THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (4/6)
8 AM: MASS
3:30 PM: Dante Discussion Group *(Lower Level)*
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (4/7) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Altar Flowers Provided by Jill and Steve Paitsel in Loving Memory of their Parents
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
8:30 AM: Children's MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: *With Jesus to the Cross (Chapel)*
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (4/8)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
10:30-11:45 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group *(Chapel)*
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (4/9)
7 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Midday Prayer
5:15-9 PM: Schola Rehearsals

WEDNESDAY (4/10)
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 (4/11)
7 AM: MASS
NOON: Midday Prayer
NOON: Soup Kitchen
6 PM: DAY OF RECOLLECTION Penitential Service and Adoration *with individual confession*

FRIDAY (4/12) *(Lenten Abstinence Observed)*
8:30 AM-NOON: Regina Coeli *(Lower Level)*
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*
6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

4/7	St. John the Baptist de la Salle
4/8	St. Julia Billiart
4/9	St. Mary Cleophas
4/10	St. Fulbert
4/11	St. Stanislaus
4/12	St. Julius I
4/13	St. Martin I

SATURDAY (4/13)
8 AM: MASS
3:30 PM: Dante Discussion Group *(Lower Level)*
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (4/14) PALM SUNDAY
Altar Flowers Provided by Members of our Parish
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*
9:45-10:45 AM: *With Jesus to the Cross (Chapel)*
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6
8 AM Melissa Luterman (Jill and Steve Paitsel)
5 PM Member of and Visitors to our Parish
Sunday, April 7
8:30 AM ✝David Alfonte (Jeanne and Ed Mickiewicz)
11 AM Member of the Parish
1:30 PM Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)
Monday, April 8
NOON ✝Paul C. Marsh (Margaret Marsh)
Tuesday, April 9
7 AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)
Wednesday, April 10
7 AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)
Thursday, April 11
7 AM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)
Friday, April 12
NOON Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)
Saturday, April 13
5 PM ✝Conrad Isak (Barbara Isak)
Sunday, April 14
8:30 AM ✝Evelyn Marie Berlin (The Petroni-Conaway Family)
11 AM Member of the Parish
1:30 PM Member of and Visitors to our Parish

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE LIGHTHOUSE TALKS
Available in the Commons
The Sacrament of Penance
Speaking on reconciliation, Fr. William Casey, Superior General of the Fathers of Mercy, reminds us that confession, the forgotten Sacrament, is the ordinary means for the forgiveness of mortal sins after baptism and a veritable treasury of graces and spiritual strength for us in our daily struggles against temptation and sin. Discover how this Sacrament can transform your life if you allow it!

GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 30 AND 31, 2019

Offertory (plate)	$4,285
Weekly Offertory Budget	$7,500
Below Weekly Budget	*($3,215)*

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next weekend will be our monthly parish collection for Outreach.

THREE PILLARS OF LENT: *GIVE, PRAY, FAST*

God commands us to be stewards over everything He blesses us with, and Lent is an appropriate time to review our plan for charitable giving.

To simply and consistently put your plan into place, contributions can be scheduled through Online Giving. Donations for weekly Offertory; all Parish Ministries *(Altar Flowers, Christian Formation, Haiti, Justice and Peace, Outreach);* and all Diocesan and National Collections are accepted. Please look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Holy Comforter Parish Target: $22,740
March 28 Parish Donor Report: $5,010

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Gospel at the Procession with Palms
Luke 19:28-40
Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7
The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11
Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading
Luke 22:14—23:56
From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

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: 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.

Friends and Relatives: Ben Tensley, 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, 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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join us every Wednesday during Lent in the Chapel as we are alternate between the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Divine Chaplet. Next week we will offer a Rosary for Life to prepare for The Walk 4 Life on April 13. Please join us.

FR. LOUIS A. ROWEN COUNCIL 3670

Come work with us once a month during Fridays After Five. For details or to volunteer, please contact koc3670@yahoo.com. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 PM on April 15 at Church of the Incarnation. We begin with the Holy Rosary and will be nominating officers. Join us. Refreshments will be served.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

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. Please keep Father Petina and our twin parish in your prayers.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com or visit saltadere.org

ANNUAL PCCV BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your support of the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia. Donations (with or without bottles!) may be deposited in the specially marked collection box in the commons through the weekend of April 13-14. Thank you to everyone!!!

INTERFAITH MOVEMENT PROMOTING ACTION by CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER

Please join the Holy Comforter IMPACT Team, including Les Berlin, Bridget Davis, Chuck McCurdy, Denise Zito, and Suzanne Bailey, at the **Nehemiah Action on Thursday, April 11th from 6:30-8 PM. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center.** This continues to be the largest public meeting in Charlottesville, with 1,000 people in attendance! Rides are being offered and tickets are available from team members (slank@ntelos.net) and at the IMPACT display in the Commons. *Since this conflicts with our Lenten Penitential Service, please make an alternative plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: *WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS*

Our series continues through next weekend from 9:45-10:45 in the Chapel. See the flyer on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

CONFIRMATION IS APRIL 9

Please pray for our students who will receive the sacrament: Jack Colavincenzo, Andrew Lamb, Alex Paget-Brown, and Athena Vanyo.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

Confirmation students will meet at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra for Confirmation practice at 1 PM. Other high school students will NOT meet. Next Sunday, April 14, all students will do a service project. Please watch for an email with specific details.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

A reminder that the First Sacraments retreat will take place on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Parents, please be sure that your child takes part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION RECRUITMENT FAIR

Parents and others who did not have an opportunity to participate in the Christian Formation Recruitment fair may do so during the religious education classes this Sunday, April 7 on the lower level. Catechists for the 2019-20 school year are needed and other family opportunities are available.

Please join our Minister of Music for **Midday Prayer** at Noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

PROJECT PRAYER PARTNER: Lent 2019

"Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, I am in the midst of them." These words of Jesus remind us that there is power in praying together! This Lent, you can identify another parishioner who can help you maintain your spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and with whom to share your personal prayers. Find a partner to pray with and for you by completing the sign-up sheet on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

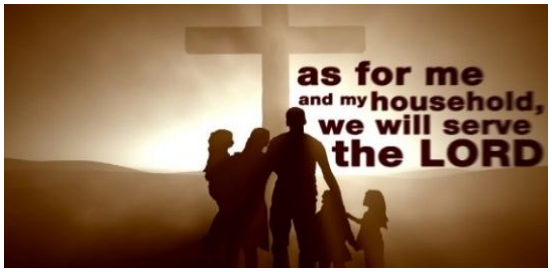
Offered every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM and on Good Friday at 3 PM. Please sign up in the commons to serve as a cross or candle bearer. For more information, call Jim Morrisard 434.973.6570.

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.

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

FOR MY BENEFIT, MY FAMILY AND MY CHURCH, I WELCOME AND EMBRACE LENT *(Part 6)*



"Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine." (Ex. 19:5)

We must be made new, fresh--sometimes every day. We must then renew over and over again, our intimate relationship with our God and we can continue to be God's people, living in community with one another, signified by our communion in the Holy Eucharist, the covenant of everlasting love.

Just as the Old Covenant was supported by the Ten Commandments, the New Covenant is supported by the New Law revealed by Christ, particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. This new and final covenant between God and his people is established by Christ through his Passion and resurrection. So how does this happen? It happens when we receive the Eucharist! This New Covenant continues to be written upon our hearts anew whenever we receive the Eucharist worthily. Why? Because Jesus is the Law incarnate, the Law made flesh. Therefore, when we eat his body and drink his blood, we literally take the law into our hearts. As mysterious as it may sound, the New Covenant is both a historical event that took place on the cross and a sacrament of grace that transcends time and place. It is true that the sacrifice of Jesus will never be repeated. It happened once, for all time (Hebrews 10:14). And yet Jesus told us to relive this sacrifice every time we celebrate the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:24). As Mary once did, we too may want to ask the Lord, "**How can this be?"** (Luke 1:34). Perhaps the words of one of the Fathers of the Church can help us here. *St. John Damascene once wrote, "You ask how the bread can become the Body of Christ and the wine… the Blood of Christ. I shall tell you: the Holy Spirit comes upon them and accomplishes what surpasses every word and thought… Let it be enough for you to understand that it is by the Holy Spirit that the Lord, through and in himself, took flesh" (An Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, 4.13).* As John of Damascene acknowledged, we may never understand the mystery of the Eucharist. But neither should we let that stop us from receiving its blessings. Perhaps it is enough for us simply to know that Jesus has told us **to do this in memory of him**. Perhaps it is enough to believe that eating and drinking of the Lord can have an undeniably life-changing impact upon us. In John's gospel, Jesus himself urges us to receive him in the Eucharist and makes it crystal clear how essential this communion is for the Christian when he says "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." (Jn.6:53). As we faithfully keep this covenant, we also receive courage and strength to help us bear one another's burdens. The Savior said, "**By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another**." (Jn. 13: 35).

In the spirit of renewing your covenant with the Lord, think how you can stay in the moment and stay focused on doing the work that will make you a better person in your relationship with God during this Lent. God is always looking for the righteous — people who trust in Him, who obey His words, and who truly love Him and want to live in relationship with Him. How are you working on these virtues and habits this Lent? God also looks for humble people. What ways can you humble yourself in the next few days before Easter? Consider to explore more about the virtue of humility. God constantly offers Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. Once we receive Him, we get the chance to share His love with the world. How do you do this during this season? In the desert, Jesus suffered physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. In what ways are you suffering this Lent? *Lord, I trust you with my life. I renew that covenant that I already have with you through my baptism**. (To be continued…)***