

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**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**12:15 PM:** Works of Mercy Ministry Meeting**12:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS**MONDAY (2/17)****PRESIDENTS DAY:** Office Closed**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry**NOON:** MASS**TUESDAY (2/18)****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 (2/19)****7 AM:** MASS**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)**7 PM:** Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)**THURSDAY (2/20)****7 AM:** MASS**NOON:** Angelus and Midday Prayer**NOON:** Soup Kitchen**5:30 – 6:45 PM:** Divine Comedy Study-LL**6:30 PM:** Confession/Holy Hour & Adoration**FRIDAY (2/21)****9 AM:** Regina Coeli Homeschoolers - (12:45
Celebration Lower Level)**10 AM:** Ukelele Class – (*Chapel*)**NOON:** MASS**NOON - 1:00 PM:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

EUCARISTICK MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND - We are a small group of Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to elderly, sick, or handicapped parishioners who cannot attend Mass. We visit weekly in homes and facilities. This is a powerful ministry to share the Eucharist. Please consider helping! Contact Barbara Rainville consultrainville@aol.com or 434-409-7399

SATURDAY (2/22)**8 AM** MASS**10 AM-1 PM:** Retreat for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers (*Sanctuary and Kitchen*)**3:3-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**3:30-4:45 PM:** Mysticism of the Self Study (*Lower Level*)**5 PM:** Sunday Vigil MASS**SUNDAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****(2/23) Altar Flowers Provided In Loving Memory of Evelyn Berlin by Cynthia and Les Berlin****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**12:15 AM:** Sacristan Luncheon**12:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS**MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 15**8 AM** Reparation for sin to the Sacred Heart and for Americal (Lauren O'Neill)**5 PM** Randolph MurketteSunday, February 16**8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving for Father Michael Suarez**11 AM** Members of the Parish**1:30 PM** Katherine Huber (Patricia McAdams)Monday, February 17**NOON** Patrick McAdams & Family (Patricia McAdams)Tuesday, February 18**7 AM** Michael McAdams & Family (Patricia McAdams)Wednesday, February 19**7 AM** Josh McAdams & Family (Patricia McAdams)Thursday, February 20**7 AM** Mary Wade & Family (Patricia McAdams)Friday, February 21**NOON** †Gregg Pease (Anna Stelow)Saturday, February 22**8 AM** †Len Hofland (Margaret Marsh)**5 PM** †Gene Corrigan (Matt Quatrara)Sunday, February 23**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish**11 AM** †William Beard (Brian & Darlene Beard)**1:30 PM** †Joseph Maroon (Patricia McAdams)

Celebrating
140
Years of Faith
in Charlottesville
1880-2020

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

2/15	Saint Claude de la Colomb
2/16	Saint Gilbert of Sempringham
2/17	Seven Founders of the Servite Order
2/18	Blessed John of Fiesole
2/19	Saint Conrad of Piacenza
2/20	Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto
2/21	Saint Peter Damian
2/22	Chair of Saint Peter
2/23	Saint Polycarp

GIFTS FROM GOD

February 8-9, 2020

Offertory (plate)	\$4,466.37
Offertory (online)	\$3,953.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500.00)
Above Weekly Budget	\$919.37

Outreach (plate and online)	\$1,931.00
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**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. This year, our share will be used to support Christian Formation and Evangelization!

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

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@hollycomforterparish.org.

To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

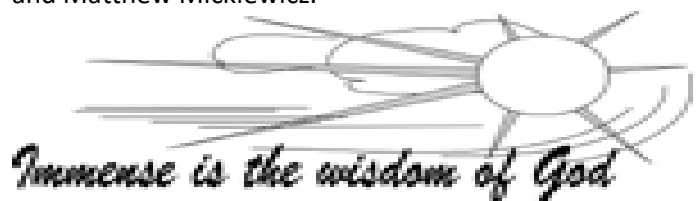
THE ILL & HOME BOUND

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: Joan Littley Clark, Virginia Cooper, 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.



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, 434.295.6559 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 next class is Sunday, February 23, 9:45-10:45am on the lower level. Please join us!

THE ESSAYS AND SACRAMENTS discussion group meets 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

St. Michel School: Students enjoy a long weekend holiday prior to beginning Lent. They will celebrate Carnaval across Haiti. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

Ministry Needs Volunteer help with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. See contacts below. Plans for a golf outing are underway. See contacts below for how you can help.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting: March 29. All are welcome. Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: <https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site>

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR MINISTRY AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH invites anyone 50 or older at Holy Comforter to join us on Thursday, March 12 from 9:30 am to noon. AARP Fraud Fighters have agreed to speak at our meeting. A luncheon will follow. Please call Melanie in the office (434-293-8081) to reserve your place. There is a \$7.00 charge for the luncheon. There were 56,135 cases of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission in Virginia; most of which impact our seniors. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INSTITUTE

Have you been searching for a way to enrich your spiritual life? Are you interested in learning how to accompany others on theirs? If so, please consider joining us for an informational session on the Spiritual Direction Institute (SDI) on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 10 AM in the conference room at the Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville. This two-year SDI program was developed in 1989 by the late Msgr. Chester Michael and has been instrumental in the spiritual growth of over 600 people. This is an ecumenical program that utilizes a unique blend of group discussions, lectures, personal daily prayer and study, reflections on spiritual masters, lectio divina, and much more. The schedule includes monthly Saturday classes and four weekend retreats. For more information, contact Bev Mirmelstein at bevmirm@gmail.com, 434-996-9178, and visit www.chestermichael.org.

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

PARISH DIRECTORY

In honor of our 140th Anniversary, we will be producing a Parish Directory! Photographers from Lifetouch will be here the week of March 9th and you may reserve your photography session now!! We will be in the Commons after all Masses every weekend this month, or you may visit our website holycomforterparish.org to schedule your appointment.



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

I WALK WITH JESUS (Part 4)



“But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected... whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked” (1 Jn. 2: 5-6).

Reading the life of Jesus as presented to us in the Gospels and Epistles is fascinating! These writings capture a unique point of view from each of the writers, which makes the Word come even more alive. These men walked with Jesus. They saw for three years what it looked like to follow him. *1 John 2:6 says “those who say they abide in God ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”* The question is: How did Jesus walk? What did his relationship with the Father look like? Are we, who say we abide in God, walking like him? Do you realize that God is more concerned with why we do the things we do, than what we do or how many times we do it? In order to walk like Jesus, we must walk with Jesus day after day, hour by hour, and minute by minute. The way we do this is by recalling these words of Jesus; *“he who follows me, does not walk in darkness” (Jn.8:12).* These are the words of Christ, by which we are warned. We must imitate his life and manners, if we are to be truly enlightened and delivered from all blindness of heart. We cannot be people who walk with him just one day a week (Sunday obligation); we are called to be sons or daughters of God who say of him “every hour I need Jesus my Lord.” To walk as Jesus did is the natural and inevitable outcome of living in him, and we come to live in him when God sovereignly unites us to Jesus Christ through the faith that he gives us. So, obedience, holiness, and to walk as Jesus did are just the natural and inevitable results of God’s own action in our lives. To walk as Jesus did is nothing other than walking the way of charity, part of which is found in good works. When people talk about good works, they often have in mind works of charity. St. James himself says that true religion has to do with caring for orphans and widows. Also, (1 John 3:17) says; *“anyone who has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?”* Jesus always showed compassion and provided for those who were in need. His works mainly consisted of teaching sound doctrine, confronting false religion, and performing miracles. The apostles also followed this pattern without neglecting on works of charity.

Saint Paul writes, in reference to Christ, saying *“He made Himself poor to enrich us out of His poverty” (2 Cor 8, 9);* He gave His entire self for us. Through the practice of works of charity, we follow the Lord’s example. In His school, we can learn to make of our lives a total gift; imitating Him, we are able to make ourselves available, not so much in giving a part of what we possess, but our very selves. We note that the entire Gospel is summarized in the one commandment of love and doing good to others. Then practicing charity becomes the means to deepen our Christian vocation. In gratuitously offering of ourselves to others, we bear witness to that love of Jesus that did not count the cost. *(To be continued...)*