

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Our Second Collection this weekend is for Outreach

(Altar Flower Donated by the Blumenfeld Family)

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

MONDAY (5/14)

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

TUESDAY (5/15)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
7 PM: Pastoral Council Meeting (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (5/16)

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 (5/17)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

FRIDAY (5/18)

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

SATURDAY (5/19)

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

SUNDAY (5/20) PENTECOST SUNDAY

(Altar Flower Provided by Anonymous Donation)

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 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)

Monday, May 14

NOON Christine (Dominique Faust); Joseph Parrillo (Connie Flamm)

Tuesday, May 15

NOON Joan (Dominique Faust)

Wednesday, May 16

NOON Genevieve (Dominique Faust)

Thursday, May 17

8 AM Father Paschal (Dominique Faust)

Friday, May 18

8 AM Blandine (Dominique Faust)

Saturday, May 19

8 AM The Persecuted Church (Dominique Faust)
5 PM The Souls of Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, May 20

8:30 AM Our Parish and Priests (Dominique Faust)
11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

5/13	Our Lady of Fatima
5/14	St. Matthias
5/15	St. Isidore the Farmer
5/16	St. Simon Stock
5/17	St. Paschal Baylon
5/18	St. John I
5/19	St. Celestine V

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.



RENEW
the face of the earth

GIFTS FROM GOD

MAY 5-6, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,969.50
Offertory (online)	4,898.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,403.00</u>
Above Weekly Budget	\$2,464.50

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received

Current Week	\$625.00
Total	\$66,749.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend will be our monthly collection for Outreach, and next weekend is the annual collection for Diocesan Home Missions.

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

PARISH NEWS

HONOR MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD DURING MAY



The Church has long set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary. According to most sources, one reason was because in ancient Greece May was the

month of Artemis, the goddess of fertility. Rededicating the month to the Mother of God was a way the early Christians sought to "baptize" pagan culture. 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.

GREAT HABITS CREATE GREAT LIVES

Are your habits helping you become the-best-version-of-yourself? At the **Find Your Greatness Event** learn the habits for a great life! This live Dynamic Catholic event will take place on Friday, May 18, from 6:30-10:30 pm at Church of the Incarnation. Expect to be inspired by Allen Hunt, enjoy great music by George Lower, and enjoy an evening of fun with your local Catholic community. Additional details can be found at www.dynamiccatholic.com/charlottesville or call Steve Ham at 434-466-9820.

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

Bishop Barry Knestout has announced 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

HAITI

St. Michel School and the country of Haiti celebrate their Flag Day this week on May 18. As the school year winds down, final exams, national exams and summer teacher education are costly activities for our twin parish. We still need sponsors for many St. Michel students—see the display on the Credenza, and please keep our twin parish in your prayers.

Help Needed: The Haiti ministry is planning upcoming events, and need help with ongoing fundraising. In addition, we seek help with laptop computers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Our next meeting will be a potluck at The Knasels on June 10th at 1 PM. 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018:

Our second annual Vacation Bible School program called **"SURPRISE: Discovering Jesus,"** will take place **August 6-10 from 1:00to 4:00pm**. Children ages 4-10 are welcome! Take a registration form from the table in the Commons. Volunteer adults and teens are needed! Please email Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org for more information.

HOLY COMFORTER FAMILY PICNIC

Save the date! Bring your family for a fun social afternoon at Pen Park on **Sunday, June 10 from 3:30-6:30pm**. RSVP and/or volunteer to help by signing the clipboard on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Pick up an information sheet on the Christian Formation table in the Commons for suggestions on how you can nurture your spiritual growth daily during the summer months.

You are encouraged to attend the Allen Hunt presentation "Find your Greatness" sponsored by Dynamic Catholic on May 18, 2018. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling [859.980.7900](tel:859.980.7900).

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Monday, May 14 at the Church of the Incarnation: Olivia Barnaby, Eamon Dougherty, Hewson Duffy, Christopher Kovalski, and Stephanie Langan.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to those who visited our Christian Formation recruitment table last weekend. There are still many opportunities to volunteer as a catechist, facilitator or helper in many areas. Please visit Christian Formation table in the Commons or the website to see how you can offer your talents!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3670

The annual **KOVAR** collection to benefit Virginians with intellectual disabilities, will be held after all Masses on Memorial Day weekend, May 26-27. *Lift High the Cross* is the theme of this year's campaign. Make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus, or to KOVAR. Cash will be welcome too.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking a part-time gardener for the summer. For more information, please contact Frank Murphy, f.murphy@cvillecatholic.org or 434-964-0400.

ROSARY ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The Office for Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministries invites the faithful of the Diocese to join us in a yearlong prayer for racial harmony hosted every 1st Friday of the month. Please join us on Friday, June 1, 2:00pm as we pray the Glorious Mysteries. Call in number is (844) 572-5683, ext. 4828689. Follow us on Twitter, @cdrobc and @CDROSM. For more information please contact obc@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

WWME

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: August 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and September 21-23, 2018 in Herndon. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit: renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us: 757-690-1369 applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org

From The Pastor

Easter Reflection 2018, Part 7

JESUS IS LOVE, ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN TO LOVE

“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (Jn. 16:7)



The Ascension makes me happy because I know the Lord Jesus is alive and that He is somewhere where someday I will see Him face to face. But I also think of the sadness that the disciples might have felt the day of the Ascension, which is a proof of the love they had experienced in Jesus, and didn't know how to handle that relationship which had now taken on a new turn. They really missed his presence in his flesh. Our Lord must have surprised the Apostles at the Last Supper when He told them, ***“I tell you the truth: It is better for you that I go away.”*** He at least saddened them, as Jesus Himself acknowledges; ***“But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart...” (Jn 16:6-7)*** Wouldn't it be better for us all if Christ remained with us in visible, human form? It may seem so, and like the Apostles we might find ourselves initially disheartened—caught between our natural love for Jesus and our supernatural desire that the Father glorify Him at once. We do miss Jesus and we should miss Him. It is not a sign of spiritual progress to

be indifferent to the Lord's humanity. St. Jose Maria lists what any normal, devoted disciple would long for in Jesus' absence: ***“...his human speech, his way of acting, of looking, of smiling, of doing good. We would like to go back and regard him closely again, as he sits down at the edge of the well, tired from his journey; as he weeps for Lazarus; as he prays for a long time; as he feels pity for the crowd.”*** Still, the Lord tells us no. He even tells us that we should rejoice that He returns to the Father. (Jn 14:28) To attain that level of joy in His absence, Jesus want us to reach a level of love that gets beyond the barriers between the visible and invisible, the tangible and intangible. In other words, Jesus wants something to happen within us that His presence in human form might prevent: ***“For if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you.”*** He wants us to reach spiritual maturity, a kind of growth that only His Spirit can bring about in us. The Lord could very well have told the Apostles: Unless I go, you will never grow. St. Paul tells us we are ***“attaining to the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children.” (Eph 4:13-14)*** Even before the Ascension, the Lord called for this maturity from His closest followers. On Easter morning, Jesus gently rebuked Mary Magdalene: ***“Do not cling to me thus, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.” (Jn 20:17)*** After His ascension and the sending of the Spirit, we learn that our love for Christ will be proved by a more hidden embrace within, where the heart's treasure shows itself more truly (Lk 12:34). St Augustine suggests that the risen Lord did not want Mary Magdalene to regard Him in the same way she always had, but to “believe after a spiritual manner ... with a spiritual faith and love,” echoing St Paul: “even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer.” (2 Cor 5:16) In fact as one spiritual author puts it, ***“...it is the natural condition of the Christian to be in a state of waiting, looking out and longing for Christ”.*** Jesus' love for the Apostles and us all remains constant as from the beginning of the Incarnation and so should our love for him. The Apostles then, watch and wait for their Lord, sensitive in their devotion towards Him. They see Him in all things, expect Him in all events and amid all the cares, the interests, and the pursuits of this life. We also take on the same route of the Apostles to believe, hope and love in the One who has love us unto death.