

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**SATURDAY (2/22)****8 AM** MASS**10 AM – 1 PM:** Retreat for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers (*Sanctuary and Kitchen*)**3:30-4:30 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*)**9:45-10:45 AM:** Essays and Sacraments (*LL*)**9:45-10:45 AM:** Bible Basics for Catholics (*LL*)**11 AM:** MASS**12:15 AM:** Sacristan Luncheon**12:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS**MONDAY (2/24)****10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry**NOON:** MASS**TUESDAY (2/25)****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 – ASH WEDNESDAY (2/26)****7 AM:** MASS**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry**NOON:** MASS**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)**6 PM:** MASS (Latin)**THURSDAY (2/27)****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 (2/28)****9 AM:** Regina Coeli Homeschoolers**10 AM:** Ukelele Class (*Chapel*)**NOON:** MASS**NOON - 1:00 PM:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)**6 PM:** Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)**SATURDAY (2/29)****8 AM** MASS**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**5 PM:** Sunday Vigil MASS**SUNDAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (3/1) Donations for Altar Flowers Gladly Accepted****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*)**9:45-10:45 AM:** Essays and Sacraments (*LL*)**11 AM:** MASS**12:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

## MASS INTENTIONS

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)Monday, February 24**NOON †**Evelyn Berlin (Cynthia and Les Berlin)Tuesday, February 25**7 AM** Claire O'Neill (Lauren O'Neill)Wednesday, February 26**7 AM** The Davis and Kidd Families (Lauren O'Neill)**NOON** The Holy Souls in Purgatory**6 PM** The Holy Souls in PurgatoryThursday, February 27**7 AM** Jean Scanlan and †Roger Scanlan (Kate Burke)Friday, February 28**NOON †**Frank Chiavetta (Pat Chiavetta)Saturday, February 29**5 PM** In Thanksgiving for Fr. Michael SuarezSunday, March 1**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish**11 AM †**Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)**1:30 PM** In Thanksgiving for Fr. Joseph Mary

## SAINTS TO REMEMBER

2/22 Chair of Saint Peter

2/23 Saint Polycarp

2/24 Blessed Luke Belludi

2/25 Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

2/26 Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

2/27 Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

2/28 Blessed Daniel Brottier

2/29 Saint Oswald

3/1 Saint David of Wales

### PARISH DIRECTORY

In honor of our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will be producing a Parish Directory! Photographers from Lifetouch will be here the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://holycomforterparish.org) to schedule your appointment.

### GIFTS FROM GOD February 15-16, 2020

#### FEBRUARY 15-16, 2020

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Offertory               | \$3,505   |
| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$7,500) |
| Below Weekly Budget     | (\$3,995) |

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17

A prayer for mercy

#### Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 434-409-7399 ([consultrainville@aol.com](mailto:consultrainville@aol.com)).

### 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](mailto: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:** 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.

Celebrating  
**140**  
Years of Faith  
in Charlottesville  
1880-2020

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- **The Holy Comforter Parish Lent Resource List** is available on the Christian Formation Table in the Commons Area. Please take one as an enhancement and help to your Lenten Season spiritual journey.

-**Confirmation Class** meets today in the Chapel 9:45-10:45am.

- **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 today, Sunday, February 23, 9:45-10:45am on the lower level. Please join us!

- **The Essays and Sacraments** discussion group meets TODAY, Sunday February 23, 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: will be visited by parishioners from March 7 to 15. Please keep the travelers in your prayers and continue to pray for Father Petina and St. Michel parish. Thank you.

Haiti Ministry Needs: Volunteer help with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. See contacts below.

We will be collecting basic dental supplies to be carried by the volunteers to Saltadere. Please leave your donations in the specially marked boxes in the Commons now through March 1st. Maaysee ahnpeel! Thank you!!

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](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto: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 (293-8081) to reserve your place. There is a \$7.00 charge for the luncheon.

**Charlottesville Catholic School** will host their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Auction on Saturday, April 25th at 6pm at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel

We are accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th. We are anticipating waitlists for some grades so apply early! If you haven't visited CCS, call us today to schedule a tour or drop by at your convenience. For more information email [admissions@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:admissions@cvillecatholic.org), call 434-964-0400, or visit [www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions).

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](mailto:bevmirm@gmail.com), 434-996-9178, and visit [www.chestermichael.org](http://www.chestermichael.org).



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

Many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2020 Annual Appeal. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during the weekends of February 29/March 1 & March 7/8. In the spirit of the bicentennial, we are hopeful that all our parishioners will make a gift to the 2020 Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **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

I WALK WITH JESUS (Part 5)

***“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.” (Ps.1:1)***

There is an old Spanish proverb which says: **“Tell me with whom you walk, and I will tell you who you are.”** It is something worth taking to heart. The people you surround yourself with are important. If you surround yourself with negative people, it becomes like a negativity cancer and begins to eat at you from the inside. Surround yourself with people who are positive, and be as positive as possible, and your spirits will always be lifted in the darkest hours. Do not be deceived: **“Bad company ruins good morals.” (1Cr. 15: 33)** And the psalmist says; **“I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked” (Ps. 26:4-5).**

In the fallen world that we live in, it’s easy to become caught up in the things we desire, the activities we have to do, the chores we have to get done, and the people we have to talk to. We get so focused on how busy our lives are, that eventually, following Jesus becomes more of a chore than an actual desire. Jesus becomes the God we are “supposed” to serve, rather than someone we genuinely love and want to obey and walk with. Our faith falls off to the side, and you stop giving Jesus the attention He deserves from you.

Getting to really know and love Jesus Christ must be intentional. You might think you already know Him inside and out because you come to Church, attend a few Bible study lessons, but force yourself to learn more about Him again and again. I am always intrigued by this text from the gospel of John 1: 35-42: John the Baptist had disciples who followed his teaching, but when Jesus passed by, John said: **“Look, the Lamb of God!”** That message was not enough for two of John’s disciples who began to follow behind Jesus. Jesus turned around and asked them **“What do you want?”** The disciples responded, **“Rabbi, where do you stay?”**. They wanted to know Him and hoped for an opportunity to do just that. So, Jesus invited them by saying **“Come and you will see”**. And they spent the whole afternoon with him.

When you are not feeling passionate about your faith, it might be hard to want to spend time with Jesus. The only way to nurture and grow in a relationship is by putting in some effort. Over time, you won't feel like you are forcing yourself to spend time with Him, but rather you will look forward to it. With social media, it is possible to have thousands of friends and followers. But when was the last time you invested yourselves into each one of them? We only have 24 hours in a day and have lots to do in that time. But when it comes to those we love and care for, we make the time. We do what we can do to change our schedules to prioritize our friends. **Is Jesus your friend?**

Go back to the beginning when you were first falling in love with Jesus: what did you do? You read His Word constantly, you were always talking to Him, you were just getting to know Him. Prayer and meditation are two great ways to spend time with Jesus because they afford you the opportunity to come to know Him more. Reading scripture and attending the Mass are important ways to spend time with Jesus. When spending time with Him, remember to pause and wait silently for His responses. They may not come right away but keep your eyes on Jesus. **(To be continued...)**