

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

August 13 St. Pontian
 14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
 15 The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
 17 St. Hyacinth
 18 St. Helena
 19 St. John Eudes

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12
5 PM Members of our Parish
 Sunday, August 13
8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for our Visiting Clergy
11:00 AM †Theresa Robinson (Paul Savoie)
 Monday, August 14
NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Tuesday, August 15
NOON Johnny Dryman (Martha Cassell)
7 PM Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi
 Wednesday, August 16
NOON Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Thursday, August 17
NOON Sandra Johnson (Paul Savoie)
 Friday, August 18
NOON Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Saturday, August 19
5 PM The Poor Souls of Purgatory (Paul Savoie)
 Sunday, August 20
8:30 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish

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

First Reading
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
 The Lord reveals his salvation to all.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
 All the nations will praise God.
Second Reading
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
 God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 15:21-28
 Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.
 Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/12) PLEASE NOTE:
Today's Celebration is Held at Charlottesville Catholic School, 1205 Pen Park Road
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (CCS Chapel)
5 PM Vigil MASS (CCS Chapel)
SUNDAY (8/13) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)
8:30 AM: MASS
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
11 AM: MASS
MONDAY (8/14)
NOON: Mass
7-8 PM: Gregorian Chant (Schola) Rehearsal (Lower Level)
TUESDAY (8/15) The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
7 PM: Mass
WEDNESDAY (8/16)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
NOON: AA Meeting (Lower Level)
6-9 PM: Dogma on Draft (Kardinal Hall)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (Chapel)
THURSDAY (8/17)
NOON: Mass
NOON: Soup Kitchen
8 PM-11 AM Friday: High School Youth Ministry Lock-In (Church of the Incarnation)
FRIDAY (8/18)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
NOON: AA Meeting (Lower Level)
SATURDAY (8/19)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)
5 PM Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (8/20) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:30 AM: RCIA Orientation (Lower Level)
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
11 AM: MASS

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
 August 4, 2001: Alix and David Paget-Brown
 August 4, 2011: Emily and Robert Cox
 August 8, 1981: Lisa and Michael Marshall
 August 14, 2004: Daisy and James Hutcherson
 August 26, 1989: Amber and John Eros
 August 31, 1996: Kelly and Patrick Langan

GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 6, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$4,556.50
Offertory (online)	<u>4,142.00</u>
Offertory Received	\$8,698.50

Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,403.00
Above Weekly Budget	\$1,295.50

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@hollycomforterparish.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: Mildred Dudley, Florence Dennis, Pam Heron, Herman Ortmann, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, Jack Andrews, 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: Mary Dominicis, 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.

PRO LIFE CELEBRATION WITH THE PREGNANCY CENTER OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA

On Saturday, October 14, The Pregnancy Center of Central VA will be hosting their CVILLE BANQUET. A table of 10 has been reserved for Holy Comforter Parishioners. **There are ONLY 5 spaces left!!!** Reserve your space today. Let's try to fill an entire table to show our support for this worthy cause. Mark the date and please email Barb Cassidy bcc32968@gmail.com to reserve your space today!!!!

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.

10 Work for Peace.

We are called to stand up for peace: "The call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet; peace is always proactive," Pope Francis says. We may not be able to bring about peace on a global scale, but we can pray for world peace. We can also work for peace in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and places of employment. When we take a stand against violence in any form, we become peacemakers. Jesus calls peacemakers "blessed" and gives them the distinction of being "children of God" (Mt 5:9). In what ways do you work and pray for peace? When we read between the lines of the pope's ten secrets of happiness, we find the essence of the Gospel message. Indeed, living as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ will bring the kind of deep inner happiness and peace that nothing can ever take away.

HEALING by Mary Healy (Available in the Commons)

"Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed." - Matthew 8:8

When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe, as the Centurion did, that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Through the study of Catholic tradition, the lives of the saints, and ordinary people, you'll begin to understand how the message of inward healing is also a message that we as Catholics are empowered to take outward to the world.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church, or do you know someone who is? If so: **RCIA** is starting up for 2017-2018. Orientation is **NEXT Sunday, Aug. 20th** after the 8:30 AM mass in the Bernard Moore Conference Room on the lower level. Join us.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**August 2, 2017 Message to Mirjana**

Therefore pray, pray by doing, pray by giving, pray with love, pray in work and thoughts, in the name of my Son. All the more love that you give, so much more of it you will also receive. Love which emanates from love illuminates the world....."

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school students have been invited to join the Youth Ministry at Incarnation for an end of the summer Lock-In with photo scavenger hunt around town. We will meet at Incarnation at 8:00 pm on **Thursday, August 17** having already eaten dinner. We will then break up into small groups and drive around town (the cars will only be driven by adult volunteers--NOT by teens) and take group pictures at specified locations and/or doing specified tasks. The team that accrues the most points by the end of the time limit wins! After the scavenger hunt we will reconvene at Incarnation (likely around 11:00 pm) for an overnight of fun and games. We will end in the morning with breakfast and then finish at 8:00 am on **Friday, August 18**.

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18 CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

Visit the CF table in the Commons to learn more about our Christian Formation program and to pick up a registration form for your children for the 2017-18 school year. Classes begin Sunday, September 10. Registration is also open for students eligible to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation this year. Don't miss out - NOW is the time to register! Completed forms and fees should be placed in the designated envelope on the table.

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.

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.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

UGANDA DENTAL MISSION

Please visit our Facebook Page to see some beautiful images of Dr. Anita Neel's visit.

OUTREACH NEWS

During the month of July 2017: The soup kitchen volunteers served 807 meals. St. Thomas Aquinas Teen Camp provided 8 strong, energetic volunteers to help serve lunch in July. Broadus Baptist Church continued to provide bottled water to give out on those very hot days. The food pantry volunteers provide pantry bags and hygiene items to 234 households. St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners continued to support this effort with their donation of 815 pounds of canned/boxed food items. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you all for continuing to donate your time, talent and financial support for this much appreciated ministry.

HAITI

St. Michel School: Sponsorships provide for operating costs at the school. You can help by sponsoring or donating. Sponsorship forms are on the Haiti table. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

Richard Joseph, director of education for the Diocese of Hinche, visits this month. He will speak at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, August 26, and hopefully be available for questions afterward.

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

REFLECTION***Answering our Baptismal Call****"If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat!"*

In the next few weeks, our RCIA team will be reaching out to you to pray about people you might know – family members, friends, co-workers, who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic faith. Thus begins a process of discernment, both for you and for a potential candidate that will hopefully end with a new member in God's church. How often have you heard this request before and said, "I don't know anyone, someone else can do that!" But have you considered that EACH of us has a responsibility, by virtue of our Baptismal call, to invite others to "share the Good News" with others? Remember that not only were we cleansed in the waters of Baptism, we were also marked with the Cross of Christ. With that seal, as adopted children of the Father, we are called to live, love, and serve as Jesus did. We are a "family" living in relationship with one another, and together, we are sent forth to live the Gospel.

When you invite people into your home, be they familiar or stranger, how do you treat them? Most likely, you welcome them warmly. You engage in conversation with them, you make connections, you may share refreshments or a meal.

Do we show the same hospitality to those who come into our church home, be they parishioners, visitors, or strangers? Do we greet others warmly? Do we identify visitors and take a moment to welcome them? Do we invite someone to share the pew with us? Do we take time after Mass to catch up with one another, to share our stories, to make connections? Would we be proud to invite a newcomer to our parish knowing that they would feel warmly welcomed? Like our homes, Mass is our sacramental community of sharing; we gather in Word and Eucharist to nourish one another and then to go into the world to invite others to join us.

Sometimes such actions take us out of our comfort zone. It is difficult for us to break out of our routines. But like both Elijah and Peter in the readings today, we are called to act in name of Jesus to bring others into His family. Elijah heard that call in the still small voice of the wind. Peter experienced it more dramatically! In the midst of the storm, Jesus told Peter, "Do not be afraid" and to "Come." Peter bravely got out of the boat, walking on the water toward Jesus. It was only when, overcome with fear, he took his eyes off of His Lord that he began to sink. Although Peter was admonished because he doubted, the others in the boat believed that this was "truly the Son of God." Jesus assures his disciples and us that in the storms of life, we can count on Him to calm the waters, to take away our fears. But for that to happen, we must hear His call – "Come!" And then trust Him enough to get out of the boat and follow.

God chose us, just as he did Elijah, Peter, and the other disciples to be in relationship- a covenant of love- with us and to share the Good News that He so loved the world that He sent his Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life; that in the midst of the storms of life, we can trust that He is there. It is too important a message not to share! So begin now to pray about who God may be asking you to invite to the banquet table. Then have the courage to get out of the boat and begin a relationship that invites someone else to hear Jesus' call, "Do not be afraid. Come."

From Sue Dougherty, Coordinator of Religious Education