

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**SATURDAY (1/11)**

8 AM MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (1/12)***Altar Flowers Provided in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Severin, Jr. by Richard Severin*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 (1/13)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

**TUESDAY (1/14)**

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 (1/15)**

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 (1/16)**

7 AM: MASS

NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

7 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

**FRIDAY (1/17)**

NOON: MASS

9 AM-NOON: Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)**SATURDAY (1/18)**

8 AM MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (1/19)***Altar Flower Donations Gladly Accepted*7 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: IMPACT Meeting (*Lower Level*)

11 AM: MASS

12:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

1:30 PM: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee (*Lower Level*)**MONDAY (1/20) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Parish***Offices Closed Today*

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

5 PM †Tripp Kaufman (Anonymous)

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM †Hunter Lang (Annie and Tom Tromey)

11 AM Maureen and †Edward Bradley (The Davis Family)

1:30 PM †James Lillis (Patricia McAdams)

Saturday, January 18

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM †John Valloric (Sylvia Valloric)

11 AM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

1:30 PM President Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)

Monday, January 13

NOON In Honor of Dennis Dougherty (The Dougherty Family)

## SAINTS TO REMEMBER

1/11	Blessed William Carter
1/12	Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
1/13	Saint Hilary of Poitiers
1/14	Saint Gregory Nazianzen
1/15	Saint Paul the Hermit
1/16	Saint Berard and Companions
1/17	Saint Anthony of Egypt
1/18	Saint Charles of Sezze
1/19	Saint Fabian

**HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE**

Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the T, T-Coil or Telephone position. For additional assistance, please ask one of our ushers.

## GIFTS FROM GOD

**JANUARY 4-5, 2020**

Offertory (plate)	\$4,661
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	(\$2,839)

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Offertory (plate)	\$4,117
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**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

We will accept contributions for our Outreach Ministry this weekend.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, ***Holy Comforter depends on your regular contributions.*** We appreciate the efforts of parishioners who make consistent donations throughout the year, even during inclement weather and vacation travel. Online Giving is a safe and secure option for setting up regular contributions. Follow the link on our website [holyccomforterparish.org](http://holyccomforterparish.org) to get started! Thank you.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10*

God desires obedience.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 1:29-34*

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

**PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

1/2/1965 Jeanne and John Chamales

**WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!**

Victoria and John Dougherty and Family  
 Michael Durham

**PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS**

They are available in the office and in the Commons.

## PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kindly notify us at  
[office@holyccomforterparish.org](mailto:office@holyccomforterparish.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:** 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

*May They Rest in the Peace of Christ*

†Suzanne Fulton

†Jack Fulton

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**REMINDER! CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD NEXT WEEKEND!!** In observance of our local school holiday, classes will resume January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION** is meeting this Sunday January 12, 9:45-10:45 PM on the lower level.

### 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](mailto: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!** Sign-up sheet is on the Christian Formation table in the Commons Area. For more information, or to join please contact Melinda Wells, [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org)

### CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment for the 2020-21 school year at Charlottesville Catholic School is now open. CCS serves students in Junior Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information or to apply, visit [www.cvillcatholic.org](http://www.cvillcatholic.org), call 434-964-0400, or email [admissions@cvillcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@cvillcatholic.org)

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#### HAITI

**St. Michel School:** The students have returned to school and are grateful for the support of their sponsors. Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers.

**St. Michel Clinic:** They have welcomed a new medical director, Dr. St. Fleur Bodson.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The next meeting will be at 1:30 PM on January 19 here at Holy Comforter. All are welcome. For more information on getting involved in this ministry, please contact Ginny Zeller [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com) or visit [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)

### OUTREACH

Holy Comforter gratefully acknowledges receipt of a \$2,500 grant from the Diocese of Richmond's "Fuel and Hunger" program. The grant comprises roughly 10% of Outreach expenditures, excluding salaries, for the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry during the calendar year. The balance—more than \$22,000 last fiscal year—of the Outreach food budget comes from parishioners who stuff the envelope for the special collection every second Sunday. Thank you Diocese, thank you parishioners, for enabling Outreach to feed more than 16,000 people per year out of the Holy Comforter basement.

### IMPACT

Please come to a meeting on Sunday, January 19 between the Masses in the basement. There will be updates on the research being gathered on IMPACT's new issue (problems facing undocumented immigrants, particularly the inability to obtain a driver's license) and on its ongoing issue (affordable housing) AND we will discuss what we need to do to get 60 parishioners (counting ourselves) to attend the Nehemiah Action in the spring.

### 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

Celebrating  
14  
Years of Faith  
in Charlottesville  
1880-2020



**FROM THE PASTOR****Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.****THE POWER OF BABY JESUS****(Part 2)**

***“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’” (Mt. 28:18)***

**“Sustaining all things by his powerful word.”** (Heb. 1:3). A recent issue of U.S. News and World Report says that the United States will soon launch a space station into orbit in an attempt to define gravity. That’s an interesting thought. We’ve known what gravity is for hundreds of years, but we don’t know how it works and we really don’t know what it is or where it comes from. There is a vast movement in science today seeking to discover what makes the universe hold together. What is the power behind the power behind the power? What makes the universe hold together? Our faith tells us that Jesus Christ is the power behind all power. He holds the universe in place by his powerful word. Even now Jesus is “sustaining” the whole universe. All things hold together in him and for him and by him. His power is greater than nuclear power and his force is mightier than the mystical Force of the Star Wars movies. His might is mightier than the might of all the mighty men on earth.

***Think of about that!*** Were he to say the word, all the “powerful of this world”, would be no more. Just a word and we would all perish. Do you realize that if Jesus stopped thinking about you, you would cease to exist? You owe your next breath to the fact that Jesus Christ is thinking about you. He sustains you so that you can breathe. Without him, you would not be reading these words. For: ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (Jn. 1:1-5)*** It is ironic to consider that even atheists must use the power he provides to deny his very existence. They owe their existence to the One they so vigorously deny. Jesus is the nucleus of creation and “the glue of the galaxies;” The Heir of All Things; The Creator of the Universe; The Exact Representation of God’s Nature; The Sustainer of All Things; Our Savior. Then somebody said this about baby Jesus: ***“To the architect he is the chief cornerstone. To the banker he is the hidden treasure. To the baker he is the living bread. To the builder he is the sure foundation. To the doctor he is the great physician. To the educator he is the master teacher. To the farmer he is the Lord of the harvest. To the florist he is the lily of the valley “***

Oh my! What a power he holds! Let me encourage you to think carefully about who Jesus really is. Check it out for yourself! Take the time to check things out. Read the New Testament. Make an effort to be focused on him. But whatever you do, don’t be casual about Christ. What you believe about the Baby of Bethlehem is a life and death matter with eternal implications. ***(To be continued...)***