

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/4)

- 8 AM:** MASS
- 3:30 PM:** Dante Discussion Group (*Lower Level*)
- 3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
- 5 PM:** MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (5/5)

Altar Flowers Provided in Loving Memory of Catherine Barrs Floyd, Charles Henry Bourke Floyd, and Barrs Floyd by Carol, Steve, Carrie and Nelson Ham

- 7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation
- 8:30 AM:** Children's MASS and May Crowning
- 9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
- 9:45-10:45 AM:** Adult Formation (*Chapel*)
- 11 AM:** MASS
- 12:15-2 PM:** New Parishioner Welcome Reception (*Lower Level*)
- 12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation
- 1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

MONDAY (5/6)

- 10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry
- 10:30 AM:** Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
- NOON:** MASS

TUESDAY (5/7)

- 7 AM:** MASS
- 10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry
- NOON:** Midday Prayer
- 5:15-9 PM:** Schola Rehearsals

WEDNESDAY (5/8)

- 7 AM:** MASS
- 10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry
- NOON:** Midday Prayer
- NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
- 6:15 PM:** Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
- 7 PM:** Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (5/9)

- 7 AM:** MASS
- NOON:** Midday Prayer
- NOON:** Soup Kitchen
- 6:30 PM:** Reconciliation
- 7 PM:** Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (5/10)

- 8 AM:** MASS
- 8:30 AM-NOON:** Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)
- NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

First Holy Communion will take place at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, May 11. Please be aware that the front pews of the church will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SATURDAY (5/11)

- 8 AM:** MASS
- 3:30 PM:** Dante Discussion Group (*Lower Level*)
- 3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
- 5 PM:** First Communion MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (5/12) MOTHER'S DAY

Altar Flowers Provided in Honor of Dorothy Littley Lilly and all Mothers of the Parish by Mary Frances Lilly

- 7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation
- 8:30 AM:** MASS
- 9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation
- 11 AM:** MASS
- 12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation
- 1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

- 8 AM** President Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)
- 5 PM** In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings (Mirta Lapinell)

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 AM †** Charles Henry Bourke Floyd (Carol Floyd and Steve Ham)
- 11 AM** Kathleen and †John R. Burke, Jr. (Mary Voigt)
- 1:30 PM** Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Tuesday, May 7

- 7 AM** Millielou Blumenfeld (The Blumenfeld Family)

Friday, May 10

- 8 AM †** Jane Till Danilek (Don Danilek)

Saturday, May 11

- 5 PM** First Communicants and Their Families

Sunday, May 12

- 8:30 AM** Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)
- 11 AM** All Mothers of the Parish
- 1:30 PM** Ignatius Blumenfeld (The Blumenfeld Family)



SAINTS TO REMEMBER

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| 5/5 | St. Hilary of Arles |
| 5/6 | St. Eadbert |
| 5/7 | St. John of Beverley |
| 5/8 | St. Peter of Tarantaise |
| 5/9 | St. Pachomius |
| 5/10 | St. Damien of Molokai |
| 5/11 | St. Francis of Girolamo |

GIFTS FROM GOD

APRIL 27 AND 28, 2019

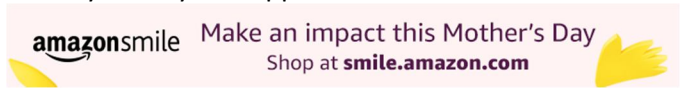
Offertory (plate)	\$4,828
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,416)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next weekend is our monthly collection for Outreach. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

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

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading

John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 23, 1998: Colette Hall and Kelton Flinn

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND
ANNUAL TRI-PARISH WORKSHOP**

SAVE-THE-DATE! May 18, 9 AM-1 PM at Charlottesville Catholic School. The guest speaker is Sister Marie Kerns, a former hospice nurse. Father Joseph Mary will join us for Mass and lunch. Details to follow.

PARISH NEWS

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: Marie Murray, Dan Petruso, 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.

Family and Friends: Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Gustavo Caceres, Kwasi Johnson, Ben Tensley, Randy T. Johnson, Anne Marie Richards, Christy Ackerman, Mary Caretti, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, 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, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3670

The Annual **KOVAR** collection to benefit Virginians with intellectual disabilities, will take place after all Masses on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-26. Please make checks payable to **KOVAR** or the Knights of Columbus Council 3670, and cash will be gladly accepted.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place at the **5:00 Mass on Saturday, May 11.**

ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION

Many thanks to all of our dedicated volunteer catechists who have taught our elementary and high school students this year: Carole and Barry Gajdosik, Ashley Wright, Claire Kallen, Louisa Cahan, Suzanne Bailey, Ron Grider, Liz and Daniel Wetzel, Jackson Kulick. Without their commitment, Holy Comforter's religious education for our children wouldn't happen!

The formal Christian Formation program ends for this school year as of today, May 5. But the opportunity to grow in faith never stops! We look forward to seeing our families at Mass and other parish events this summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Save the Dates!

Plans for Vacation Bible School are currently underway with a brand new format that will focus on sacred art and music, and will target students in middle and elementary school. Mark the week of **June 24-28** on your calendar and watch for further details!

ADULT FORMATION

"MORE SHORT STORIES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ!"

Back by popular demand, this five-week session will feature five more short stories by well-known writers that have a message to challenge and enhance your faith journey. Join us in the chapel from **9:45-10:45 AM on Sundays from May 19 through June 16.** Each story stands alone so you can attend any or all sessions. Sign up in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty.

DANTE DISCUSSION GROUP

We are now reading Dante's "Paradise" - the last and theologically richest part of the Divine Comedy. Please join us Saturdays at 3:30 PM on the lower level. Contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu for more details.

Reviving Intimacy with Christ through Head and Heart: *How the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and the Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins can deepen our faith, calm our burdens, and strengthen our mission of building the Kingdom of God.*

Join Rev. Michael Suarez, SJ, for this public lecture at the Darden Business School, Classroom 50 at **10:00 AM on Saturday, May 11, 2019.**

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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

HAITI

St. Michel Saltadere and Father Petina send Easter greetings to us. Let us rejoice with our brothers and sisters of St. Michel Parish and keep them in our prayers.

St. Michel School relies on funds raised through our student sponsorships. Look for students needing sponsors in the Haiti binder in the Commons. Watch for news on our Sponsorship Fair. Thank you for your generosity.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee Our next meeting will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas on May 26 at 1:30 PM. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller ginyanzeller@gmail.com or visit saltadere.org

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION is looking for a new full-time **Coordinator of Christian Formation** to begin July 1. The Coordinator is responsible for developing, maintaining, and supporting a comprehensive Christian Formation program for preschool and elementary children and formation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Fluency in Spanish is preferred but not required. Contact Father Gregory Kandt, 434-973-4381 or grk@incarnationparish.org.

ENTERING CANAAN - HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

COME and EXPERIENCE THE MERCY of GOD and the support of many others who have suffered because of abortion. Monthly Gatherings of Hope and Healing, as well as all-day retreats are offered for those who have experienced the pain and destruction of abortion in their lives. They offer continued support and healing for women and men dealing with the many negative physical, emotional and spiritual effects of abortion they have endured and also the effects of the abortions of loved ones. The gatherings and retreats are free of charge.

For more information and confidential reservations please contact: Bobbie 540-383-1634, Pam 434-825-6013, or Dave 505-340-5891

From Our Pastor
Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.
Easter Season 2019:
THE MYSTERY OF EASTER SEALS THE NEW COVENANT (Part 3)



“Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.” (Jn.21:13)

Jesus knew the importance of a good meal in the company of friends. Jesus often ate meals with his followers, His disciples, but He also chose to have table fellowship as a setting for acts of compassion, acceptance, and mercy for those who were marginalized or rejected from the community. Through these meals, Jesus demonstrated that more than one's physical needs were being met. A spiritual hunger was being fulfilled as well. On Holy Thursday, Jesus entered into a Passover meal with his disciples on the eve of His death and resurrection and deepened this sacred meal by taking the bread and announcing that this was His body. Then He took a cup of wine and announced that it would be poured out as the new Covenant. It was this experience that Jesus' followers recalled when they encountered the risen Christ. Following His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus made a number of appearances to His followers—no less than ten of these are recorded in Scripture. Beginning on Resurrection Sunday, He **“showed himself alive... by many infallible proofs” (Act.1:3)** and instructed His apostles and many other followers periodically for forty days. He then ascended from Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem, while the apostles watched (Act. 1:9-12). With each resurrection appearance, His followers learned something more about the risen Jesus. In order to make sense of their experience, they started making connections to that moment when He shared the last supper with them and to other scriptures pointing to the Messiah. The disciples formed communities based on the fact that Jesus was alive and in their midst. It is through the writings of Paul, particularly to the Corinthian community, that we have the first clear focus on Eucharist as a binding force of the community of believers. Unity with Jesus by the community is Paul's urgent call, since Jesus in the Eucharist wants to be united to the community. The first existing writing that the Christian church can claim focuses strongly on the unity of Jesus with a community of His followers as they celebrate the Eucharist. It is in the community remembering Jesus' command to take bread and wine that they understand the presence of the risen Christ.

I invite you to ponder seriously these word from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; **“The Eucharist is the living and actual presence of the Risen One who permanently communicates himself in the event of the Passion and, thus, is our life.”** To call ourselves Christian, to call ourselves children of the New Covenant, to call ourselves members of the Body, is to be intimately entwined into Christ's passion as the early disciples did. The Eucharist is that commemoration. It is the reliving of that moment of God intimately united with man, that happy day when man and God entered once again into familial covenant. So we should never forget that every time we take the blood of Jesus at the Eucharistic meal we are renewing our covenant with God, taking on the responsibility of following Jesus to the best of our ability. This is a covenant written on hearts, a covenant of love. Every time we attend Mass, we hear the words, **“Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the Chalice of my Blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”** Drinking from the cup is a powerful reminder that Jesus shed His blood for us from the cross thereby establishing a new covenant of love! *The spirituality of the Eucharist is a spirituality of love encountering the risen Savior. It was given to us out of love, we need to respond in love by taking our responsibilities seriously.*

(To be continued...)