

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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*)

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

11 AM: MASS

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

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (4/23)

NOON: MASS

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

TUESDAY (4/24)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (4/25)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

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 (4/26)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (4/27)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS (*For Deceased Parishioners*)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

4/22	St. Opportuna
4/23	St. George
4/24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
4/25	St. Mark
4/26	St. Marcellinus
4/27	St. Zita of Lucca
4/28	St. Gianna Beretta Molla

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SACRISTY

Our Sacristans could use a few extra pairs of hands to keep our candle sticks wax-free and polished. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

SATURDAY (4/28)

8 AM: MASS

11 AM: Baptism (*Eli Keller*)

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (4/29) FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Altar Flower Donated by the Conaway-Petroni Family)

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*)

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

11 AM: MASS

NOON: Adult Formation and Lunch (*Lower Level*)

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

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 23

NOON Sharon Burke (Kate Burke)

Tuesday, April 24

NOON †Leo Vargas (Delany Products)

Wednesday, April 25

NOON Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, April 26

8 AM Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Friday, April 27

NOON Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, April 28

8 AM My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie)

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, April 29

8:30 AM †Ron Lavis (Eileen Lavis)

11 AM My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie)

1:30 PM Brenda Gayle Johnson (Delilah Wynn)

ATTENTION CURRENT AND FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a meeting on Saturday, May 5, from 11 AM-12:30 PM. New servers will receive basic formation, and training on serving in the new sanctuary space will be offered. Pizza will be served afterwards. Please contact Fr. Joseph Mary or Daniel Kirkland if you are interested in joining the ministry.

GIFTS FROM GOD

April 14-15, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,432.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403.00</u>
Below Weekly Budget	(\$2,970.50)

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received

Current Week	\$561.00
Total	\$63,802.25

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

The whole world shall praise the Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

PARISH NEWS

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us in praying the rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel. If don't remember how to pray the rosary we would be so happy to show you. We even have spare rosaries to lend to you. Come be a part of our rosary family.

Our Lady's Public Message through Marija Pavlovic

March 25, 2018: "Dear children! I am calling you to be with me in prayer in this time of grace when darkness is fighting against the light. Pray, little children, confess and begin a new life in grace. Decide for God and He will lead you towards holiness; and the cross will be a sign of victory and hope for you. Be proud that you are baptized and grateful in your heart that you are a part of God's plan. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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: Jill Paitzel, 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

UGANDA

Please join us to hear about the work of the Social Ministry in Uganda. The presentation will be followed by a light Ugandan Soup Supper after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, May 5th and will be repeated with light refreshments between the 8:30 and 11 AM Masses on Sunday May 6th.

HAITI

Croquet For Haiti is happening **today** from 1-4 PM in the garden of Pavilion V on the UVA Grounds. Stop over and support this fundraiser sponsored by the CatholicHoos. Past years' event T-shirts have become collector's items! Please keep our twin parish in your prayers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Our next meeting is June 10th. All are welcome. For more information, contact Anne Knasel anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com or visit www.saltadere.org

FOOD PANTRY

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

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. **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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Our First Sacraments class will meet this Sunday, April 22 and again next Sunday, April 29, at the regular 9:45 time. Our retreat will take place on Saturday, May 5 from 12:30-4:30. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 12 during the 5 pm vigil Mass.**

****PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE:** First Holy Communion will take place DURING the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 12. You are welcome to attend the Mass, but be aware that guests of families of the First Communicants will also be in attendance.

CATECHISTS FOR 2018-19 NEEDED!

Do you have the gift of teaching? Want to share your faith? **NOW** is the time to volunteer to fill one of our catechists needs: Pre-K – 8th grade, high school youth ministry, and adult formation. Please indicate your interest by signing the clipboard in the Commons. Also, plan to attend our Christian Formation ministry table the weekend of May 5 and 6.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This week our high school youth will complete our discussion of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" and take a look at our call to be disciples of Christ in the world. What does that look like in our everyday lives? See you at our usual 4:00-5:30 time. As a "gift," we'll share some pizza, too!

ADULT FORMATION

Don't miss our next presentation next **Sunday, April 29, "The Earliest Christian Creed,"** by UVA Professor of Christian Studies and internationally recognized poet **Dr. Kevin Hart!** Please join us following the 11:00 Mass on the lower level. 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 or 434-295-6559.

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, or e-mail him at grk@incarnationparish.org.

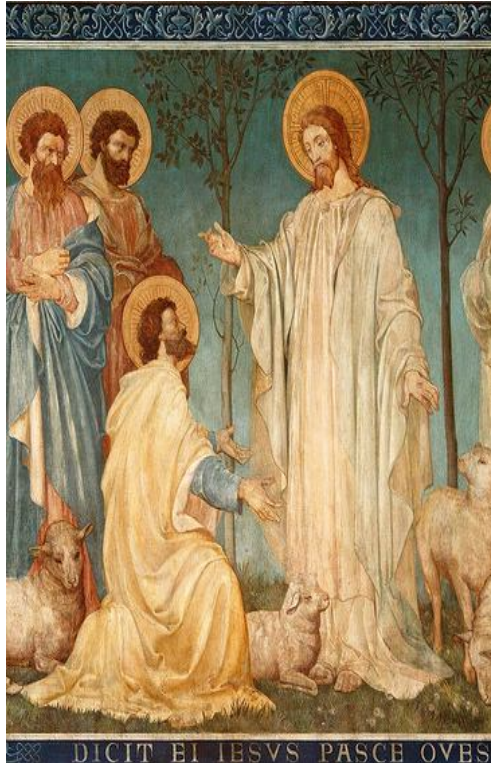


From The Pastor

Easter Reflection 2018, Part 4

JESUS IS LOVE, ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN TO LOVE

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."—John 21:15



When, on the shore of the Lake of Tiberius, Peter encountered the risen Lord, he received the mission that set him apart from the other apostles, and he learned an important lesson in love. And most likely Peter had to assure the master that this mission he will do out of love, not under any compulsion. St. John recounts the event using a specific play on words. Some commentaries on the text of John 21, inform us that; **When Jesus first asks Peter, "Do you love me?" he uses the Greek phrase agapas-me, meaning "do you love me totally and unconditionally?" (John 21:15). Prior to his denial of Jesus, Peter would most certainly have responded agapo-se! Now that he has experienced his own fragility, he responds, "Lord, you know that I love you," using filio-se ("I love you with a human love"). Once again, Jesus asks the fisherman, "Simon, do you love me with this total love that I want?" Peter again responds, "Kyrie, filo-se," "Lord, I love you as I am able." The third time, however, Jesus simply asks, "Fileis-me?" This time, it is not Peter who alters the verb, it is Jesus. Jesus places himself at Peter's level rather than asking more than Peter is able to give. This gives Peter hope because he understands that his love, however imperfect, is enough for Jesus.**

With this explanation, the response of Peter to Jesus made so much sense to me, and I believe it can make some sense to you, too. On the other hand, Jesus invites Peter to profess his love three times, restoring the relationship that had been damaged by his three denials the night before Jesus died. But Jesus also recognized the untried gifts that lay dormant within Peter and entrusted him with a special mission: *Feed my sheep*. Peter is beloved by many of us because he is like us. He has all the failures that we are so familiar with in our own lives. He overestimates himself and underestimates temptation. He thinks he's more committed than he is. He thinks he loves the Lord more than he does. He thinks he can face any trial triumphantly, but finds out he can't. By the time we get to this point, even though he has seen the risen Christ, he is really a broken man. He accepts that he can only love as much as the Master can help him to love with his human love.—**Lord you know I love you—increase my love**, I would say.

I think we understand that even on a human level, people who love greatly, sacrifice greatly. People who love greatly give up things. Love is a powerful, *powerful* motivation that can make one handle any excruciating pain, any fierce fire, and extreme cold. Love is so powerful it can draw the best out of people and it can also draw the worst. It is love that makes people sacrifice everything to live with one person the rest of their lives. It is the power of love that can destroy and build at the same time. In John 15:13 Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his *friend* the ones He loves." People die for love. And as far we are concerned, according to 2Corinthian 5:14, it is the love that we have for the Lord that controls us. That's what Paul said. Love is what causes us to serve the Lord in an extreme act of dedication. **(To be continued--)**