His name."** (John 20:31) Obviously, then, if you want to be free, to be all you want to be, you must begin by examining the evidence about Jesus. Read the Gospels. Read His words. Search them out. Do not reject them because some professor sneers at Jesus in a classroom. Examine the evidence. Make up your own mind. Look for yourself. That is the place to begin. Jesus suggests here that when you do that something will happen to you: **"If you continue in my Word, you will truly be my disciple."** You will find that his words have grabbed you, and you will commit yourself to him and then you are really a disciple and free indeed.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel who came to him by night, **"Unless you are born again in water and Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God."** (John 3:1-15) Thus, when we are born again, a transformation occurs. Our life is imparted by the Spirit, and we becomes a real disciple. And, **“If you continue in my Word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”** What we have to keep in mind always is that God's truth, which comes from His mouth, will still be truth. The world might deny it. The world might even reject it. But, God's Word, and its truth, is still the truth. Our new man within us, alive by God's grace, follows in the footsteps of Jesus. The truth sets us free because we are no longer children of Satan but rather God's own children and brothers and sisters of the Savior, Jesus Christ. That, then, is our freedom. In I Peter, He says: **"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God."** (1Pt. 1:16-17) Part of our freedom is to walk in God's footsteps rather than Satan's. We received this freedom when God's truth made us His children.