

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (8/11) CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

5 PM: Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (8/12) NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME (Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)**

10 AM: MASS (Charlottesville Catholic School)

**MONDAY (8/13)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: No Mass or Communion Service Offered Today

6-8 PM: Schola Rehearsals (Lower Level)

**TUESDAY (8/14)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

7 PM: Vigil MASS

**WEDNESDAY (8/15) THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED**

**VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (Lower Level)

6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (Chapel)

7 PM: MASS

**THURSDAY (8/16)**

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6-8 PM: MASS and Adoration

**FRIDAY (8/17)**

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (Lower Level)

**SATURDAY (8/18)**

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (8/19) TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME (Altar Flowers Provided by Jill and Steve Paitsel)**

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (Chapel)

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

**FR JOSEPH MARY IS IN UGANDA THIS MONTH!**

Please pray for his safe return to us after Labor Day, and give thanks to the clergy members that are serving us in his absence.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICES

MONDAYS: 8/20 and 8/27: NOON

TUESDAYS: 8/21 and 8/28: NOON

WEDNESDAY: 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)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 11

5 PM In Thanksgiving for the Charlottesville Catholic School (Members of the Parish)

Sunday, August 12

10 AM †Renzo Petroni (Sharon and Harold Schwalm)

Tuesday, August 14

7 PM Rev. Gerald Fogarty

Wednesday, August 15

NOON Rev. Dan Kelly

7 PM Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

Thursday, August 16

6 PM Rev. Gerald Musuubire

Friday, August 17

NOON Rev. Michael Suarez

Saturday, August 18

5 PM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

Sunday, August 19

8:30 AM †Renzo Petroni (His Grandchildren, Theresa, Natalie and Renzo)

11 AM Leia Miller (Lena Anderson)

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

8/12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
8/13	St. Pontian
8/14	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
8/15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8/16	St. Stephen of Hungary
8/17	St. Hyacinth
8/18	St. Helena

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has set a feast before us.

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 6:51-58*

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

**AUGUST 4 and 5, 2018**

Offertory (plate)	\$4,310
Offertory (online)	\$4,743
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
Above Weekly Budget	\$1,553

**Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received to Date**

Total \$83,443.25

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Next weekend will be our monthly parish collection for Outreach. Donations to all Parish Ministries may be made at any time: Christian Formation, Haiti, Justice and Peace, as well as altar flowers and The Catholic Virginian.

**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**

**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.

**LIGHTHOUSE TALKS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS!**

Could God Love Someone Like Me?

Fr. Mike Schmitz, one of the leading presenters in the Church today, speaks powerfully about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He makes clear the truth that Christ deeply loves and wants to encounter each of us as we are, with all our imperfections. Fr. Mike debunks the lies we often believe about not being good enough to approach Jesus, and he draws upon Scripture to explain rationally why we go to priests to encounter God's mercy and forgiveness in Confession.

**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.

**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 Hasenhus 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

Pray for Peace 

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### RCIA INQUIRY MEETINGS

August 19 and 26, 9:45-10:45. All parishioners, please invite anyone you know who might be interested in coming into the Catholic Church to attend one of these meetings. The purpose is to hear their stories, listen to their questions and hopes, and talk about next steps. Better yet, consider inviting the person to come to Mass with you and *accompanying them* to the meeting!

### 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@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.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@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org), 434-295-6559.

## 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 [ginnyanzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyanzeller@gmail.com)

### OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank you for your support this summer! In July, our Food Pantry served 200 households for a total of 606 individuals and the Soup Kitchen provided meals to 739 individuals.

## 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

***This fall, don't just go back to school, go back to cool with a message of kindness!*** At CCC, we believe that it's cool to be kind and that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, compassion, and kindness. That's why we created our own kindness T-shirts to spread the message that *Kindness is the New Cool!* Order them for your children, grandchildren, and even yourself now through August 21 at [www.bonfire.com/back-to-cool](http://www.bonfire.com/back-to-cool)

**Encountering the Living Christ**  
**An “RCIA Job Description” for the Faithful**

*Prepared by Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Formation*

During the month of August, our thoughts typically turn from enjoying the last of the “lazy days of summer” to gearing up for a fall season of new beginnings. Back to school, back to the daily routine, back to religious education! Our RCIA team is gearing up again, too; and to initiate the year, they plan to offer two “Inquiry” sessions on August 19 and 26 for anyone considering joining our Catholic family of faith. Last week, I proposed that it is ALL of the faithful who have a responsibility to seek newcomers and to help them not just *learn about* the faith, but to *experience* it. I left you with the question, “how do we do that?” How can we make sure that the parish is intentionally doing the things it does for the benefit of the seekers, catechumens, and candidates?

Paragraph 9 of the *RCIA* text describes a five-part “job description” for the faithful in the work of the RCIA. The first part is in the period called “Evangelization and Pre-catechumenate.” Although this is sometimes referred to as the “inquiry” period, notice that it calls on all of us to *evangelize*, or, as the *RCIA* calls it, to ensure “that Christ’s message is made known to the world by word and deed and that his grace is communicated” (RCIA 9.1). No, that doesn’t mean going out into the streets! The text says that the faithful are to:

- Give evidence of the spirit of the Christian community
- Welcome seekers into their homes
- Welcome seekers into personal conversations
- Welcome seekers into community gatherings

In other words, we are asked to offer hospitality! We do that wherever we go, but especially when seekers come to Mass and whenever they show up for an event in the parish.

Notice that there is no beginning or end to this part of the job since, contrary to what we’ve always practiced, there is no beginning or end to the period of evangelization and pre-catechumenate. Would we say, “we show hospitality to seekers during the months of August and September, but after that, my job is done?” Of course not! Just as Jesus invites us to follow Him, we invite newcomers by asking them to join us for coffee, to help in the food pantry, to take part in a prayer group or Bible study – the ways are endless!

Once the unbaptized seeker has responded to the faithful’s show of hospitality to the point that they want to learn more, they receive the Rite of Acceptance, and enter into an extended period of the Catechumenate. During this phase, both catechumens, and candidates (seekers who are already baptized) learn in greater detail how we as Catholics practice our faith on a daily basis. So part 2 of our job description becomes inviting our catechumens and candidates to experience the life of the church. That includes specific classes provided by our RCIA catechists and others, yes; but it is also attending Mass and taking part in the many activities that happen every week in the parish. Remember, Jesus *knew* the disciples whom he called, he *spent time with them*, he *taught them by example*. Can we argue with the method of the Master? Rather than containing the formation of our catechumens and candidates to a small group of RCIA team members, they learn about what it means to be Catholic from all of us by becoming immersed in the sacramental life of the Church.

Just as an apprentice doesn’t just learn a trade; they enter a community of skilled professionals who have mastered the skills, so the catechumen or candidate comes into an environment where they not only learn the trade, but become a member of the guild. The curriculum that the Church gives us at *RCIA 75* may be broken into four main disciplines: word, community, worship, and witness. We will explore these in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, think about persons you know who might be ready to hear the invitation to “come to the table” with us.