

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (8/4)**

**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (8/5) EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)*

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**8:30 AM:** MASS  
**11 AM:** MASS

**MONDAY (8/6)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** Communion Service  
**1-4 PM:** Vacation Bible School  
**6-8 PM:** Schola Rehearsals (*Lower Level*)

**TUESDAY (8/7)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** Communion Service  
**1-4 PM:** Vacation Bible School

**WEDNESDAY (8/8)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** Communion Service  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**1-4 PM:** Vacation Bible School  
**6:15 PM:** Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)  
**6:30 PM:** Sung Vespers (*Church*)

**THURSDAY (8/9)**

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen  
**1-4 PM:** Vacation Bible School  
**6-8 PM:** MASS and Adoration

**FRIDAY (8/10)**

**NOON:** MASS  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**1-4 PM:** Vacation Bible School  
**6 PM:** Church Closes through Sunday 8/12

**SATURDAY (8/11) Church Closed Today (see below)**

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS at Charlottesville Catholic School

**SUNDAY (8/12) Church Closed Today (see below)**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10 AM:** MASS at Charlottesville Catholic School

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 4

**5 PM** Rev. Daniel Kelly

Sunday, August 5

**8:30 AM †**Renzo Petroni (The Davis Family)

**11 AM** Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

Thursday, August 9

**6 PM** Rev. Gerald Fogarty

Friday, August 10

**NOON** Rev. Michael Suarez

Saturday, August 11

**5 PM** Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

Sunday, August 12

**10 AM †**Renzo Petroni (Sharon and Harold Schwalm)

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

- 8/5 Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome
- 8/6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8/7 St. Cajetan
- 8/8 St. Dominic
- 8/9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
- 8/10 St. Lawrence
- 8/11 St. Clare of Assisi

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*1 Kings 19:4-8*

The Lord feeds Elijah, strengthening him for his journey to Horeb.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 4:30—5:2*

The Ephesians are encouraged to be imitators of Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 6:41-51*

Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

**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.

**MASSES TO BE CELEBRATED AT CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEXT WEEKEND!**

The City of Charlottesville has announced numerous road closures and has issued a Traffic Advisory for Downtown Charlottesville. Therefore, our Church building will be CLOSED beginning at 6 PM on Friday August 10 and weekend Masses will be celebrated at the **Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS)** on a modified schedule, as follows:

SATURDAY (8/11) 5 PM Vigil MASS at CCS

SUNDAY (8/12) 10 AM MASS at CCS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available upon request. Please contact the office and pray for peace.

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

**JULY 28-29, 2018**

Offertory (plate)	\$4,913.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500.00</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,586.50)</i>

**Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received to Date**

Total \$83,318.25

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Donations to our Parish Ministries may be made at any time: Christian Formation, Haiti, Justice and Peace, as well as for the costs associated with sending the Catholic Virginian and purchasing fresh flowers for our altar.

**PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS**

If you will be away this summer, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from wherever you are! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. All Second Collections are accepted online, as well. Please visit [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org) for the **Online Giving** link.

**PARISH NEWS**

**FR JOSEPH MARY WILL BE IN UGANDA DURING AUGUST!  
PLEASE NOTE THESE MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES!!**

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICES

MONDAYS, 8/6, 8/20, 8/27: NOON

TUESDAYS, 8/7, 8/21, 8/28: NOON

WEDNESDAYS: 8/8 and 8/29: NOON

DAILY MASS

THURSDAYS: 6-8 PM Mass and Adoration

FRIDAYS: NOON Mass

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TUESDAY 8/14: 7 PM Vigil Mass

WEDNESDAY 8/15 NOON and 7 PM Mass

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAYS: 5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAYS: 8:30 AM and 11 AM (*exception for 8/11-8/12*)

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

The Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group has been gathering for over 5.5 years every Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:15. We are a loving, caring, supportive group and pray the Rosary with true devotion. During these busy summer days, take half an hour to come pray with us, reflect on the love God has shown you, pray for intentions, and find calm and peace. Everyone is welcomed! Even if you can only come one time, please join us. Through prayers come peace and love.

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kindly notify us at [office@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:office@holycomforterparish.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 Dan or Father Gerald (while Father Joseph Mary is away), please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

**THE ILL & HOME BOUND**

**Parishioners:** Kitty Moore, Colette Hall, Richard Fagan, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore.

**Friends and Relatives:** Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Marsha Yost, Richard Yost, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, John Putalik, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Fred Cardona, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicis, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Father Gerald Fogarty, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail and Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention.

**MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

**PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

August 4, 2001: Alix and David Paget-Brown

August 4, 2011: Emily and Robert Cox

August 8, 1981: Lisa and Michael Marshall

August 14, 2004: Daisy and James Hutcherson

August 26, 1989: Amber and John Eros

August 31, 1996: Kelly and Patrick Langan

**LIGHTHOUSE TALKS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS!**

Our Beautiful End: Exploring the Timeless Mystery of Heaven The son of a Protestant minister, Matthew Leonard is now an internationally known Catholic speaker, author, and the Executive Director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. In this presentation, Matthew discusses the nature and role of beauty in life, particularly how it sheds light on the nature of God and assists us in achieving our glorious end, which is heaven itself.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

**HAITI St. Michel School** in **Saltadere** is overseen by the Office of Education in the Diocese of Hinche. The Director of that office, Richard Joseph, will be visiting us at the end of the month and a reception is planned at St. Thomas Aquinas on August 29 from 6-8 PM in the Community Room. Mr. Joseph will provide news about the students, their test results and the curriculum planned for the 2018-19 academic year.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Our next meeting will be 1:30 PM on 8/26 at Holy Comforter at. All are welcome! For more information, contact Ginny Zeller [ginnyzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyzeller@gmail.com)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### TAKE JESUS WITH YOU ON VACATION THIS SUMMER!

Jesus never takes a vacation away from us, so why should we forget about Him this summer? In the spirit of "Flat Stanley," pick up a "Flat Jesus on Vacation" marker on the CF table in the Commons. Have your children color it and take it with you for all your summer adventures! When you attend Mass in a new place, snap a photo of your family with Flat Jesus in front of the church, and then share it on the Holy Comforter Facebook page. Let's see how many places we visit!

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### Personal Spiritual Growth

Interested in enhancing your daily spiritual growth or forming a small group to do the same? See the suggestions on the handout found on the Christian Formation table in the commons. Or contact Sue Dougherty, CRE, if you would like to start a Bible or book study.

### POTENTIAL BOOK STUDY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER, 2018

Are you interested in deepening and enriching your prayer life? Learn from a master! We are looking for folks interested in reading *The Way of Perfection by St. Teresa of Avila*. This classic work of Carmelite Spirituality was written as a response to her nuns' request, "Teach us to pray." Teresa discusses the three essentials of a prayer-filled life -- fraternal love, detachment from material things, and true humility, which are the fruit of her practical experience. She develops these ideas as she directly offers her wisdom for prayer and contemplation. Specific times and dates to be determined depending on the needs of those interested. To indicate your interest, please contact Patricia McAdams, [pamcadams@yahoo.com](mailto:pamcadams@yahoo.com) or Sue Dougherty, [cre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycorforterparish.org).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION 2018-2019

Registration for Christian Formation classes for students in Pre-K (ages 3-4) through high school is open! Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9, but early registration is extremely helpful for planning purposes. There is an *additional* registration for children preparing for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation. In the Richmond Diocese, children age 7 or older are eligible for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Children at least age 15 in tenth grade are eligible for Confirmation. Please pick up registration forms for both programs on the Christian Formation table in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education at [cre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycorforterparish.org), 434-295-6559.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All rising 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us for a kick-off event on Saturday afternoon, August 18. We'll solve a puzzle together at the Escape Room, followed by Christian's Pizza. Please contact Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycorforterparish.org) or 434-295-6559 for details or to register.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

### MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

A Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held October 18-21, 2018, at Camp Overlook (near Harrisonburg). The purpose of the Catholic Cursillo Movement is to support people in living out their faith in their everyday lives. It is an inspiring 3-day experience led by a dedicated team of lay adults and a Catholic priest from our area.

Registered Catholic parishioners are encouraged to **submit your application by Thursday, October 4, 2018**, and must be sponsored by a person (male or female) who has made a Cursillo weekend previously. If you do not know anyone who has made a Cursillo weekend and who can sponsor you, please contact Karen and Roy Norville at [valleycursillo@gmail.com](mailto:valleycursillo@gmail.com) and we can arrange a sponsor for you. For more detailed information and to download an application, please go to the Valley Cursillo website: [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com).

P.S. The next Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held May 16-19, 2019, at Camp Overlook as well.

### COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### CCConnect with CCC

CCConnect with us online on our new website, [www.cccofva.org](http://www.cccofva.org), and through our Facebook page to learn of the many ways that CCC is helping the most vulnerable in our communities

**RCIA and the Community of Faith**  
**It's YOUR job, too!**

*Prepared by Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Formation*

At the Easter Vigil, we were blessed to welcome two new members to our Catholic Community and we continue to walk with other catechumens and candidates who are discerning their readiness for full initiation into the faith. Our enthusiastic and hard-working coordinator, Diane Auger Smith, along with a team of faithful RCIA catechists and sponsors, have been guiding their journey. To some extent, the rest of us have just been sitting on the sidelines, perhaps cheering them on, but taking a relatively passive role. Our hardworking team deserves our gratitude and kudos for willingly offering their time, talent, and passion for our faith to accompany these catechumens and candidates, not just in the past year, but for many previous years.

As often happens in any ministry, there were some “bumps in the road” in the past year that caused me to explore how we might shift our paradigm a bit to be sure that we are meeting the needs of folks who come to us at various levels of experience and readiness to come into the church. As I’ve done some research, I’ve realized that our “one size fits all” model may need some tweaking. Over the next four weeks, I’d like to offer a modified version of the “curriculum” that has been used to catechize seekers of the Catholic faith whose life experiences range from unbaptized and uncatechized to baptized, practicing Christians of other denominations. It is based on an online “course” presented by TeamRCIA© called “RCIA in the Midst of the Community: The Parish Curriculum for Making Disciples.” Notice that the title says *Parish curriculum in the Community*. That means that *all of us*, by virtue of our Baptism, are called to be part of the RCIA process. “But I don’t have time!” you say. “I don’t know enough to teach!” Wait! Before you dismiss your role in helping seekers understand what it means to be Catholic, please read on and continue to stay with me for the next few weeks.

First, a few basics: The official universal text used by the Church for the “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults” is called, not surprisingly, *RCIA!* It contains not only guidelines, but also the prayers for the various rites that take place during the process. Secondly, there is a distinction between *catechumens* – seekers who have not been baptized- and *candidates* – persons who have been baptized in any Christian denomination, Catholic or non-Catholic. Those who have been baptized are already members of the Body of Christ, and no matter how familiar they are with Catholicism, the process for them is different than for catechumens.

Paragraph 4 of *RCIA* says this: “*The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful.*” (*RCIA 4*). This might mean doing exactly what we have always done – offered classes once a week taught by catechists and provided various rites during the process. But the next sentence explains more clearly what “within the community of the faithful” actually looks like:

By *joining* the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by *renewing their own conversion*, the faithful *provide an example* that will help the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously (*RCIA 4, emphasis mine*).

It is “the faithful” who are to “provide an example that will help the catechumens” who will teach them “to obey the Holy Spirit more generously.” Notice that it doesn’t say “the RCIA team” or “the pastor” or “a presenter” will do this. The responsibility for the experience of our catechumens and candidates rests with ALL of the faithful!

Think about the mission that Christ gave to his disciples and to all of us: “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). And how did the early Christians do this? Certainly not with PowerPoint, videos, textbooks, and catechisms! They had the basics of the stories of their encounters with Christ and the teachings of those who came before them. The newcomers learned about the faith by *experiencing it!*

Today, Pope Francis suggests that catechesis is helping believers open their hearts to *encounter* the living Christ active in the church. How exactly can we do that in 2018 at Holy Comforter Parish in Charlottesville, VA? That is what we will explore in the coming weeks.