THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/25)

8 AM MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (1/26)

Altar Flowers Donated in Loving Memory of Joseph

Mackey by the Mackey Family

7 AM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (Lower Level)

9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (CRE Office)

11 AM: MASS

12:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (1/27)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS TUESDAY (1/28) 7 AM: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer

4:30 PM: Youth Schola Rehearsal (Lower Level)

6 PM: Women's Schola Rehearsal (*Loft*) **7 PM:** Men's Schola Rehearsal (*Loft*)

WEDNESDAY (1/29)

7 AM: MASS

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer NOON: AA Meeting (Lower Level) 7 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

7:30 PM: Confraternity of St. Joseph (Lower Level)

THURSDAY (1/30)

7 AM: MASS

NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)* **7 PM:** Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (1/31)

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (Lower Level)

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

Laura Debuck Clarissa Hull

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

They are available in the office and in the Commons.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/2/1965 Jeanne and John Chamales

SATURDAY (2/1)

8 AM MASS (Followed by a First Five Saturdays

Devotion Presentation in the Chapel)

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (2/2)

Altar Flowers Provided by Therese and Norm Auger

7 AM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (Lower Level)

9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (CRE Office)

11 AM: MASS

2:30 PM: Latin MASS (PLEASE NOTE THIS

SCHEDULE CHANGE)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 25

8 AM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

5 PM †Suzanne and †Jack Fulton (Fellow

Parishioners)

Sunday, January 26

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM President Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)

1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Monday, January 27

NOON Special Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

Tuesday, January 28

7 AM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

Wednesday, January 29

7 AM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

Thursday, January 30

7 AM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

Friday, January 31

NOON Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

Saturday, February 1

8 AM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

5 PM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM Catherine and Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish



GIFTS FROM GOD

JANUARY 18-19, 2020

Offertory (plate)	\$4,118
Weekly Offertory Budget	(<u>\$7,500)</u>
Above Weekly Budget	<i>\$3,382</i>

\$1,436 **RESPECT LIFE (**Plate)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

We will accept contributions for Outreach the weekend of February 8 & 9.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

We are so very grateful for a gift received from a parishioner that will provide all altar breads and sacramental wine for our Masses celebrated during 2020. These were provided "in Thanksgiving to God for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist." Thank you!

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord you seek will come to the temple.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

The Lord is the king of glory.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14–18

Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

	SAINTS TO REMEMBER
1/25	Conversion of Saint Paul
1/26	Saints Timothy and Titus
1/27	Saint Angela Merici
1/28	Saint Thomas Aquinas
1/29	Servent of God Brother Juniper
1/30	Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska
1/31	Saint John Bosco
2/1	Saint Ansgar
2/2	Presentation of the Lord

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

†Suzanne Fulton

† Jack Fulton

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us if you would like a name added to or removed from this

office@holycomforterparish.org.

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: Eileen and Al Bracuti, Phillip Carr, Maureen Clark, John Eros, Richard Fagan, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Mary Griffin, Colette Hall, Ruth Henahan, Pam Heron, Michael Ludgate, Theresa Lynch, Kitty Moore, Jim Morrisard, Marie and Joe Murray, Dan Petruso, Shawn Simpson-Smith.

Family and Friends: Kathleen Gough, Gordon Brookman, Elizabeth Leverage Hilles, Lucien Garo, Felicia Anderson, Leroy Anderson, Maryjane Fuller, Gayle Christensen, Dorothy Lilly, Raymond Painley, Michelle Edwards, Fran Cannon Slayton, Barbara Lachance, Mike Charlie, 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, Christy Ackerman, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, 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, Mr. Kosh, 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, Brian Driscoll, Aimee Nyiramugisha.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

LOW GLUTEN ALTAR BREAD

Holy Comforter offers low gluten hosts that have been fully approved by the Holy See for use in any Catholic Mass. Every host is individually packaged to prevent cross contamination. Please notify an usher if you require this option.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Father Brian Capuano is pastor of Saint Joseph, Petersburg and Vicar of Vocations. He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University; St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore; and the School of Canon Law, Catholic University of America. He was ordained a priest by Bishop DiLorenzo in 2011.

Father Nick Redmond is parochial vicar of Saint Joseph, Petersburg and Associate Director & Promoter of Vocation. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (bachelor's and master's degrees) and Theological College, Catholic University. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Knestout in 2018.

DIOCESE BICENTENNIAL PRAYER

Father of lights,

the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases

more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Imprimatur:

+Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us in the Chapel next Saturday morning, February 1, after the 8 AM Mass. Patricia McAdams will make a short presentation about how we can make reparation together to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and help Our Lady spread grace, peace and healing throughout all the world.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST?

Your opportunity has arrived! Substitute CF catechists are needed! If interested in supporting our wonderful Holy Comforter Parish in this very special way, please contact Melinda Wells, cre@holycomforterparish.org 434 295-6559

ESSAYS AND SACRAMENTS GROUP

Join us for an eight-week discussion of the wonders and mysteries of the seven sacraments, using personal essays by prominent Catholic writers as inspiration. The group will meet on Sundays, between the morning Masses, from February 2 to March 22. Additional details and a sign-up sheet can be found on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

SINGLE ADULTS GROUP

Become a part of vibrant group of single adults encouraging each other on the path to sainthood! Signup sheet is on the Christian Formation table in the Commons Area. For more information, or to join please contact Melinda Wells, cre@holycomforterparish.org

BIBLE BASICS FOR CATHOLICS

A great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith through studying the Bible! FATHER JOSEPH MARY will be teaching. The class begins Sunday, February 9, 9:45-10:45 on the lower level. Please join us!

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are now accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year at Charlottesville Catholic School. An Open House will be held, in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 PM. We invite you to drop in and witness just how CCS nurtures students' God-given gifts, instilling acceptance, respect and compassion; preparing students to be advocates, leaders and stewards; producing collaborators, achievers and creators, to make a difference in our world. CCS serves

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

students in Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade.

HAITI

St. Michel School and Clinic: Thank you for your support. Please keep the teachers, students and staff members in your prayers.

Visit to Saltadere! Plans are being made for travel to our twin parish in March. Please keep our travelers in your prayers.

Volunteer Needs: Webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing, publicity and help planning our golf outing. For more information please contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com or join us at today's committee meeting.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be March 29 at 1:30 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas All are welcome. Visit www.saltadere.org

FROM THE PASTOR Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

I WALK WITH JESUS (Part 1)



"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him." (Col. 2:6)

"It is so sweet to walk with Jesus, Step by step and day by day; Stepping in His very footprints, Walking with Him all the way" (By Albert Benjamin). Our Mother Church, during this liturgical season, known as the "Ordinary time" is calling us to grow closer to Jesus through his teachings and miracles — just as his disciples did. We follow the Baby Jesus from the manger to his circumcision and baptism, and hear the Father declare that; "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased listen to Him." If you had lived in Galilee when Jesus walked its dusty roads, would you have followed Him? Would you have listened to His parables? Would you have believed in his miracles?

Ordinary Time presents us with the extraordinary opportunity to meet Jesus as the first apostles and disciples met him. It challenges us to determine if we really believe this preacher is the Son of God. We hear our Lord's teachings and parables. We see His many miracles. We watch the people who knew Him struggling to understand. And through it all, we, too, must decide whether we are true followers of this extraordinary man or just curious bystanders, and we are pushed into making a choice. God does that on purpose. As He first reveals Himself among His people, He says; "Look, today I have set before your life and death, depending on whether you obey or disobey. I have commanded you today to love the Lord your God and to follow his paths and to keep his laws, so that you will live ..., and so that the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to possess. But if your hearts turn away and you won't listen--if you are drawn away to worship other gods-- then I declare to you this day that you shall surely perish; you will not have a long, good life in the land you are going in to possess. "I call heaven and earth to witness against you that today I have set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Oh, that you would choose life; that you and your children might live! Choose to love the Lord your God and to obey Him and to cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days. You will then be able to live safely in the land the Lord promised..." (Deut 30:15-20)

God has set each one of us on a path, and in a sense, we walk it alone. Recall the old song that illustrates this fact. "You gotta walk that lonesome valley. You gotta walk it by yourself. Nobody else can walk it for you. You gotta walk it by yourself."

Frankly, walking alone is very scary - at least all the time. When I was little, I liked to walk with my Dad. He was big and strong, and I felt protected and safe in any situation when my hand was in his. When I got a little older, I liked to hike with my scout buddies. It was fun to share adventure with a friend. And together we conquered the highest and lowest spots of the country. When I got a little older still, I found interesting to be in the company of others, especially those with whom I share my faith but most of all I like to walk with Jesus, sharing my ups and downs with him and in the process I explore who He is and the power of his love. My invitation is let us listen to Him as we walk with Him. (To be continued...)