

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (3/16)**

**8 AM:** MASS

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (3/17) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

***Altar Flowers Provided by Tina and Matt Blumenfeld in Memory of Patrick Barr***

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

**8:30 AM:** MASS

**9:45-10:45 AM:** Adult Formation *With Jesus to the Cross (Chapel)*

**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation

**11 AM:** MASS

**MONDAY (3/18)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**10:30-11:45 AM:** Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

**NOON:** MASS

**TUESDAY (3/19)**

**7 AM:** MASS

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** Midday Prayer

**5:15-9 PM:** Schola Rehearsals

**WEDNESDAY (3/20)**

**7 AM:** MASS

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** Midday Prayer

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

**6:15 PM:** Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

**6 PM:** MASS

**THURSDAY (3/21)**

**7 AM:** MASS

**NOON:** Midday Prayer

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**6:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

**7-8 PM:** Holy Hour and Adoration

**FRIDAY (3/22) (Lenten Abstinence Observed)**

**NOON:** MASS

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

**6:30 PM:** Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY (3/23)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**3:30 PM:** Dante Discussion Group (*Lower Level*)

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (3/24) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

***Altar Flowers Provided by the Mackey Family in Honor of William Mackey***

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

**8:30 AM:** MASS

**9:45-10:45 AM:** Adult Formation *With Jesus to the Cross (Chapel)*

**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation

**11 AM:** MASS

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**1:30 PM:** Bi-Parish Haiti Committee (*Lower Level*)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 16**

**8 AM †**Patsy Lyons Massie (Margaret Marsh)

**5 PM** Member of the Parish

**Sunday, March 17**

**8:30 AM †**Maria C. Stevenson (The Petroni-Conaway Family)

**11 AM †**Lorene Primich (Judy Pateman)

**Monday, March 18**

**NOON †**Mary Hantzmon Ehinger (Ann Rossi)

**Tuesday, March 19**

**7 AM** Anne Marie Gaglio, in Honor of her Birthday (Mary Frances Lilly)

**Thursday, March 21**

**7 AM** Debbie Brooks, In Honor of her Birthday (Jill Paitsel)

**Saturday, March 23**

**5 PM †**Evelyn Berlin (Justice and Peace Ministry)

**Sunday, March 24**

**8:30 AM** Member of the Parish

**11 AM †**Elsie Harris (Mary Frances Lilly)

**1:30 PM †**Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

**VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE APRIL 3, 2019**

**Join us in the Fight for Life!**



**9:00 a.m.**  
Mass at Saint Peter's Catholic Church, celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout

**11:00 a.m.**  
Rally at the State Capitol

**12:00 p.m.**  
March for Life

For more details visit [www.VACatholic.org](http://www.VACatholic.org)

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**



3/17	St. Patrick
3/18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
3/19	St. Joseph
3/20	St. Herbert
3/21	St. Nicholas of Flue
3/22	Bl. Clemens August von Galen
3/23	St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

# GIFTS FROM GOD

## MARCH 9 AND 10, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$8,013.50
Offertory (online)	\$4,550.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500.00)
Above Weekly Budget	\$5,063.50

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Our monthly collection for Outreach will be taken this Sunday and our next Diocesan Collection will be for Catholic Relief Services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org)

## 2019 ADA Building Our Family of Faith A Letter from Our Bishop

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he says "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." It reminds me that in times of happiness or crisis, we are called, as one Body of Christ, to shepherd one another to holiness by our prayers and by our encouragement.

In my visits to various places throughout the Diocese, I have found three themes that are mentioned by faithful Catholics time and time again: their great love for the Church, the love for their priests and parishes, and their great desire that the good work of the Church might be clearly expressed. A common thread of support for the good work of our Church is the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This year, we are looking to accomplish three critical goals through the Appeal to move the Body of Christ forward in the Diocese: **Advancing Social Justice, Cultivating Catholic Leadership, and Empowering Parish Communities.**

With these goals in mind, I hope all parishioners of Holy Comforter will join with us in supporting the Appeal this year. Please know that at whatever level you contribute, your gift will be most gratefully received.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond

**We will continue our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend.**

***It is very important for all of us to make a gift to the 2019 Appeal. All pledges can be paid in 12 monthly installments. Please answer Bishop Knestout's request and make a generous gift.***

***Thank you in advance for your support.***

# 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:** Bill Phillip, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti.

**Friends and Relatives:** Randy T. Johnson, Anne Marie Richards, Christy Ackerman, Mary Caretti, Hallam Harper, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Marian Dolliver, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, 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, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax.

## MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

*Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15*

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 11*

A prayer in praise of God's mercy

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 13:1-9*

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.



Please join our music director for **Midday Prayer** at Noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

### PROJECT PRAYER PARTNER: Lent 2019

This is an opportunity for people to pray with and for each other in partnership with another person throughout Lent. It is hoped that having a prayer partner will help strengthen your ability to resist temptation and maintain spiritual disciplines. If you already have a prayer partner in mind, we hope you'll get started praying right away. The hope is that you and your prayer partner stay in contact to encourage and support one another and pray for specific intentions, both personal and general. If you would like to find a partner to pray with you, please sign up on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

### LENT RESOURCES FOR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES

Various booklets and handouts to help you with your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are available on the Christian Formation table in the Commons. Feel free to pick up materials for you and your family.

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE

*(From the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops)*

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

### LENTEN FISH FRY

Volunteers are needed to assist our Knights of Columbus Fr. Louis A. Rowen Council 3670 with the Fish Fry to be held at Church of the Incarnation on Friday, March 29th. Please contact [koc3670@yahoo.com](mailto:koc3670@yahoo.com) for more details.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, March 17, all students will meet with John Kronstain for a presentation and discussion on the important topic of purity and chastity. We will meet from 12:15-1:45 PM this week to allow enough time for dialogue on this subject. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Next Sunday, March 24, Confirmation students will meet with Jackson Kulick for the final Confirmation session before receiving the sacrament on April 9.

### FIRST SACRAMENTS

The final preparation class prior to the retreat will be this **Sunday, March 17**. This will be an important meeting to summarize the lessons. Please reserve **Saturday, April 27 from 9-12** on your calendar for the First Holy Communion Retreat.

### ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

During Christian Formation classes on Sundays, parents are invited and encouraged to attend the discussion of the Sunday readings for Lent that is open to all parishioners. Alternatively, parents may meet with each other for a time of sharing and fellowship in the open area outside the classrooms. It's a great opportunity to get to know one another and to share challenges and joys of family life.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION: WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS A Lenten Guide on Sunday Mass Readings

Enhance your Lenten experience with a discussion of the Sunday readings and the opportunity to continue to reflect on the Scriptures through the weeks of Lent, **March 10 – April 14, from 9:45-10:45** in the Chapel. See the flyer and sign up on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#### HAITI

Bob Fromm and Anne Knasel arrived in Saltadere last Friday afternoon. They have each been able to make trips to Saltadere over the past 10 years and their reports will be very important for directing our work going forward. Please pray for them and all the people of Saltadere.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee** The next meeting will be held on March 24 at 1:30 PM here at Holy Comforter. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com) or visit [saltadere.org](http://saltadere.org)

#### IMPACT

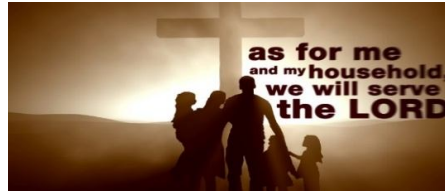
Please plan to attend the **Nehemiah Action on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 PM. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center**. For more information and to obtain tickets, please contact Suzanne Bailey, [slank@ntelos.net](mailto:slank@ntelos.net)

### NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY FORMING!

Members of this ministry will coordinate with our homebound Eucharistic Ministers to identify the needs of our fellow parishioners. If you would like to assist others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, contact Diane Auger Smith [dianeaugersmith@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaugersmith@gmail.com)

From Our Pastor  
**Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.**

**FOR MY BENEFIT, MY FAMILY AND MY CHURCH, I WELCOME AND EMBRACE LENT (Part 3)**



***Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. (Leviticus 20:7-8)***

Since this passage indicates that the people of God are to consecrate themselves, we can see that God also requires action from the people as the deal of the covenant. God explains that the people are to "set themselves apart" by keeping his decrees and following them. This consecration means to set yourself apart unto God. Isn't it wonderful to know that holiness is not achieved by our own strength or striving? Jesus' finished work on the Cross and the New Covenant He established made a way for us to draw near to God. As we do, He draws near to us and imparts of His holiness. Throughout the Bible, in times of crisis or when the Lord's help was uniquely needed, God's people consecrated themselves and sought divine help. To "consecrate" meant to "clean one's heart of sin, to prepare or rededicate oneself to God and His purpose." One who was consecrated was declared "set apart" or acknowledged as "holy unto the Lord." Perhaps the most heartbreaking picture is presented by Joshua as he speaks to Israel on the plains of Jericho. ***"Consecrate yourselves," he proclaimed, "for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Josh 3:5).***

**God desires to do a new thing.** The Lord cautioned His people saying, along this journey of consecration, make space for God to move and lead you as He desires. The Lord may speak to you differently and manifest His love and power in new ways. He'll ask you to take risks and do things you've never done before. ***If you're yielded to Him, the Holy Spirit will guide you on the path to possessing your inheritance. (Isaiah 30:21).*** Whether you are new in the Lord or have walked with Him for many years, God is inviting us into greater depths of consecration. It's time to burn the midnight oil and roll up our sleeves for spiritual things! ***"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow, the Lord will do wonders among you!"*** These two actions -- consecration and the promise of divine help -- represent the one proven strategy offered by God. For this Lent, if I expect a miracle in my life to break away from the bad habit that has stuck with me for a while, then as God's child, I must humble myself and purify my heart. Consecration is the prelude to the power of God to break through.

Yet, you ask, **"Haven't we been in a state of consecration?"** Clearly since the clergy sexual scandal in the church, the entire Catholic Church from top to bottom has been drawing closer to God. Today, a number of Catholics both in America and around the world are engaged in more prayer and fasting than ever. This is an important step as in recent month the Lord has been vividly exposing the church's tolerance of immorality. The Lord promises us that He will be our God and we will be His people. He will dwell in us and walk among us. To access the power of Christ's promise, in which we become the literal dwelling place of God, means we must "touch not the unclean things" offered to us in our society (see 2 Cor 6:16-7:1). Paul tells us, "Having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor 7:1). Perfecting holiness in light of becoming the dwelling of God is the reason for our Lent and objective of consecration. Do we need a renewed sense that we are a people holy unto the Lord?  
***(To be continued...)***

**COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The CRE oversees all Christian Formation programs for children, youth and adults. Applicants should have at least two years of catechetical experience and a college degree in theology/pastoral ministry or education.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F. at

[jlukyajm@hollycomforterparish.org](mailto:jlukyajm@hollycomforterparish.org) by April 1, 2019.