

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/8)

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

SUNDAY (9/9) TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (Altar Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS and Children's Mass
9:30 AM: Defibrillator Training
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS and Children's Mass
12-1:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (9/10)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (9/11)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (9/12)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
6:30 PM: Sung Vespers (*Church*)
7-8:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

THURSDAY (9/13)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
4-5 PM: Wedding Rehearsal
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (9/14)

8 AM: MASS
8:30 AM-12 PM: Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
4 PM: WEDDING
 (*Meghan McCarthy and Chris Horning*)
6-7 PM: Wedding Rehearsal

GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 25 and 26, 2018 (CORRECTED)

Offertory (plate)	\$5,080
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,420)</i>

SEPTEMBER 1 and 2, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$4,327
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$3,173)</i>

SATURDAY (9/15)

8 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: WEDDING
 (*Isabelle Marshall and Andrew Giordano*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS
6 PM: Haiti Sponsorship Fair (*Commons*)

SUNDAY (9/16) TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (Altar Flower Donations Gladly Accepted)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:30 AM and NOON: Haiti Sponsorship Fair
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS
12-1:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)
NOON: Defibrillator Training

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 8

8 AM †Joan Fusco (Joanne Mackey)
5 PM †Giovanna Paladino (Joanne Mackey)

Sunday, September 9

8:30 AM Members of and Visitors to Our Parish
11 AM †Renzo Petroni (Manrico Giusfredi)
1:30 PM Wanda Lear (Holli Traud)

Monday, September 10

NOON †Holy Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, September 11

NOON †Holy Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, September 12

NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, September 13

8 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Friday, September 14

NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, September 15

8 AM †Joan Fusco (Joanne Mackey)
5 PM †John Putalik (Cynthia and Les Berlin)

Sunday, September 16

8:30 AM †Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)
11 AM Lloyd Smith, Jr (Diane and Garret Smith)

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

9/9	St. Peter Claver
9/10	St. Nicholas of Tolentino
9/11	Sts. Protus and Hyacinth
9/12	St. Ailbhe
9/13	St. John Chrysostom
9/14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9/15	Our Lady of Sorrows

WELCOME BACK FATHER JOSEPH MARY!

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

PARISH NEWS

ADDITIONAL OFFERTORY COUNTERS ARE NEEDED

Holy Comforter has two teams that meet for approximately one hour at 8 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly 434.295.7185 or office@holycomforterparish.org if you are able to assist.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET

Reserve your seat today for the Pregnancy Care Center's 34th Charlottesville Banquet. We have a table of 10 reserved for Holy Comforter for Saturday, Oct 20th at the DoubleTree by Hilton. This ministry has served over 26,000 families in the past 34 years and is making a generational impact in our community thanks to your support. This year's speaker is Christina Bennett and attendance to this fundraiser is free. Donations to support the life-saving work of The Pregnancy Centers will be collected at the event. It is the largest fund raising event of the year. For more information or to reserve your seat, visit Partner.virginiapregnancy.org/Events and be sure to put in Holy Comforter or Barb Cassidy to make sure you are seated at the Holy Comforter table. Contact Barb Cassidy at 434-202-1540 with any questions.

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 Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Angie Morrisard, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Colette Hall, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- †Charley Moore
- †Renzo Petroni
- †Kay Colo

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- September 4, 1971: Dominique and Lee Faust
- September 5, 1987: Lisa and Rob Nowicki
- September 6, 1986: Suzanne and Michael Bailey
- September 10, 1994: Michelle and Wayne Edwards
- September 20, 1969: Cynthia and Les Berlin
- September 29, 2007: Tina and Matt Blumenfeld

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Book Study Beginning This Month

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. Meeting times TBD based on your interest, so 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Classes for children in Pre-K through 8th grade begin this Sunday from 9:45-10:45. Parents, please accompany your children to class and then join us for a parent meeting on the lower level. Registrations are still being accepted.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us beginning this Sunday from 12:00-1:30 for our youth ministry that includes social time, service, and learning how to live our faith.

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.

RCIA

Following our two inquiry meetings, we have a few persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. In addition, our seekers Henry Orgel and Stephen and Natalie Hill are continuing the discernment process with us this year. Please continue to pray for these persons and anyone else you may know who has an interest in coming into or returning to the Church. If you are moved by the Holy Spirit to accompany a seeker as a sponsor, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING

A parish-wide family picnic is tentatively being planned for Sunday, October 21. Persons willing to help plan and execute the picnic are needed! If you would like to assist with this fun event, please sign up on the Christian Formation Table in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH



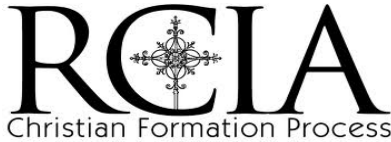
Volunteers are needed for the Food Pantry on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 AM-Noon. Please contact Bridget Davis for more information: 434.293.8989 or bridget@holycomforterparish.org.

HAITI

St. Michel School in Saltadere begins the year with a new government mandated curriculum for the "High School." Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers. Help support St. Michel School through student sponsorship.

Sponsorship Fair: Please join us after all Masses, next weekend, September 15 & 16. Singing Rooster Coffee will be available for sale.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be held at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 14 at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information, contact Ginny Zeller ginyannzeller@gmail.com



RCIA Part 6 *Where do we go from here?*

A New Paradigm for the RCIA Process

Prepared by Sue Dougherty, Coordinator for Religious Education

In the past five weeks, we have considered a new way of looking at the RCIA process. It has in the past, and continues to require discernment and conversion on the part of both unbaptized and baptized seekers of the faith. But rather than offering all unbaptized catechumens and baptized candidates an identical experience primarily within the confines of weekly catechetical instruction, I have proposed that the program will be most effective when the unique, individual experiences of faith each person brings to the table are considered and an individual plan is created specific to the needs and desires of that person. Further, in this modified approach, the "curriculum" is to provide opportunities to *encounter* Christ in the parish community. The necessary truths and dogma of the Church are taught and discussed, but in the context of what we as a parish do as a community both on Sunday and all week long. Our seekers are immersed in the "way of faith" i.e. the "way" Jesus taught and practiced by the early Christian Church described in Acts 2:44-47:

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Today, that "way" can be seen in four areas that should define our Christian life: We *witness* our faith through service by sharing our gifts as needed, we are nurtured in the *community* of the faithful, we praise God and break bread together in our *worship*, and live according the *Word* of God in Scripture. The expected result of living this way of faith for all of us, those who profess the faith as well as those who are discerning that profession, is that we become missionary disciples who change the world through Christ.

In the Rites and other services prescribed by RCIA, our catechumens and candidates publically witness their intention and we support them with our prayers. It is between those Rites that true conversion takes place as the Holy Spirit uses us and leads them to make the final profession of faith as fully initiated adults.

Finally, a process was proposed whereby a sponsor and others reflect with the seeker on the community experiences he or she has had to help him or her discern where God was present in that experience, how it impacts their personal relationship with Him, and what questions or learning is needed to enhance their understanding.

In that process, the seeker first *encounters* Christ in the liturgy or other church activity. Next we help the seeker *recollect* the experience in detail, thinking about where and how Christ was present. The person then *reflects* on a particular moment that was especially memorable and pays attention to what the Holy Spirit is trying to reveal in that moment. This is the point of *catechesis* that ties the experience to a Church teaching or practice that might enhance or extend the person's understanding of that moment. He or she can then *make a connection* between that encounter and how it might change the way the person lives every day. When that new attitude, behavior, or practice is put into action, *conversion* is taking place!

For example, Mary shares with her sponsor or the RCIA team members that she felt deeply moved by Father's homily in which he talked about Jesus' statement that we must forgive our brother "seventy times seven," pointing out the endless mercy of God. She had never thought about forgiving others with that same mercy. The listeners identify other places in Scripture in which we are called to show mercy, such as praying for our enemies. A discussion about the Sacrament of Reconciliation ensued from this catalyst, and Mary experienced an "aha" moment as she realized that no matter how often she sinned, God always calls us back to him. Mary came away with not only an encounter with Christ, but a new understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

My hope and prayer is that you will embrace our seekers with a new understanding of your part in their journey, and, as you reflect on your own faith journey as a disciple of Christ, with renewed excitement to share the Good News.