

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/5)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM: Baptism (*Rose Catherine O'Hara*)
11 AM-12:30 PM: Altar Server Training
12:45-4:30 PM First Communion Retreat
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (5/6) SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Altar Flower Donated by Virginia and Tim Michel)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: Children's MASS and Mary Crowning
9:30 AM: Uganda Ministry Presentation (*Lower Level*)
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 (5/7)

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

TUESDAY (5/8)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (5/9)

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 (5/10)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
7 PM: Latin MASS (*The Ascension of the Lord*)

FRIDAY (5/11)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (5/12)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS and First Holy Communion
SUNDAY (5/13) THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
(Altar Flower Donated by Virginia and Tim Michel)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
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, May 5

8 AM My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie)
5 PM Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, May 6

8:30 AM My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie)
11 AM Members of the Parish
1:30 PM Bethany Noble

Monday, May 7

NOON My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie); Scarlet Makielski (Alice Makielski)

Tuesday, May 8

NOON My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, May 9

NOON My Wife and Children (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, May 10

8 AM Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)
7 PM Members of the Parish

Friday, May 11

8 AM †Ermagene Eschbaugh (Margaret Marsh)

Saturday, May 12

8 AM Patrick Barr (The Blumenfeld Family)
5 PM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day

8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM †Eleanor Garamela and †Helen Monty (The Garamela and Monty Family)
1:30 PM Marie Jose (Dominique Faust)

NEW EVANGELIZATION

There is a limited supply of the book Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It With Others in the Commons this weekend. This book contains articles by numerous Catholic authors on the subject of mercy. Please help yourself to a copy and consider passing it on to another parishioner when you can.

PLEASE NOTE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place DURING the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 12. All parishioners are welcome!

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

5/6	St. Eadbert
5/7	St. John of Beverley
5/8	St. Peter of Tarantaise
5/9	St. Pachomius
5/10	St. Antonius of Florence
5/11	St. Francis of Girolamo
5/12	St. Pancras

GIFTS FROM GOD

APRIL 21-22, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,435
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,968)</i>

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received

Current Week	\$792.00
Total	\$66,124.25

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUTREACH

Next weekend will be our monthly collection for our Outreach Ministry.

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
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

PARISH NEWS

HONOR MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD DURING MAY



Outside of the Mass, there is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious for her intercession than the Holy Rosary. Please join your fellow parishioners after

each daily Mass in the Church and every Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the Chapel. Rosaries and instructions on How to Pray the Rosary are available in the Commons.

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: John Putalik, 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 take place after the 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday on the lower level. Light refreshments will be served.

HAITI

St. Michel School is the only Roman Catholic school in the village of Saltadere. The 679 children are in grades preschool to grade 13. Schools in surrounding settlements are chapel schools and serve elementary grades. To continue past sixth grade, children walk several miles to St. Michel School. We still need sponsors for many St. Michel students—see the display in the Commons. 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 ginnnyannzeller@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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION RECRUITMENT FAIR

Many catechists are needed to help with our various Christian Formation ministries! Visit the Christian Formation Recruitment table in the Commons Saturday and Sunday this weekend to offer your gifts and talents!

FIRST COMMUNION:

Please pray for our children who will receive First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 12 at the 5pm Vigil Mass:** Eamon Barnaby, Henry Darby, Jace Forst, Tristan Garbaccio, Madison Grider, Cullen Juge, Madeline Tracci, Shiloh Weaver, Olivia Wetzel, Abigail Watkins, Elisabeth Worley.

Attendees at the 5pm mass please note: All parishioners are welcome to attend, but the front pews will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Please join us for our last class of this school year from 4:00-5:30. We are planning a field trip to Washington, DC in June. Details have been sent via email.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PRE-K-8

This Sunday, May 6 is the last religious education class for this school year. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018. NOW is the time to register for the 2018-19 school year. Early bird registrations receive a \$5 discount! Pick up a registration form from the CF table in the Commons.

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@hollycomforterparish.org or 434-295-6559.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CASA ALMA

OUR CHRIST ROOM EFFORT HAS LAUNCHED!

Our first guest, a single senior woman, is being hosted while she saves funds for future housing. We have other potential guests who need housing - please contact us if you'd like to be involved as a host or support household. Thank you for your encouragement and prayers!

LAST MORNING PRAYER, MAY 16 AT 7:30AM

As the Easter season concludes, we are concluding our hosting of Wednesday morning liturgy of the hours. We'll offer new opportunities for prayer and singing, details coming soon.

SPRING AND SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

Come help us grow some food on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning late May. Contact us for details: cvillecw@casa-alma.org or 434.220.2221

AN EVENING WITH REV. JOHN DEAR

John Dear, activist, priest, author, and Nobel peace prize nominee John Dear will discuss his new book, *They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace & Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change*, a landmark work which connects the way of active nonviolence to solidarity with Creation, at Church of the Incarnation on Wednesday, May 9 at 7pm. Learn what we can do to welcome a new culture of peace and nonviolence.

WWME

"This I command you: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on August 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC or September 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369 or visit renewmarriage-vasouth.org

*There is no greater love
than to lay down one's life for a friend.*



From The Pastor

Easter Reflection 2018, Part 6

JESUS IS LOVE, ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN TO LOVE

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." (1 Jn. 4:16)



Believing the depth of God's love for me is the key to my growing into a loving person. And the key to believing the love that God has for us is seeing what Jesus had to go through with those who lived and touched him for the thirty three year of his earthly life. A few people were allowed to see Jesus in the flesh and touch him and watch him teach and heal and suffer and die and rise. We might feel jealous that our faith in the love of Christ can't be based on that kind of first hand sight and touch. But that was God's plan that He may draw us into the deepest of his love. It was the plan of God that we come to faith, not by seeing the love of

Christ in the flesh, but by *seeing the love of Christ in the word* of those who knew him.

As I have pondered the love of Christ for us, and the different ways that the Bible presents it to us, I have seen four ways that the depth of Christ's love is revealed. First, we know the depth of someone's love for us by what it costs him or her: if he sacrifices his life for us, it assures us of deeper love than if he only sacrifices a few bruises. Second, we know the depth of someone's love for us by how little we deserve it. If we have treated him well all our life, and have done all that he expects of us, then when he loves us, it will not prove as much love as it would if he loved us when we had offended him, and shunned him, and disdained him. The more undeserving we are, the more amazing and deep is his love for us. St. Paul confirms this when he says; ***"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rm. 5:6)***

Third, we know the depth of someone's love for us by the greatness of the benefits we receive in being loved. If we are helped to pass an exam, we will feel loved in one way. If we are helped to get a job, we will feel loved another way. If we are helped to escape from an oppressive captivity and given freedom for the rest of our life, we will feel loved another way. And if we are rescued from eternal torment and given a place in the presence of God with fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore, we will know a depth of love that surpasses all others. To this St. John says; ***"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1Jn. 3:1)***

Jesus' love for us becomes more amazing when we consider the following: First of all, he was too young, only about 33 years old. His ministry was three years old. He was cut off, as we say, before his prime. What a love! Second, he was the only son of a widowed mother. One of the last acts of his life was to see that she be taken care of. ***"And to the disciple he said, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." (Jn.19:27)*** The life Jesus was giving up for you was young and, from a human standpoint, it was a life needed by his mother. Third, he was the most kind and caring and wise and courageous man who ever lived. Peter testified, ***"He committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in his mouth" (1 Pt 2:22)***. Even his enemies knew they could find no fault in him (Matt. 22:16) ***"I find no guilt in him,"*** Pilate said (Jn 19:6). So the life he gave for us was no ordinary life of human value—which would be great enough. It was a sinless life. A life of perfectly balanced joy and sorrow, tenderness and toughness, justice and mercy, grief and anger, speech and silence, prayer and action. This life, of all the lives that have ever lived, was the most valuable life. The most worthy of living, the least worthy of dying. This is the life he gave for you—that you might live. **Think about all this and, consider what you have to offer in return! (To be continued----**