

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 2

8 AM Victims of and First Responders to Hurricane Harvey (The Lee Faust Family)

5 PM † Janina Cieslikowski (The Witkowski Family)
Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM † Lorene Primich (Judith Pateman and Kerry Moran)

Monday, September 4

NOON Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, September 5

NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, September 6

NOON Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, September 7

8 AM Sandra Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Family and Medical Team of Dominique Faust

Friday, September 8

8 AM † Ron Poole (Ambrose Graham Delany, Jr.)

Saturday, September 9

8 AM Joanne Walker (The Lee Faust Family)

5 PM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

† Scott Bauer (Friends from the Soup Kitchen)

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM † Romaine Brooks (Mary Frances Lilly)

1:30 PM † Guillermo P. Villasor, Sr. (J. P. Villasor)

Patrick Hendrix (Holli Traud)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

STAY UP TO DATE

Special announcements and changes to our schedule can be found on our **Facebook Page** and **Website**: hollycomforterparish.org. Please check-in regularly!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/2)

8 AM: MASS

10:30 AM: Quinceanera MASS

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/3) Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time

(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation

8:30 AM: Children's MASS

10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (9/4) LABOR DAY (PARISH OFFICES CLOSED)

NOON: Mass

7-8 PM: Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (9/5)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

WEDNESDAY (9/6)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

THURSDAY (9/7)

8 AM:: Mass

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/8)

8 AM: Mass

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (9/9)

8 AM: Mass

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/10) Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Altar Flowers Donated by Zane Jones)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)

10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

11 AM: MASS

1:30 PM: Latin Mass

WELCOME BACK FATHER JOSEPH MARY!

We missed you and are grateful to the many members of the clergy who provided pastoral assistance to us in your absence!!

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER**

3rd St. Gregory the Great
4th St. Boniface I
5th St. Bertin
6th St. Donatian
7th St. Anastasius the Fuller
8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9th St. Peter Claver

GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017

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| Offertory (plate) | \$3,642 |
| Offertory (online) | 1,510 |
| Weekly Offertory Budget | \$7,403 |
| <i>Below Weekly Budget</i> | <i>(\$2,251)</i> |
| Haiti | \$531 |
| Christian Formation | 435 |
| Outreach | 360 |
| Flowers | 350 |
| Justice and Peace | 241 |

HURRICANE HARVEY

There will be a second collection this weekend to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the Catholic dioceses impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Please make checks payable to Holy Comforter, including Catholic Charities USA/Texas on the memo line. Donations may be made online to the parish or can be sent directly to Catholic Charities USA at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Come pray The Rosary with us for Peace and Unity within our community and our country. After the recent events in Charlottesville, come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray this beautiful gift of prayer, hope, love and mercy. Peace begins in the family and in the home. There is nothing more powerful than prayer to change the world.

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may want to become a Catholic? Our RCIA Program is now underway and sessions are held every Sunday between the Masses in Sue Dougherty's office.

For more information, please contact Diane Auger Smith dianeaugersmith@gmail.com or (434) 996-0502, or make an appointment to meet with Father Joseph-Mary.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us if you would like a name added to or deleted from this list, office@hollycomforterparish.org
To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Florence Dennis, Pam Heron, Herman Ortmann, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, Jack Andrews, Eileen Foster, Tam Nguyen, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker, Charley Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Joann Walker, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicis, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Father Gerald Fogarty, Mary Ann Kline, Beatrice Stack, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, James Worley, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of 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.

PRO LIFE CELEBRATION WITH THE PREGNANCY CENTER OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA, SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

Reserve your seat today for the Pregnancy Centers' 33rd Fundraising Banquet on October 14 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. We have a reserved table of 10 for Holy Comforter Parishioners. The featured guest speaker is Jason Jones, award winning film producer, author, activist, and human rights worker. Attendance to this fundraiser is free. Donations to support the life-saving work of The Pregnancy Centers will be collected at the event. For more information or to reserve your seat, please email Barb Cassidy of Holy Comforter, bcc32968@gmail.com, or register online at VirginiaPregnancy.org/Events. On the drop down list, please select Barb Cassidy/Holy Comforter to ensure you will be seated at our table and to list any food restrictions. Please email me also, I will be turning in a complete list to ensure seating. **ONLY 3 spaces left.**

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

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Thank you, Richard Joseph, for your visit. Thank you to all who helped with the reception, hosted Richard and Roseline and provided transportation. We pray for their safe travel.

St. Michel School: You can help by sponsoring or donating. Sponsorship forms are on the Haiti table. St. Michel ninth grade students passed the state exam 100%. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

Contact with Sponsors: Please be sure we have your correct e-mail (Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com).

Sea Container: We are collecting items for Saltadere. Please bring **shoes** (of all sizes) and **clinic supplies**, including hygiene items and over the counter medications. A tote container is in the Commons now through September 10 ONLY. Thank you.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting is at Holy Comforter next Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 PM. All are welcome. Website: www.saltadere.org.

Contact: Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18 CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

Visit the CF table in the Commons to learn more about our Christian Formation program and to pick up a registration form for your children for the 2017-18 school year. Classes begin Sunday, September 10.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are in need of several catechists and substitutes for Christian Formation for the 2017-18 year. **One or two middle school catechists are needed immediately!** We would also like additional catechists in grades K-1 and 2-3. **We also need young adult or adult core team members for our High School Youth Ministry.** If you are interested, please sign the form in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holyccomforterparish.org.

SACRAMENTS 2017-2018

First Sacraments: In the Richmond Diocese, children at least age 7 are eligible to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The preparation program for these sacraments takes place *in addition to, not in lieu of* regular Christian Formation classes. Please register now for the program that begins in December by completing the registration form that may be found in the Commons or on the Holy Comforter website.

Confirmation: In the Richmond Diocese, students age 15 and in the 10th grade are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The preparation for this sacrament which takes place in the spring will begin in October and will be interwoven with the Youth Ministry Program. Please register now by completing the form that may be found in the Commons or on the Holy Comforter website.

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON!

Come enjoy the Divine Comedy!

A group is forming to read Dante's *Inferno* at nice slow pace over the course of the academic year. It's an exhilarating read, but also a fun and surprisingly easy one, and a great way to think about the Christian life while experiencing one of the high points of world literature. Facilitated by UVA Professor John Bugbee, a lover of medieval literature and theology. Meets Saturdays starting Sept. 9; if interested, contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu ASAP!

Our Lady of Fatima

A two-part series by Patricia McAdams, a member of the lay Carmelite Community.

Part 1: Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:45-10:45: *The Story Of Our Lady of Fatima.*

Part 2: Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:45-10:45: *"Heaven's Peace Plan."*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited and encouraged to join our ever-growing Youth Ministry! This year, we will meet weekly, beginning Sunday, September 10, from 4:00-5:30pm. Each week will alternate between catechesis focused on our relationship with God one week and a social or service activity the following week. The more students we have, the better the experience for all! Come and join the fun. Please register by picking up a form from the Commons or downloading it from the Holy Comforter website.

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES
Sue Dougherty, Coordinator of Religious Education

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

How easily and often we equate the month of September with "back to school!" Whether it is elementary, middle, high school, undergraduate, graduate, or beyond, we value and recognize the need for ongoing education. We anticipate with both excitement and some trepidation a new school year. So shouldn't our spiritual lives need the same ongoing education? Do we ever "arrive" at the pinnacle of our spiritual growth? If we take seriously the words of Jesus in the Gospel today, to "take up our cross and follow him," we must constantly arm ourselves with the spiritual tools we need to be "missionary disciples." That is the theme the US Bishops have chosen for the 2017-18 catechetical year. What is a "missionary disciple?" It is one who follows in the footsteps of Peter and the apostles to live as a disciple of Christ and invite others to do the same. Before they were sent out into the world, Jesus' disciples sat at his feet, listened to his words, and observed his actions. St. Paul, in the second reading today, urges us to do just that in order to live lives that are "good, pleasing and perfect" in the eyes of God:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

Recently, you, the parishioners of Holy Comforter, were asked to complete a survey to indicate your specific needs and desires for adult formation. Based on the responses we received (albeit a tiny fraction of the total number of adult parishioners), the Christian Formation Committee has created some goals and planned a variety of opportunities for adults to grow in their spiritual lives. Here is a snapshot of what we learned from the survey responses:

Top areas of interest:

- ❖ Deeper knowledge of Catholic Faith (Scripture and Tradition)
- ❖ Strengthen prayer life
- ❖ Deeper understanding of liturgy and sacraments
- ❖ Catholic Social Teaching

Most requested presentation formats:

- ❖ Lecture presentation with Q&A
- ❖ Small group gatherings
- ❖ DVD/Film, facilitated book discussion
- ❖ field trip/pilgrimage

Based on this information, the committee discussed some proposed goals:

- ❖ Provide a variety of adult formation opportunities to meet the diverse spiritual needs of the parish using different formats, considering the needs of older adults, young adults, and families with young children:
- ❖ Offer at least 2 pilgrimages/retreats annually
- ❖ Identify families willing to facilitate monthly home meetings for Mass and topic discussion for parishioners in their neighborhood.
- ❖ Meet the needs of families with young children in the parish including accessible times and childcare.
- ❖ Work in tandem with New Evangelization and Parish Life to encourage "living faith;" an encounter with Christ through families (Domestic Church)

To meet these goals two key ingredients are critical: (1) Persons willing to help implement and facilitate adult formation and (2) eager participants open to being formed into missionary disciples!

Please see the bulletin insert for specific upcoming opportunities and then prayerfully consider how **YOU** can become involved. A *living* Church is a *growing* Church. Don't be a passive bystander. Let us grow together to truly carry Christ's message to the world!