

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**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 Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)*

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  
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

**MONDAY (9/17)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
NOON: MASS  
6 PM: Schola Rehearsals

**TUESDAY (9/18)**

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
NOON: MASS

**WEDNESDAY (9/19)**

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 (9/20)**

7 AM: MASS *(Please note Mass time change)*  
NOON: Soup Kitchen  
6:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

**FRIDAY (9/21)**

8 AM: MASS  
8:30 AM-12 PM: Regina Coeli *(Lower Level)*  
NOON: AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

**SEPTEMBER 8 and 9, 2018**

Offertory (plate)	\$3,917
Offertory (online)	\$5,631
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Above Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$2,048</i>

**SATURDAY (9/22)**

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

**SUNDAY (9/23) TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*(Altar Flowers Donated by Virginia and Tim Michel)*  
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
8:30 AM: MASS  
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*  
11 AM: MASS  
12-1:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry *(Lower Level)*  
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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);  
Members of the Parish

Monday, September 17

NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, September 18

NOON Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Wednesday, September 19

NOON Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

Thursday, September 20

7 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Friday, September 21

8 AM Margaret Kress (Nancy and Paul Dierdorf)

Saturday, September 22

8 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)  
5 PM †John Putalik (Christine Morrison)

Sunday, September 23

8:30 AM †Kay Colo (Marlene Wood)  
11 AM Members of the Parish  
1:30 PM †Mary Catherine Hoffman (Holli Traud)

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

9/16	St. Cornelius
9/17	The Sacred Stigmata of Saint Francis of Assisi
9/18	St. Joseph of Cupertino
9/19	St. Januarius
9/20	St. Andrew Kim Taegon
9/21	St. Matthew
9/22	St. Thomas of Villanova

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

**First Reading**

*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

The just one is put to the test.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8*

A prayer for God's protection.

**Second Reading**

*James 3:16—4:3*

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

**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](mailto:office@holycomforterparish.org) if you are able to assist.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

This weekend we will accept contributions 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.

**PARISH NEWS**

**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 year's speaker is Christina Bennett and attendance to this fundraiser is free. For more information or to reserve your seat, visit [Partner.virginiapregnancy.org/Events](http://Partner.virginiapregnancy.org/Events) and be sure to use Holy Comforter or Barb Cassidy to be seated at our table. Contact Barb Cassidy at 434-202-1540 with your questions.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Please join us from September 26<sup>th</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup> in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 2964 Hydraulic Road. For more information contact [cville40days@gmail.com](mailto:cville40days@gmail.com) or visit [40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville](http://40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville)

**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 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, 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 21, 1968: Jeanne and Ed Mickiewicz
- September 29, 2007: Tina and Matt Blumenfeld

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today is Catechetical Sunday, designated each year by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops as a day to recognize and commission catechists for the new school year. Our catechists will be commissioned at the 8:30 Mass along with parents who are always the primary educators of children in the faith. Please pray for families and all catechists by taking a prayer card found in the pews this weekend.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### Book Study: *"The Way of Perfection"*

An informational meeting for all persons interested in participating in the book study of "The Way of Perfection" by Teresa of Avila with Patricia McAdams will be held THIS Sunday, **September 16 following the 11:00 Mass**. A collective decision regarding the permanent time and place for subsequent meetings will be made. Please come to offer your input and to hear more about this wonderful study on the three essentials of a prayer-filled life.

### 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 began meets on Saturdays from 3:30-4:45 PM, moves at the manageable pace of 12 pages per week, and is designed to let participants drop in and out as needed. For details, please contact John Bugbee at [bubee@virginia.edu](mailto:bubee@virginia.edu).

### ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Classes for children in grades pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> began last Sunday, but you are still welcome to register your child. Forms are available in the Commons or on the website [www.holycomforterparish.org](http://www.holycomforterparish.org). All children ages 4 through 14 are welcome.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us each Sunday following the 11:00 Mass from noon to 1:30 for a time of food, fellowship, fun, and faith. It's not too late to register! Registration forms may be found in the Commons or on the church website.

## 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

Thank you for your continued support of Outreach at Holy Comforter! During the month of September we distributed food to 200 households (606 individuals) and served 739 individual meals at the Soup Kitchen.

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@holyccomforterparish.org](mailto:bridget@holyccomforterparish.org).

### HAITI

**Clinic St. Michel** in **Saltadere** has been seeing on average 120 patients each month. The patients pay a small fee for the visit if they are able. Many are coming with diabetes and high blood pressure. There are on average 5 newborn deliveries per month.

**Sponsorship Fair:** Please join us after all Masses THIS WEEKEND! 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 [ginnnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnnyannzeller@gmail.com)

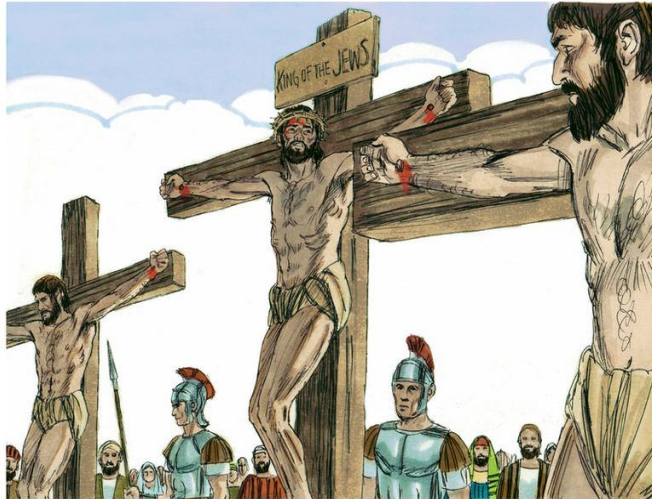
## INTERFAITH MOVEMENT PROMOTING ACTION by CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER



The Holy Comforter IMPACT team (*Bridget Davis, Chuck McCurdy, Denise Zito, Les Berlin, and Suzanne Bailey*) will be holding a **listening session** immediately following the

**11 AM Mass on Sunday, September 30** in the Bernard Moore room. We will share the past successes of this ministry and ask you to share your concerns about affordable housing in Charlottesville/Albemarle County. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn the meaning of Catholic Social Justice and how Holy Comforter parish works with 26 other congregations in our community to promote it. Please bring your family and join us! Light refreshments will be served. Contact Les Berlin [lester\\_berlin@yahoo.com](mailto:lester_berlin@yahoo.com) or Suzanne Bailey [slank@intelos.net](mailto:slank@intelos.net) with questions or to RSVP.

**From The Pastor  
A CALL TO ATONEMENT (Part 1)**



***If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. (1 Cor. 12:26)***

At this moment in the history of the Catholic Church, there is anger and a sense of betrayal in the Catholic communities because of the abuse by the Church leadership. The Church of Christ is bleeding! In the awareness of this challenge, our Bishop Barry Knestout, in his letter of August 15, 2018, invited us to pray for all the victims of abuse at the Mass of Atonement that took place on Friday, The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, at the Cathedral in Richmond. The Bishop invites us to open ourselves to the grace we need to overcome this scourge upon our Church, to prayerfully seek healing and reconciliation with all who have been hurt.

In the same spirit of atonement I encourage special prayers and fasting on Fridays for all those who can join me to pray for healing. The questions we ask; **WHAT IS THIS ATONEMENT ALL ABOUT** and **WHY SHOULD I BE PART OF THIS SINCE I AM INNOCENT?**

In the coming Sundays I will try to deal those questions and find out how best we can work together in this process of healing. **What is atonement?** Wikipedia gives this definition: ***“is the concept of a person taking action to correct previous wrong-doing on their part, either through direct action to undo the consequences of that act, equivalent action to do good for others, or some other expression of feelings of remorse”***. Atonement has been a mystery in the Body of Christ. We have been instructed that Jesus died for our sins, but how and why can this make sense? In order to understand why Jesus, the innocent, died for the guilty, we need to have some ideas from scriptures and how the Jewish community came up with this idea of atonement. Atonement in the Jewish view, means making reconciliation between two parties. The key words in Hebrew: **Kaphar** which means to cover, appease, and calm down, and **Kofer**, meaning ransom, are two at the bases of this idea of Atonement. We learn that most of the Old Testament sacrifices were **Kofers**, a propitiatory that makes atonement for sin. In the Bible atonement is associated with man’s sin. God commanded Israel to set aside one day each year, the tenth day of the seventh month, which He called “the day of atonement.” (Leviticus 16: 29-30; 23: 27-28) The people were to bring a sin offering, an innocent animal sacrifice “whose blood was brought in to make atonement” (Lev. 16:27). God had said, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.” (Lev. 17:11) ... and without shedding of blood there is no remission.” (Hebrew. 9:22)

What really then motivated the death of Christ? One Theologian observed that; “those who have no understanding or appreciation of Jesus Christ’s work for us, lack understanding also on the subject of the nature and effect of sin in all men.” Many Scriptures teach clearly that the Atonement of Christ is an expiation of human sin, so that sin is that which made the Atonement necessary. Christ became incarnate in order that He should die for human sin. Whether or not the Son of God would have become Incarnate if man had not sinned, we do not know, nor do we intend to speculate. It is sufficient for us to know that it was sin which made the Cross a must in the experience of the Son of God. *(To be continued---)*