

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (3/31) HOLY SATURDAY**

**10 AM-NOON:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

**7 PM:** Baptism (*Audrey Stein*) (*Chapel*)

**8 PM:** Easter Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/1) EASTER SUNDAY**

***(Altar Flowers Provided by Parishioner Donations)***

**7 AM:** MASS

**9 AM:** MASS

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

**11 AM:** MASS

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**3:30 PM:** Baptism (*Angel, Adriana and Aiden Rosas*)

**MONDAY (4/2) EASTER MONDAY**

***All Parish Offices are Closed Today***

**NOON:** MASS

**TUESDAY (4/3) EASTER TUESDAY**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (4/4) EASTER WEDNESDAY**

**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*)

**THURSDAY (4/5) EASTER THURSDAY**

**NOON:** MASS

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**3:30 PM:** Wedding Rehearsal

**FRIDAY (4/6) EASTER FRIDAY**

**8 AM:** MASS with adoration until Noon

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**1 PM:** Wedding (*Amelia Bickley and Patric Burns*)

**SATURDAY (4/7) EASTER SATURDAY**

**8 AM:** MASS

**10 AM:** Baptism (*Benjamin and Maxwell Tungate*)

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/8) SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

***(Altar Flowers Provided by Parishioner Donations)***

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

**8:30 AM:** Children's MASS

**9:45-10:45 AM:** RCIA

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

**11 AM:** MASS

**12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 31

**8 PM** Kant Lin and Lynn Sanders (Kate Burke)

Sunday, April 1

**7 AM** Andrew (Paul Savoie)

**9 AM** Members of the Parish

**11 AM †** Lorene Primich (Judith Pateman and Kevin Moran)

**1:30 PM** Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Monday, April 2

**NOON** Andrew (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, April 3

**NOON** Andrew (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, April 4

**NOON** Paul Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, April 5

**NOON †** John G. Engler (Jack Engler)

Friday, April 6

**8 AM** Mass and Adoration

Saturday, April 7

**8 PM †** Frank Heslin (Myatt Family)

**5 PM** Members of our Parish

Sunday, April 8

**8:30 AM †** Paul Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

**11 AM †** Bill Boyd (Food Pantry Staff and Volunteers)

**1:30 PM** Members of and Visitors to our Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY***

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

**Second Reading**

*1 John 5:1-6*

Those who love God keep his commandments.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

### GIFTS FROM GOD

#### **MARCH 24-25, 2018**

Offertory (plate)	\$6,984.50
Offertory (online)	1,888.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403.00</u>
<i>Over Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,469.50)</i>

Sanctuary Renovation \$4,676  
Catholic Relief Services 1,016

#### **ALL PARISH DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLINE**

Contributions for our Offertory, Sanctuary Renovation, as well as all second collections, may be made by mail, in church, or online. Please find the **Online Giving** link on our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org)

### PARISH NEWS

#### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kindly notify us at [office@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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:** Richard Fagan, 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:** Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Fred Cardona, 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.

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Come join us to pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel. What a beautiful expression of gratitude and love for our Savior during this Easter. 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.

### SAINTS TO REMEMBER

4/1	Easter Sunday
4/2	St. Francis of Paola
4/3	St. Richard
4/4	St. Isidore of Seville
4/5	St. Vincent Ferrer
4/6	St. William of Eskilsoe
4/7	St. John Baptist de la Salle

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### **ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

All religious education classes, both elementary and high school, will NOT meet this Sunday, April 1 nor NEXT Sunday, April 8. **ALL CLASSES**, elementary, high school, and First Communion preparation, will resume on **Sunday, April 15**. May your Easter be blessed and your spring break be refreshing!

#### **ADULT FORMATION**

**Save the Dates! Two adult presentations coming in April!**

**Sunday, April 15**, "Praying with the Liturgy of the Hours" 9:45-10:45. Join parishioner Patricia McAdams in the chapel between the Masses to learn how you can enhance your prayer life with the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office.

**Sunday, April 29**, Well recognized parishioner Dr. Kevin Hart, UVA Professor of Christian Studies, will offer a presentation at noon following the 11:00 AM Mass. His topic is still to be determined, but certain to be stimulating and informative! Lunch will be provided. Spread the word!

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **CASA ALMA**

Follow-up actions from our "Grappling with the Sin of Racism" event continue. Come to Casa Alma on April 7 from 3-4:30 PM for a roundtable on St. Margaret Mary, Charlottesville's black Catholic parish (late 1950's-1968), rsvp's appreciated, (434) 202-2221. All are welcome.

## **"HEART OF THE NATION" CATHOLIC TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

### **PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER TV MASS**

WTVZ channel 33 (MyTVZ) at 7:00 a.m.

### **ONLINE VIDEO**

[www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)

## **COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Recent CCC adoptive parents shared their thoughts on the adoption process:

*"Commonwealth Catholic Charities could not have been a stronger partner in our adoption journey. Whether it was words of encouragement, an explanation of part of the process, or shared joy at the birth of our guys, they were amazing."*

If you're interested in adoption, CCC offers free, no-obligation informational meetings to talk with an experienced social worker, ask questions, and learn more about the process.

Visit [www.cccofva.org/adoption](http://www.cccofva.org/adoption) to learn more.

## **WWME**

**He is risen!** May the joy of Easter be with you. Let **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. The next weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or (757)690-1369.

## **ATTENTION, YOUNG MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL!**

If you are a junior or senior in high school and you want to learn how to go deeper in your relationship with Christ, come to the InnerLife weekend. This retreat will be held at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, in Crozet, west of Charlottesville. In a beautiful, rustic setting that fosters prayer, learn more about how solitude and silence can deepen your prayer life. The retreat is led by Fr. Gregory Kandt, pastor of Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville. It will begin on Friday, April 27, at 5:30 pm and concludes the next day around 7 pm. If interested or if you need more information, contact Fr. Gregory at 434-973-4381, X127, or e-mail him at [grk@incarnationparish.org](mailto:grk@incarnationparish.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE AND PREPARE FOR AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!**

Great habits create great lives. What are your habits? Are they helping you become the-best-version-of-yourself or some second-rate-version-of-yourself? How can you support your family and friends with the Great Love of Christ? Join Dynamic Catholic and Allen Hunt at Church of the Incarnation for a life-changing evening!

**When: Friday, May 18, 2018, Doors open at 6PM**

Learn about four habits that will radically transform your life.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/find-your-greatness-charlottesville-va-may-18-2018> or by calling 859.980.7900.

For questions and help registering, please contact Kurt Elward: 434-996-6391 or [kelward@me.com](mailto:kelward@me.com); or Jacqui Cecalupo at [sasse318@gmail.com](mailto:sasse318@gmail.com).

## **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

### ***Seven Last Sayings of Christ, by Dr. Scott Hahn***

Spoken as He suffered the agony of the cross, the seven last sayings of Christ recorded in the gospels have been the subject of prayer and inquiry by Christians for two thousand years. In this revealing presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of Our Lord's last words, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation. Learn how Jesus' words are as profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

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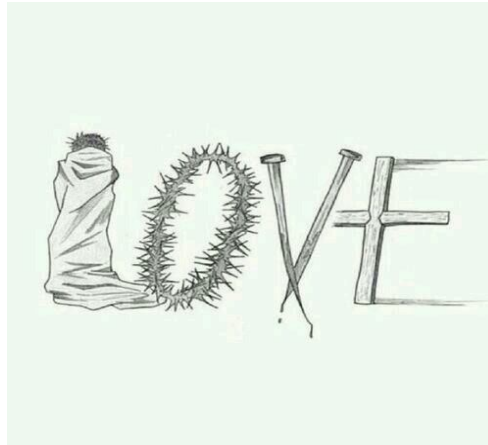
**Father Petina, pastor of our twin parish, and Doctor Joseph are safely back at St. Michel parish.** While here, they reported that St. Michel School has 629 students. They brought this year's class list. Over 3,000 patients were seen in the first year at the clinic. In addition, patients are seen at home if they are too sick to travel. Doctor Joseph and the clinic team visit the school each month to provide health education to the students. What a blessing for the people of Saltadere.

**Thank you to all who supported the fundraising dinner auction.** Please keep our twin parish in your prayers.

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

*From The Pastor*

Easter Reflection 2018, Part 1

**JESUS IS LOVE, ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN TO LOVE**

**“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.” (1 Jn 4:9)**

Jesus died and rose again that we might live through Him and love again and again, because love never dies. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians (13) also tells us that love never fails – in other words, love never ceases, never stops, never falters. And if it is true that God is love, and if it is true that Jesus IS God, then Jesus is love. And if it is true that love never fails, never stops, never falters, and if Jesus is love, then it is no wonder that today we celebrate that not even death was able to keep Jesus down, not even death could hold him, not even death could cause him to falter or fail or cease to be.

From the Song of Songs (8:6-7), we find this: “Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, its jealousy as enduring as the grave. Love flashes like fire, the brightest kind of flame. Flood waters can't drown love, torrents of rain can't put it out...” We learn that not only is love as strong as death, but that love is actually stronger. Love is stronger than death. It is more enduring, more permanent. All the things you see around you are passing away, they are on the way out, but love is still on the way in. Even you yourself will one day die, that is, your physical body is on the way out, but love is on the way in. This world is on the way out and will one day come to an end, but even then, love will still be on the way in. Love is unstoppable and unavoidable. And you are either standing in its stream allowing it to wash over you, or at some point it catches up to you, takes you by surprise, overwhelms you, and sweeps you away. Either way, it is the ultimate reality and a choice to run from love, or not to embrace and live in it, is a choice to run from reality, to refuse to live in reality. That is what resurrection shows us. God is love. Love lives forever. Jesus was God. Therefore, Jesus lives! The resurrection of Jesus is a real-life demonstration of the reality that love never dies. In the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus, God showed us the power of his love. Jesus was all about love, and ultimately the message of love is both the most powerful, and the most offensive message that could ever be taught. The message of love refuses to fit into the boxes you and I have placed it in, whatever those boxes may be. And rather than me telling you about what the boxes look like, I'll just ask you to think about what those boxes might be in your own way of thinking about God's love and how you live it out.

Jesus is alive, and he is alive because of love. On Easter we are reminded that this whole thing is about love. Love is what brought Christ to earth as a baby. It is what powered his life, his teachings, his suffering, his death, and ultimately his resurrection. It is what we are called to by him – called to live lives of love; love for God and love for one another. It is the great unifier, the great minimizer of conflict and difficulty. Those who are alive in Christ they are alive in LOVE. Alleluia THE LORD IS RISEN. BE HAPPY and be THANKFUL.