

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
9:30 AM: Defibrillator Training
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

MONDAY (9/24)

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

TUESDAY (9/25)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (9/26)

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 (9/27)

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

FRIDAY (9/28)

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

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

9/23	St. Pio of Pietrelcina
9/24	St. Pacific of San Severino
9/25	St. Finbarr
9/26	St. Cosmas & St. Damian
9/27	St. Vincent de Paul (<i>Patron of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond</i>)
9/28	St. Wenceslaus
9/29	The Archangels (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael)

SATURDAY (9/29)

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

SUNDAY (9/30) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Donated by The Mackey Family)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS
NOON: IMPACT Listening Session (*Lower Level*)
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, September 24

NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, September 25

NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, September 26

NOON Holy Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, September 27

8 AM Azin and Timothy Dorss;
†Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

Friday, September 28

8 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, September 29

8 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

5 PM President Trump (Alice Makielski)

Sunday, September 30

8:30 AM †Kay Colo (The Petroni-Conaway Family)
11 AM †Carroll Shifflett (Charlie Francolini)
1:30 PM Sue and Ron Gilbert : 50th Wedding Anniversary (Patricia McAdams)

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

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

First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

The Law of the Lord brings joy.

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

GIFTS FROM GOD

SEPTEMBER 15 and 16, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$9,094
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Above Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$1,594</i>

Sanctuary Renovation Donations Received to Date

Total \$83,770.25

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next weekend will be the annual Diocesan collection for Retired Religious. 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

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Come join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Chapel for an evening of reflection, prayer, rosary and family. Beginners are welcome and rosaries are available. Use this peaceful time to offer atonement for the sins incurred by those in our holy church.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER 34th ANNUAL BANQUET

Reserve your seat at the Holy Comforter table for Saturday, Oct 20 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. This year's speaker is Christina Bennett and attendance is free. 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. For more information or to reserve your seat at our table, visit Partner.virginiapregnancy.org/Events.

Contact Barb Cassidy at 434-202-1540 with your 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, 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: Iraj Khalkali, 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join us from September 26th-November 4th 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 or visit 40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

The Ryan Connolly Family
The Jeffrey Davis Family
Niamh McCarthy
The Ashley Snyder Family

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Join us September 29th for the 17th Annual 5K and 7th Annual Fun Run! cvillecatholic.org/upcoming-events/5k

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Book Study: *"The Way of Perfection"*

Are you interested in deepening your prayer life and learning more about contemplative prayer? St. Teresa of Avila's book will help to deepen your understanding of prayer. This group will meet on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM beginning October 21 through May 2019. You are welcome to come for any or all sessions. Contact Patricia McAdams at pamcadams@yahoo.com for more information.

Dante Reading Group

The *Divine Comedy* reading group is underway! If you are interested in reading this classic of Christian literature, featuring a captivating story line and countless invitations to think deeply about questions of faith and theology, you are invited to join John Bugbee who facilitates this group each Saturday from 3:30-4:45 PM. For details, please contact John at bugbee@virginia.edu.

A NEW reading opportunity!

"Five Short Stories Every Catholic Should Read"

The Christian Formation Committee is pleased to announce "The Big Read!" Each week, the group will explore one of five short stories identified by stpeterslist.com as short stories every Catholic should read. If you are short on time, but enjoy good literature that offers a brief vision on the robust nature of Christian life, this group may be for you! The stories are "Leaf by Niggle," by J.R.R. Tolkien; "The Light Princess," by George MacDonald; "The Selfish Giant," by Oscar Wilde; "The Blue Cross," by G.K. Chesterton; and "Revelation," by Flannery O'Connor. The meeting day and time will be decided by the group. If interested in exploring this possibility, please sign the sheet on the Christian Formation table in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycorforterparish.org.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Classes for children in grades pre-K-8th have begun, but you are still welcome to register your child. Forms are available in the Commons or on the website www.holycorforterparish.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

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@holycorforterparish.org.

HAITI

Sponsorship Fair Success! Many thanks to the Holy Comforter parishioners who sponsored St. Michel students and bought fair trade Haitian coffee during last weekend's Haiti Sponsorship Fair. Your donations will provide the infrastructure, teacher salaries, books and hot lunch necessary for students of our twinned Haiti parish to flourish.

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 ginnyanzeller@gmail.com

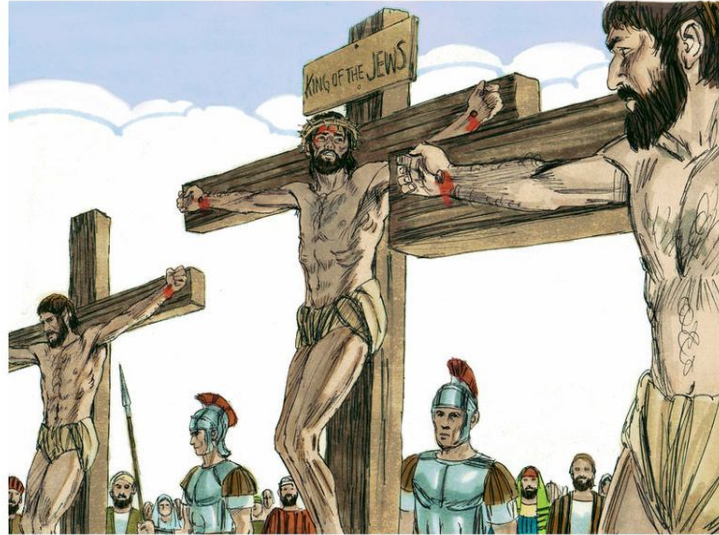
IMPACT

The Holy Comforter IMPACT team invites you to join the **listening session** immediately following the **11 AM Mass** next **Sunday, September 30** in the Bernard Moore room. 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 share your concerns about affordable housing in Charlottesville/Albemarle County. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Les Berlin lester_berlin@yahoo.com or Suzanne Bailey slank@intelos.net with questions or to RSVP.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S MASS OCTOBER 13 & 14

The UVA Department of Music and University Singers, present this regional premiere at The Paramount Theater, featuring a cast of more than 150 singers, dancers, and instrumentalists. The work arises from Bernstein's ongoing concern with a 20th century "crisis of faith," and takes audiences on an unforgettable and genre-spanning journey from doubt and struggle to newfound and hard-won faith. Tickets are available at the box office or theparamount.net

**From The Pastor
A CALL TO ATONEMENT (Part 2)**



“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' ”

(1 Pt. 2:24)

According to the Scripture as Romans 5:2 indicates, we are all born sinful and in great debt. This spiritual debt that we all have, these wages of sin, cannot be paid by good works, good conduct, good effort, good education, or good behavior. Death is the only payment for this inherited debt and man cannot pay the debt. *Our debt* is the reason that God’s Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth more than 2000 years ago. Thankfully, He didn’t come to make us pay up! Just the opposite; Scripture explains that **“God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.” (Jn 3:17)** God is a just God, a fair God, and a good God. He paid the debt Himself. God’s justice needed to be satisfied, so God’s love satisfied His justice.

The word of God continues to point out that Jesus Christ **“also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust (us), that He might bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18)** He paid the debt of sin *we couldn’t pay...a debt he didn’t owe!* Did you get that? The *Son of God* willingly took the judgment of your sins and mine to save us from suffering *our sins’* consequences for eternity in hell! When God **“laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Is 53:6)**, Jesus cried out in anguish, **“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Mk 15:34)** The answer is simple—because Jesus was taking *our place*. **“For God has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Cor. 5:21)** Imagine that! We—sinners by nature and choice—can be declared “righteous” before God *because Jesus paid our debt completely!* Just before Jesus breathed His last breath on the cross, He gathered His strength and cried out for all to hear, **“It...is...finished!” (Jn. 19:30)** As the old gospel song says, “He paid a debt He did not owe; I owed a debt I could not pay.” May be we don’t really get the magnitude of our debt. God’s Law says, you are guilty of sin against a holy God. Justice demands your life.—**“The wages of sin is death.” (Rm. 6:23)** Jesus answers, “Take My life instead.” The fact that Jesus took our place shows God’s great love: **“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn. 15:13)**

We have to be aware that the penalty for sin extends beyond physical death to include a spiritual separation from God. Again, in this matter, Jesus took our place. Part of Christ’s agony on the cross was a feeling of separation from the Father. After three hours of supernatural darkness in the land, Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me”? Because of Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf, we need never experience that sense of abandonment. We can never fathom, at least in this life, how much God the Son suffered in taking our place. So if Jesus chose to do this for us, what is expected of His disciples?

(To be continued...)