

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (4/14)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**1 PM:** Wedding (*Gabriella Gutkowski and David Hammack*)  
**2:30 PM:** Baptism (*Jax Forst*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (4/15) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)**

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**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*)  
**10-10:45 AM:** Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**4-5:30 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

**MONDAY (4/16)**

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

**TUESDAY (4/17)**

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

**WEDNESDAY (4/18)**

**7 AM:** MASS (*Please Note This Time Change*)  
**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**6-7 PM:** Lawyers Helping Lawyers (*Lower Level*)  
**6:15 PM:** Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)  
**6:30 PM:** Sung Vespers (*Church*)  
**7-8:30 PM:** Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

**THURSDAY (4/19)**

**7 AM:** MASS (*Please Note This Time Change*)  
**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (4/20)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**5 PM:** Wedding Rehearsal (*Church*)

**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.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SACRISTY**

Our Sacristans are in need of wax remover products, and your donations will be gladly accepted at the office.

**SATURDAY (4/21)**

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

**SUNDAY (4/22) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(Altar Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)**

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**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*)  
**10-10:45 AM:** Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS  
**4-5:30 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 14

**8 AM †**Dorothy Long (Paul Savoie)  
**5 PM** Members of our Parish

Sunday, April 15

**8:30 AM †**Donna Watson Kauffman (Margaret Marsh)

**11 AM †**April Montgomery (Lectors and Greeter)

Monday, April 16

**NOON †**Dorothy Long (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, April 17

**NOON †**Suzanne Johnson (Paul Savoie), and Father Joseph Mary (Dominique Faust)

Wednesday, April 18

**7 AM †**Suzanne Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, April 19

**7 AM †**Suzanne Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Friday, April 20

**8 AM** For the Young Families of our Parish (Dominique Faust)

Saturday, April 21

**8 AM †**Rose Anne Guinan (Pat Jarvis)

**5 PM** Thanksgiving to God for all His Blessings (Dominique Faust)

Sunday, April 22

**8:30 AM †**John Engler (Food Pantry Volunteers)

**11 AM** For All Parishioners (Dominique Faust)

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

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

During this week of Divine Mercy come pray the rosary with us on Wednesday evening in the Chapel at 6:15. Everyone is welcome. Also, don't forget to write your intentions in the Intention Book outside of the Chapel. We pray for all intentions listed.

### GIFTS FROM GOD

#### April 7-8, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,915.50
Offertory (online)	4,923.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403.00</u>
Over Weekly Budget	(\$2,435.50)

#### Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received

Current Week	\$2,045.00
Total	\$63,241.25

*There will be a second collection held this weekend for our Sanctuary Renovation.*

#### 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)

### SAINTS TO REMEMBER

4/15	Sts. Basilissa and Anastasia
4/16	St. Bernadette Soubirous
4/17	St. Stephen Harding
4/18	St. Apollonius the Apologist
4/19	St. Leo IX
4/20	St. Agnes of Montepulciano
4/21	St. Anselm

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29*

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

#### Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-2*

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

#### Gospel Reading

*John 10:11-18*

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

### 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:** Elizabeth Scott, 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 Dominicis, 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.

#### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Last month, parishioners received a letter from the Bishop announcing the 2018 Annual Appeal: *Building our Family of Faith*. Your financial gift will help provide Catholic outreach, ministry and services to the people and parishes throughout our Diocese, including the Fuel and Hunger Fund grant Holy Comforter has received in support of our Outreach Ministry. The entire list of ministries supported by the 2018 Appeal can be found in the brochures displayed in the Commons. Pledge envelopes are available now and may be returned during the offertory collection or to the office. Please reflect on God's gift to you and offer your generous support to the work of the Diocese.

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who filled their baby bottle with coins, cash and checks! A grand total of \$1783 was raised for the Pregnancy Care Center of Central Virginia. Thank you again for supporting this worthy cause right here in our own community.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#### HAITI

**St. Michel School** Student sponsorship is our chief avenue to raising funds in partial support of the school. Sponsorship is \$150 per year (payable in installments). Information on unsponsored students is available at the Haiti Table (lower level). Father Petina has told us the school needs a dining room—without additional support, we cannot help him build this addition to the school. Please keep our twin parish in your prayers.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Our next meeting is TODAY, April 15 at 1:30 PM here at Holy Comforter. 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).

#### FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of paper grocery bags. Kindly bring your donations to the lower level.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

#### 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](tel:434-973-4381), [X127](tel:434-973-4381), or e-mail him at [grk@incarnationparish.org](mailto:grk@incarnationparish.org).

#### COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Don't Get Rid of it. Donate it!** When you and your vehicle have come to the end of your journey together, don't get rid of it, donate it! We accept cars, boats, RVs and many other vehicles—we can even tow them away for you. Donating is easy and your gift is tax deductible. Call 804.285.5900 or visit [www.cccofva.org/donate](http://www.cccofva.org/donate) to learn more.

#### PACEM

Join us on April 29th from 2-5 PM at the exquisite Barn at Pea Ridge Farm for our annual spring fundraiser. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$500 for a table of eight. Price includes food by **C & O Restaurant**, music by **Michael Clem & Rusty Speidel**, and beer from **Devils Backbone Brewing Company** & wine donated by the **Charlottesville Cooking School**. RSVP to [ed@pacemshelter.org](mailto:ed@pacemshelter.org). **All proceeds benefit PACEM!** To reserve your ticket call 434.973.1234 x121 or mail a check to PACEM, PO Box 14, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

#### CASA ALMA

Catholic Worker spring celebration: Join us Sunday, April 29 at Casa Alma (911 Nassau Street) for a celebration of community. Food and fellowship begin at 6:00pm followed by a house concert with local musician Claire Hitchins at 6:30pm. All are welcome at this family-friendly outdoor event. Rain date is Saturday May 5. For more information, contact Laura at [cvillecw@gmail.com](mailto:cvillecw@gmail.com) or 434-202-2221.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High school youth ministry will meet THIS Sunday, April 15 at our usual 4:00-5:30 time. We will be taking a look at the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Please plan to join us!

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Sunday, April 29**

**Dr. Kevin Hart presents "The Earliest Christian Creed."** University of Virginia professor of Christian Studies Dr. Kevin Hart will offer a presentation and discussion on the Earliest Christian Creed. Please join us following the 11:00 Mass. Lunch will be provided!

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Vacation Bible School is coming again to Holy Comforter this summer! Details will be coming soon. If you are interested in either assisting with or having your children participate in VBS, please contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Christian Education at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org) or 434-295-6559.

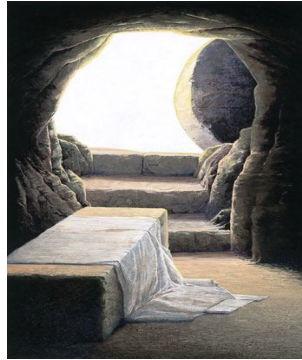
**Recognized**

**in the breaking of the bread**



*From The Pastor*

Easter Reflection 2018, Part 3

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

***"No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded." (Jn. 10:18)***

I believe we feel more loved when people do good things for us willingly and eagerly and gladly rather than grudgingly or under compulsion. Indeed, in all His ministry and sacrifice for His people, Jesus willingly lays down His life for the people He loves. One composer testifies in a hymn, ***"Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!"*** Jesus willingly gave Himself up to His Father's will that a people be saved from sin, and He volunteered within the Trinity to give Himself as the one and only Saviour from sin. In one of the Psalms we have a prophecy of the Messiah's willingness to come to be Saviour of sinners. ***"Then I said, 'Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.' (40:7-8)*** We need to stop and think what love did to Jesus: Jesus willingly came in the fullness of time, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons as Paul says it in Galatians 4:4-5. Jesus willingly submitted Himself in all those first 30 years, living in a family setting in that generally despised village of Nazareth. He willingly gave Himself up all too often not being understood or appreciated and not respected. Even Jesus' half-siblings did not esteem Him. He willingly gave Himself over to the labor in the carpenter shop of Joseph. He Who made the universe and all in it with speaking only a word, now willingly toiled with His hands with tools, making this and that for the family business. Never once did Jesus unwillingly do what God perfectly required for Him to accomplish as Saviour of sinners. So Jesus willingly and constantly lived a life of perfect obedience to all God's Ten Commandments in every possible detail, even when it meant for Him, more often than we realize, being despised and ridiculed and isolated by others. And, find these words in the gospel of John; ***"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again." (Jn.10:17)*** This means that there is a special delight that the Father has for the Son because of his willingness to lay down his life for his people and defeat death on their behalf. **But why does Jesus stress the freedom of His love?** Because if his death were forced on him, if his heart weren't really in it—then a big question mark would be put over his love for us. The depth of his love is in its freedom. If he didn't die for us willingly—if he didn't choose the suffering and embrace it—then how deep is his love really? So he stresses it. He makes it explicit. "No one takes my life from me. I lay it down on my own initiative". It comes out of me, not out of circumstances, not out of pressure, but out of what I really long to do. So here's the point. The resurrection of Jesus is given to us as the confirmation or evidence that he was indeed free in laying down his life. And so the resurrection is Christ's testimony to the freedom of his love for us. The Lord is saying: **My resurrection is a shout over my love for my sheep: It was free! It was free! I chose it. I embraced it. Do you love Jesus freely and without strings attached? (to be continued...)**