

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**SATURDAY (2/1)**

8 AM MASS *(Followed by a Five First Saturdays Devotion Presentation in the Chapel)*

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY – 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

MONDAY (2/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (2/4)

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 (2/5)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Communion Service PLEASE NOTE THIS SCHEDULE CHANGE

NOON: AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal *(Loft)*

THURSDAY (2/6)

7 AM: MASS

NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*

7 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (2/7)

9 AM: MASS

NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 – 8:00 PM First Friday Mass and Adoration

SATURDAY (2/8)

8 AM MASS

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

5 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (2/9)

Altar Flowers Provided by Jill and Steve Paitzel in

Loving Memory of Matthew Albach

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

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 1**

8 AM Joseph Stanley (The Blumenfeld Family)

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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

Monday, February 3

NOON Sam Young and Steve Walls (Emery Young)

Tuesday, February 4

7 AM Libby Handy (Lauren O'Neal)

Wednesday, February 5

NOON Communion Service

Thursday, February 6

7 AM Alyssa Swearingen (Lauren O'Neal)

Friday, February 7

6:30 PM †Martha and †Raymond Melancon (Vinklerek Family)

Saturday, February 8

8 AM †Laura and †Wilson Melancon (Vinklerek Family)

5 PM Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)

1:30 PM †Donna Kauffman (Margaret Marsh)

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We will be producing a Parish Photo Directory! Please follow the link on our website www.holycomforterparish.org to schedule your appointment. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo!!



Celebrating
14
Years of Faith
in Charlottesville
1880-2020



GIFTS FROM GOD

JANUARY 25-26, 2020

Offertory (plate)	\$4,135
Offertory (plate)	\$2,288
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$1,077</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

We will accept contributions for Outreach next weekend.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Knights of Columbus Council 3670

On behalf of Holy Comforter Parish, I thank you for responding to our need for new stoves for the Outreach kitchen. This purchase was unexpected and your gift of \$500 enables us to fulfill our promise to the community of providing food to those in need. May God bless you abundantly.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:4-9

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Messiah.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

2/1	Saint Ansgar
2/2	Presentation of the Lord
2/3	Saint Blaise
2/4	Saint Joseph of Leonissa
2/5	Saint Agatha
2/6	Saint Paul Miki and Companions
2/7	Saint Colette
2/8	Saint Josephine Bakhita

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



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: Randall Saathoff, Trevor Joscelyne, 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

Matthew Schrank, Benjamin Schrank, Joseph Schrank, Elijah Schrank, 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 COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 21-23, 2020 in VIRGINIA BEACH, VA and Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: renewmarriage-vasouth.org

WOMEN LENTEN RETREAT

A Women's Lenten Retreat: *"The Gift of Womanhood"* - Women of all ages are invited to join the **Sisters of Life** for a 1-day Women's Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Staunton, on Saturday, March 7th. Take time to encounter the love, peace, and mercy of Jesus Christ in a new way. The retreat will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. and includes conferences by the Sisters of Life, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for confession. The registration fee is \$12.00, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please register by March 1st at stfrancisparish.org/retreatreg

"We believe that every person's life has deep meaning, purpose and worth. In fact, we give our lives for that truth."
- The Sisters of Life

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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@holyccomforterparish.org 434 295-6559

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@holyccomforterparish.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!

First Sacraments Mandatory Parents Meeting is TODAY after the 8:30 Mass in the Chapel. Children will attend their Christian Formation Class.

The Essays and Sacraments discussion group starts TODAY. 9:45-10:45am in the lower level. An eight week discussion on the wonders and mysteries of the seven sacraments, using personal essays by prominent Catholic writers as inspiration. Please see the Christian Formation Table in the Commons for the sign-up sheet and additional details.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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St. Michel School and Clinic: Several parishioners will visit in March to get updates, pictures and reports. Thank you for your support. Please keep teachers and students in your prayers.

Volunteer Needs: Help is needed with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. See contacts below. Plans for a golf outing are underway. To help, please contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com

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

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be March 29 at 1:30 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas All are welcome. Visit info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site

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.

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+Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of Richmond

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

I WALK WITH JESUS (Part 2)



“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Mt. 11:28-30)

One of the most discouraging and depressing places to be is tired AND alone. Most of us have been in that position at one time or another in our life journey. We are overwhelmed by life and by our circumstances. We are drowning and there is no one to throw us a life preserver. In these situations, Jesus comes to us and invites us to lay our burdens down on him! What a beautiful invitation from Jesus! The above passage is worth reading over and over and memorizing so that it can easily be reflected upon during those more difficult moments in life. We have those moments when we feel overwhelmed and burdened. We could be burdened by some tragedy in life, or it could be we are burdened by the small and monotonous aspects of life.

As we walk with Jesus, we are bound to experience his compassion and witness him healing those who are ill. Matthew points out that; ***“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.” (Mt. 4:23)*** However, one of the greatest daily burdens is that of our own sin. Whatever the case may be, Jesus wants us to hear and believe these words: *“Come to me...”* He says. *“Come to me no matter what is going on in your life. Come to me without hesitation and without fear.”* When walking with the Lord you will grow in your awareness of sin in your life and your need for a Savior. More and more we will grow in hatred for our sins and want to rid our lives of them. More and more we will confess and forsake our sins. We can’t walk with the Lord if we’re living in darkness. You can’t have God and evil. St. John remind us this: ***“If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth. But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 Jn. 1:6)*** Does it mean that walking with Jesus will remove all hardship from our lives? No, not really. What it means is that coming to Jesus will enable us to endure and walk through any hardship we encounter in life.

We should always remember that the Son of God came and took on our human nature and all that goes along with being human. And though He never sinned, He allowed Himself to experience the effects of sin and the burden it imposes. So as God, He is able to look us in the eye and tell us that He understands our hardships because He lived them. He lived them out of love for us so that He could help us endure, joyfully, all we face in life.

Let us appreciate this gentle and glorious invitation from Jesus. Let Him enter into whatever it is that burdens you. Let Him carry your heavy yoke and take the gentle yoke He has prepared for you. It is time to surrender your life to Jesus as you continue this journey with Him. (To be continued...)