

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

MONDAY (8/20)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Communion Service
6-8 PM: Schola Rehearsals (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (8/21)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Communion Service

WEDNESDAY (8/22)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Communion Service
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

THURSDAY (8/23)

NOON: Soup Kitchen
6-8 PM: MASS and Adoration

FRIDAY (8/24)

NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (8/25)

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

SUNDAY (8/26) TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (Altar Flowers Provided by The Mackey Family in Honor of Their Daughters' Birthdays)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Thursday, August 23

6 PM †Charley Moore (Father Joseph Mary and Staff)

Friday, August 24

NOON †Charles Moore (Amber and John Eros)

Saturday, August 25

5 PM Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Sunday, August 26

8:30 AM †Joseph and **†**Helen Vitale (Gloria Vitale)

11 AM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

8/19 St. John Eudes
 8/20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux
 8/21 St. Pius X
 8/22 Queenship of Mary
 8/23 St. Rose of Lima
 8/24 St. Bartholomew
 8/25 St. Louis IX of France

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

(or shorter form *Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32*)

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

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 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

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAYS: 5 PM Vigil Mass

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

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS: 3:30-4:30 PM



GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 11 and 12, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$1,994
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$5,506)</i>

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 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.

PREGNANCY CENTERS OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA BANQUET

Save the Date! The Banquet in support of the Pregnancy Care Centers of Central Virginia will be on **October 20, 2018**. Information for signing up to reserve your space will be announced soon. Last year we were able to fill an entire table with parishioners from Holy Comforter. Let's do it again this year!!!

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

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at 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

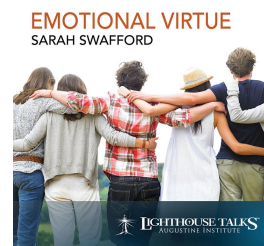
Parishioners: Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Colette Hall, Richard Fagan, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker.

Friends and Relatives: Ann Ramsey, 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, Rev. 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.

LIGHTHOUSE TALKS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMONS!



Emotional Virtue Drama-free relationships...do they even exist? Today's dating scene is more complicated than ever, especially with social media, texting, and endless pressure of the world's expectations. Learn how to navigate through the

confusion and discover the freedom that comes from living a virtuous life. Sarah Swafford is the founder of **Emotional Virtue Ministries**, and speaks to teens and young adults about how to live a drama-free life. She lives in Kansas with her husband and children.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION Classes for elementary through 8th grade as well as **High School Youth Ministry** begin Sunday, September 9. Please submit a registration form, available on the CF table in the Commons, as soon as possible. Questions? Please contact our Coordinator for Religious Education, Sue Dougherty.

Children eligible for the **SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION** are registered using the Sacraments Registration Form *in addition to* the CF registration form. These children are required to attend *both* Sacramental preparation and Christian Formation classes.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Elementary and High school catechists are needed. Training and support are provided. Please contact Sue Dougherty, CRE if you are interested in offering your gifts to this important ministry.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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 or Sue Dougherty, cre@holycomforterparish.org.

Dante Reading Group

For the third (and possibly last) time, Holy Comforter offers a free guided tour through Dante's *Divine Comedy* - one of the classics of Christian literature, featuring a captivating, surprisingly accessible story line and countless invitations to think deeply about questions of faith and theology. The group meets once weekly, moves at the manageable pace of 12 pages per week, and is designed to let participants drop in and out as needed. Meeting time TBD, but the group starts with the *Inferno* the week of Sept. 9, so if you are interested please contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu or the church office ASAP.

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!

VBS Thank You! MANY thanks to the Vacation Bible School children who contributed over 150 food items to the food pantry as the "service" component of VBS last week. That is an average of 7 items per child! Also, many thanks to the adult volunteers, without whom VBS could not take place. A shout out to Louisa Cahan, Pat Coldewey, Sharon Dudley, Kathleen Ferraiolo, Katie Fitzgerald, Claire Kallen, Daniel Kirkland, Julie Murphy, Susan Neale, Emma Riley, Sherry Schemmel, and Ashley Wright.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

Haiti Sponsorship Fair! There will be a Sponsorship Fair at Holy Comforter at all Masses the weekend of September 15-16. School sponsorships are the primary means for St. Michel Parish children to obtain high quality education from pre-school through 13th grade (the path to university). Through your generosity, St. Michel children are currently graduating to pursue careers in nursing, agronomy, medicine, and more. Education is the key to achieving a strong, sustainable economy in Haiti.

St. Michel School There will be a reception for Mr. Richard Joseph 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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

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

RCIA Part 3**Encountering Christ in the Community**

Prepared by Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education

In the previous two reflections, I proposed that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is much more than inviting folks interested in joining the Catholic Church to participate in a series of rites and weekly “classes.” In the words of Pope Francis, *“catechesis as a component of the process of evangelization, needs to go beyond the realm of scholastics, in order to educate believers, beginning with children, to encounter Christ, living and working in His Church. It is the encounter with him that gives rise to the desire to know him better and thus to follow him to become his disciples. (Plenary assembly address, May 29, 2015).* That puts the responsibility squarely on ALL of us, as baptized members of the body of Christ, to play a role in helping our inquirers learn what it means to *be Catholic*; to do what Catholics do. How and where to we *encounter* Jesus?

Our guiding text, the *RCIA*, outlines four ways in which “candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance, aimed at training them in the Christian life” (RCIA 75). You will recall that the “catechumenate,” is a period of instruction that “while presenting Catholic teaching in its entirety, also *“enlightens faith, directs the heart toward God, fosters participation in the liturgy, inspires apostolic activity, and nurtures a life completely in accord with the spirit of Christ.”* (RCIA 78). In short, during this period of formation, candidates encounter Christ through Word, Community, Worship, and Witness.

RCIA 75.1: Training in the area of Word: Christians of course, are guided by the Word of Scripture, inspired by God himself in the Holy Spirit. So our catechumens and candidates must not only hear the words of Scripture spoken at Mass and enriched by the priest’s homily, but they must also see that we, the disciples, have fallen in love with God’s Word and use it as our guideline for daily living. Are you willing to share your favorite Scriptures or story of a particular saint with our seekers? Can you invite them to your neighborhood Bible study or have coffee with them to discuss the Sunday readings? Are you willing to share experiences in which the Word of God changed your life or supported you in a time of crisis? Before you knew anything about exegesis or historical criticism, or before you understood the theological development of the doctrines of the Church, how did you learn to listen to God’s Word in such a way that it shaped every part of your being?

RCIA 75.2: Training in the area of community: How do we teach what it means to be part of a Catholic community? Here we might look to the communities of the early church. Acts, Chapter 2 tells us that *“all who believed were together and held things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.”* It must have been pretty easy for outsiders to see that these new disciples lived what they believed! As in any family or community, there must have been times, though, that they disagreed and quarreled. At those times they needed to learn how to forgive others and ask for forgiveness. This is the experience that we can offer to our catechumens and candidates – we invite them into our homes, into our times of prayer, find out their needs and look for ways to meet them. We share with them times that we have experienced the abundant mercy of God or offered mercy to another.

RCIA 75.3 Training in the area of worship: In this area, the catechumens and candidates learn how to pray actively, consciously, and fully in the Sunday gatherings of the community and in weekly opportunities for communal prayer. The best way to teach newcomers about the Mass is to invite them to participate with us. That means we need to be good models by *actively and attentively* joining in the prayers, songs, and movements with them. They also need opportunities to share what they have learned from the experience and how it might apply to their own lives. Here we note that catechumens who are preparing for Baptism are sent out after the Prayers of the Faithful to participate in this faith sharing. Are you willing to lead that discussion? Candidates, already baptized, stay for the entire service, even though they cannot participate fully in the Eucharist.

RCIA 74.4 Training in the areas of witness: Although the *RCIA* gives only a one sentence description of this area, it may be the most important area of discipline our newcomers need to learn: *Since the Church’s life is apostolic, catechumens should also learn how to work actively with others to spread the Gospel and build up the Church by the witness of their lives and by professing their faith. (RCIA 75.4)* Our parish offers many opportunities for our catechumens and candidates to join us in our soup kitchen, food pantry, Haiti and Uganda ministries, and the many ways that we work for peace and justice in our community and the world.

Next week, we’ll look at very specific ways that we can invite our catechumens and candidates to participate in the life of the Church. In the meantime, please pray for and seek those who are hungry to be fed at the Table and for your role in inviting and receiving them.