

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**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 Paitsel in 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**12:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS**MONDAY (2/10)****10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry**NOON:** MASS**TUESDAY (2/11)****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 (2/12)****7 AM:** MASS**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)**7 PM:** Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)**THURSDAY (2/13)****7 AM:** MASS**NOON:** Angelus and Midday Prayer**NOON:** Soup Kitchen**FRIDAY (2/14)****NOON:** MASS**SATURDAY (2/15)****8 AM:** MASS**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**5 PM:** Sunday Vigil MASS**SUNDAY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (2/16)*****Altar Flowers Provided In Loving Memory of Renzo Petroni by Gina Petroni and Mark Conaway*****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**MASS INTENTIONS****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)**Monday, February 10****NOON** †Amy Wilson (Melinda Wells)**Tuesday, February 11****7 AM** Claire O'Neill (Lauren O'Neill)**Wednesday, February 12****7 AM** Conversion of Sinners (Lauren O'Neill)**Thursday, February 13****7 AM** Victims of Abuse (Lauren O'Neill)**Friday, February 14****NOON** Special Intention (Mary Frances Lily)**Saturday, February 15****8 AM** Reparation for Sin to the Sacred Heart for America (Lauren O'Neill)**5 PM** Randolph Murkette**Sunday, February 9****8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving for Fr. Michael Suarez**11 AM** Members of the Parish**1:30 PM** Katherine Huber (Patricia McAdams)**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

2/9	Saint Jerome Emiliani
2/10	Saint Scholastica
2/11	Our Lady of Lourdes
2/12	Saint Apollonia
2/13	Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph
2/14	Saints Cyril and Methodius
2/15	Saint Claude de la Colombière
2/16	Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

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 be given a complimentary 8x10 photo.



GIFTS FROM GOD

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2020

Offertory (plate)	\$4,055
Offertory (other)	\$1,200
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,245)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

We will accept contributions for Outreach this weekend.

AMAZON SMILE

Will you be our Valentine? Shop at smile.amazon.com and AmazonSmile donates to Holy Comforter Catholic Church at no cost to you!



**2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN
APPEAL**
Building Our Family of Faith

The 2020 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Advancing Social Ministries, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. These funds supported the renovation of our Sanctuary as well as projects undertaken for our 140th anniversary.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 15:15–20

The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:1–2,4–5, 17–18,33–34

Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6–10

God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17–37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.



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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling All Cursillistas!! We are holding a workshop for all who have attended a Cursillo, entitled "Deeper Dive," on Saturday, February 29th, 8:30am-4:00, at the Stone Chapel of Incarnation Parish. This is a free event (coffee and bagels breakfast and full lunch provided) to provide Leadership Training for those discerning a leadership (Team) role AND to take a deeper look into the Cursillo Weekend and subsequent 4th Day. Please RSVP by February 22nd at valleycursillo@gmail.com.

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@holycomforterparish.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@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 TODAY, Sunday, February 9, 9:45-10:45 on the lower level. Please join us!

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

HAITI

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

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

OUTREACH

Thank you for continued donations to Outreach at Holy Comforter. During the month of January, the Food Pantry provided food bags to 224 households and the Soup Kitchen served 855 meals. Your supported is appreciated!

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 3)



“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (Jn. 10:27).

Have you ever heard the voice of Jesus? I am convinced that we are too easily distracted in the rush of this modern world in which we live. There are so many choices. There are so many distractions all demanding our time and our attention. Sadly, it seems that we only hear what we want to hear, and we often completely tune out the voice of the one we call our Lord and Master. We do not take time to hear His voice. Maybe we do not really have as trusting a relationship with Jesus as we may think we have. How much time do you set aside for the one you call your Savior? How much time do you spend with the one you call Lord? **Do you hear his voice?** Are you tuned in so you will hear his voice? Psalm 46:10 encourages us to be still, let go, cease striving, and know that He is God. In Psalm 37:7 we are called to “be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” There is a deep inner knowing in our spirits that each of us can experience when we quiet our flesh and our minds. Practicing the art of biblical meditation helps silence the outer noise and distractions demanding our attention. If I fix my eyes upon Jesus (Heb. 12:2), the intuitive flow comes from Jesus. But if I fix my gaze upon some desire of my heart, the intuitive flow comes out of that desire. If you are not hearing the Lord's voice, then you are probably not walking with eyes and heart fixed on him! The shepherd's voice is distinct to his sheep. It cannot be duplicated or mimicked. In other words, if another shepherd attempts to signal sheep that do not belong to him, they will not respond well. Similarly, we as Catholic -Christians are the “sheep” that *should* hear the voice of our shepherd Jesus Christ. **Can you hear the voice of Christ?** In fact, are you even listening? Many of the problems and trials that we face in our lives could be avoided if we listen to the voice of our shepherd, Jesus. So, what does it mean to “**hear the voice of Christ?**”

First and foremost, many of the Saints of the Holy Church have heard the actual voice of Christ, in prayer, events, visions and revelations. This might not be something we ever experience in our lives because we are attentive to our computer, news of the day, video games and movies of our superstars! To hear the actual voice of Christ takes some intentional attentiveness. Therefore, it *should not* be an immediate expectation for any Christian. However, each Christian (from my experience) has the ability to hear the voice of Christ in the following ways: 1) a peaceful feeling within the heart of a particular situation or circumstance 2) using our reasonable and intellectual capabilities to make decisions in life 3) seeking an orthodox Priest for counsel and confession 4) realizing that God puts barriers in our life for a reason.

We have all heard of the “gut” feeling. Even though the gut feeling cannot be proven, it is tied to our natural instincts. For a Christian, when we follow the Ten Commandments, pray, and fast on a regular bases, this instills in us an instinctive feeling on what is right and wrong. In other words, our “spiritual antennas” are up and running well. We know when something is not good for our spiritual life. Therefore, the voice of Christ is a sort of non-audible voice that can be felt in our hearts (*to be continued...*)