

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/3)

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

SUNDAY (3/4)

(Altar Flowers Provided by Parishioner Donations)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS
4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (3/5)

NOON: MASS
5:15-8 PM: Youth, Women's and Men's Schola Rehearsals (*Lower Level*)
6-7 PM: Lawyers Helping Lawyers (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (3/6)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (3/7)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
6:30 PM: Sung Vespers (*Church*)
7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (3/8)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (3/9) (Abstinence)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

SATURDAY (3/10)

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

SUNDAY (3/11) Catholic Relief Services Collection

(Altar Flowers Provided by Parishioner Donations)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS
4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 3

8 AM †Walter Edward Savory, Jr. (Teri and Biff Delany)

5 PM †Rev. J. Bernard Moore (Idette Charlie)

Sunday, March 4

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11 AM Evelyn Deluca (Idette Charlie)

1:30 PM Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Monday, March 5

NOON Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, March 6

NOON Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, March 7

NOON Christine (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, March 8

8 AM Christine (Paul Savoie)

Friday, March 9

NOON Christine (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, March 10

8 AM Christine (Paul Savoie)

5 PM Mass of Thanksgiving (Mirta Lapinell)

Sunday, March 11

8:30 AM President of the USA (Scarlett Makielski)

11 AM Members of our Parish

1:30 PM Christine (Paul Savoie)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,6

A lament from exile for the loss of Jerusalem

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD

Holy Comforter offers low gluten hosts that have been fully approved by the Holy See for use in any Catholic Mass. Every host is individually packaged to prevent cross contamination. Please notify an usher if you require this option.

GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 3-4, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,408.50
Offertory (online)	1,580.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403.00</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,414.50)</i>

Sanctuary Renovation \$14,678.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLINE

Contributions for all second collections may be made by mail, in church or online. Please find the **Online Giving** link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at office@holycomforterparish.org if you would like a name added to or removed from this list. To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Ginnie Gillen, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Tam Nguyen, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicus, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Father Gerald Fogarty, Mary Ann Kline, Beatrice Stack, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, 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, 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.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

3/4	St. Casimir
3/5	St. John Joseph of the Cross
3/6	St. Colette of Corbie
3/7	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
3/8	St. John of God
3/9	St. Frances of Rome
3/10	Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Knights of Columbus will provide a **soup supper** downstairs at 6:00 pm on Friday, March 9. Stations of the Cross follow in the Church at 6:30. All are welcome. A cross-bearer and two candle bearers are needed! Please use the sign-up sheet on the credenza to volunteer.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR PCCV

The Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for the Pregnancy Care Center of Central Virginia is under way. If you haven't picked up your baby bottle yet, there are still some available in the boxes under the table in the Commons. Just fill the bottle with your loose change, coins, dollars or checks. Last year we raised over \$2300 from YOUR generosity by donating your pennies. Let's exceed that number this year. Return your filled bottles no later than Palm Sunday. There is a box outside of the offices to deposit your bottle! Thank you!!!

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

During this Lenten season come join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Chapel. During Lent we are praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy alternating with the Sorrowful Mysteries. What a beautiful expression of gratitude and love for our Savior during this holy season of Lent, come join us! All are welcome. Don't forget to write your intentions in the intention book outside of the Chapel. Every week we pray for intentions listed.

Our Lady's Public Message through Marija Pavlovic
February 25, 2018:

"Dear children! In this time of grace I am calling all of you to open yourselves and to live the commandments which God has given you, that they may lead you through the Sacraments on the way of conversion. The world and worldly temptations are testing you, but you, little children, look at God's creatures which He has given to you in beauty and humility and, little children, love God above everything and He will lead you on the way of salvation. Thank you for having responded to my call."

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION

Please refer to the email sent this week for details regarding class this Sunday, March 4. NEXT Sunday, March 11, we will take a look at the Sacraments and discuss how the Holy Spirit is present in each of them. We'll also try some prayer practices and talk about how Lent is going for you. See you there from 4:00 – 5:30.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

New Opportunities! The more that we nourish our spiritual life, the closer we grow to God! It is an ongoing life-long process. Please consider taking part in one of the upcoming Adult Faith Formation opportunities:

With Jesus to the Cross: A Lenten Guide on the Sunday Mass Readings – Year B. Will meet on Sunday from 8:45-9:45 in the chapel from Feb. 18 through March 25.

Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life, by Henri Nouwen. This 4-week book study will be facilitated by parishioner Dianne Murray on Mondays. The time can be evening or morning depending on the needs of the participants.

Please indicate your interest by signing the clipboard on the Christian Formation Table in the lobby.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

First Sacraments students should report to their regular RE class with Ms. Louisa this week. Next week begins preparation for First Holy Communion.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CASA ALMA

Nonviolence: Power for Justice and Peace training will be held on March 10 from 9:00-3:30pm. Email sheilah@incarnationparish.org to register.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC MOMS

When is the last time you've had any alone time to pray—*really* pray? It's not too late to make this Lent meaningful. Give yourself a night off and come as you are for an evening of Lenten Adoration and praise & worship. Pray with your fellow sisters in Christ, listen to God's voice (He's hard to hear in our busy lives!), and return to your family refreshed.

Thursday, March 15th, 7-8:30 PM, Daily Mass Chapel, Church of the Incarnation.

Nursing babies welcome, we ask all other kids remain at home. Questions? Need help getting there? Contact Lauren Bedard at lauren.mee@gmail.com

WWME

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: TBD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

(From the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI



Dinner Auction on March 18:

We are hosting a fundraising event at Charlottesville Catholic School at 6PM on March 18. Space is limited so pick up an invitation at the Haiti Table and RSVP. Father Petina and Doctor Joseph will be guests of honor. We will have a report on the March trip to Saltadere, St.

Michel School and Clinic. Please keep the Spring Break travelers and our twin parish in your prayers.

Help Needed: Haiti ministry welcomes help with upcoming fundraising event. If you can assist with providing desserts for the dinner, contact Marie Calise at marie.calise@gmail.com.

Thank You to all who contributed toothbrushes and toothpaste for Haiti! These much-needed items will be delivered by UVA students during their upcoming mission trip to Saltadere.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting April 15, 2018. All are welcome. For more information, contact Anne Knasel anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com.

From The Pastor

Lenten Reflection 2018, Part 3

CHOOSE TO SUFFER FROM 'THE FOOLISHNESS OF LOVE'**"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us." (1 Jn.3:16)**

Real love, is shown in a capacity to sacrifice for the one loved, even to the point of laying down one's life. And the Lord himself said; **"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."** (Jn. 15:13). Lent is an occasion to show that type of sacrificial love by what we do; sacrifices and self-denial for the sake of the one we love.

Lent is ultimately meant to be a season in which we ponder the incredible, spousal love of Jesus Christ for his Church shown in his dying so that his Bride might live. There's no greater love story in history than that of the true, indeed extreme, love of Christ for us. There's no greater choice we'll ever make than to respond to God's eschatological marriage proposal and align our lives with his nuptial passion.

Lent is a pilgrimage toward Holy Thursday when the marriage between Christ and his Bride is consummated as his Bride takes within His body and blood and becomes one flesh with Him. And then on Good-Friday, the Christ allows himself to be crucified on the cross and becomes the most visible act of God's love towards us. It was in God's plan. It wasn't an accident. I think sometimes people think that Jesus was a man on earth who was kind of like a leaf on a river, who got carried to and fro, and somehow ended up on the cross, got lucky and paid for everyone's sin, or maybe unlucky, depending on how you look at that. That's not actually what it was. Yes, people made choices and decisions that resulted in Christ going to the cross, but the decision made before the world was created was that Christ would go to the cross to pay for sin, so what we see is this act of love on the cross was intentional. As at the first creation of Eve from the rib of the first Adam (Gn. 2:21-22), the New Eve is formed from the pierced side of the New Adam on what St. Edith Stein called the bed of the Cross. This then culminates in the joy of the Easter Vigil, when the prophecy of Isaiah, says, **"The One who has become your husband is your Maker. ...The Lord calls you back like a wife!" (Is.54:5).** A Lent like this will lead us, on April 1, to an Easter in which we rejoice in the practical joke God has played on death, on sin and on the evil: when even after public crucifixion, the Bridegroom rose triumphantly from death in order to be able to raise us, his Beloved, with Him and prepare us for an eternal wedding banquet after the Lent of earthly life.

We need to value not just what Jesus did at the cross, but what God showed at the cross. As Christians we hopefully understand the cross better than the non-Christian world, but for the non-Christian world I think one of the reasons they can't understand godly, biblically centered love is because they don't understand the cross. So Christians, in a way, have been shown a love, the greatest love, that no one else has yet to know, but this also comes with an obligation. We've been let in on what this greatest love looks like and we've been told to act in light of it towards other people, so there's a greater responsibility in terms of how we love also. Think deeply about how you LOVE. **(To be continued---).**