

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (10/21)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**11 AM:** BAPTISM *Cecilia Mae Bergman*  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**3:30:** Dante's *Inferno* Book Study (*Lower Level*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/22) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time (Altar Flowers Donated by Zane Jones)**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**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*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Gospel of Mark Study (*Chapel*)  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**12:45-1:30 PM:** Reconciliation  
**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS  
**4-5:30 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

**MONDAY (10/23)**

**NOON:** MASS  
**6-7 PM:** Lawyers Helping Lawyers Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**6-7 PM:** Women's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal

**TUESDAY (10/24)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS  
**7-8 PM:** Men's *Schola* Rehearsal (*Lower Level*)

**WEDNESDAY (10/25)**

**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 (10/26)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (10/27)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS (*For deceased members of our Parish*)  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

10/22 St. Mary Salome  
 10/23 St. John of Capistrano  
 10/24 St. Anthony Mary Claret  
 10/25 St. Gaudentius  
 10/26 St. Evaristus  
 10/27 St. Frumentius  
 10/28 St. Jude and St. Simon

**SATURDAY (10/28)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**8:30 AM-2 PM:** Pastoral Council Retreat (*Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Palmyra*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**3:30:** Dante's *Inferno* Book Study (*Lower Level*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (10/29) Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time (Altar Flowers Donated by Maria Andrea and Greg Gerling)**

**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*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Gospel of Mark Study (*Chapel*)  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**12 PM:** All Saints Family Celebration  
**4-5:30 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 21**

**8 AM** Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)  
**5 PM** Members of our Parish

**Sunday, October 22**

**8:30 AM** Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)  
**11:00 AM** Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)  
**1:30 PM †** Lorenzo A. Villazor (J. P. Villazor)  
**†**Wanda Lear (Holli and David Traud)

**Monday, October 23**

**NOON** Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

**Tuesday, October 24**

**NOON** Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)

**Wednesday, October 25**

**NOON** Paul Savoie (Paul Savoie)

**Thursday, October 26**

**8 AM** Paul Savoie (Paul Savoie)

**Friday, October 27**

**NOON** Deceased Members of our Parish

**Saturday, October 28**

**8 AM** Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)  
**5 PM †**Trudy and Lou Caretti (Barbara and Brian Cassidy)

**Sunday, October 29**

**8:30 AM** Members of our Parish  
**11:00 AM** Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)

**CHILDREN'S LENDING LIBRARY FOR MASS**

Need something to keep your little one (s) busy during Mass? We have a large selection of age appropriate books to borrow from the "Children's Lending Library" basket in the Commons. Please help yourself!

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

*Exodus 22:20-26*

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51*

The Lord is our strength.

#### Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10*

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

#### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 22:34-40*

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

### GIFTS FROM GOD

#### OCTOBER 8, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$8,583.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
Above Weekly Budget	(1,180.50)

#### OCTOBER 15, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$3,857.50
Offertory (online)	4,210.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
Above Weekly Budget	( 664.50)

A Second Collection will be taken today for World Mission Sunday.

#### SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING

Looking for ways to simplify your busy schedule? Try Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. Look for the link our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org)

#### STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

### 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@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:office@holycomforterparish.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:** Dominique Faust, Colette Hall, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, 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:** Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Joann Walker, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicus, 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.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#### HAITI

**St. Michel School:** Help St. Michel School by sponsoring or donating. Sponsorship forms are on the Haiti table. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

**Contact with Sponsors:** Please be sure we have your correct. Contact: [sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com).

**Watch for:** Haitian craft sales later this fall. Cards, coffee and sponsorships will be available, too.

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Next Meeting will be October 22 at 1:30 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome.

**Contact:** Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com).  
Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)

**MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

The Rosary is the all-powerful way to touch the heart of Our Lady. It is also the most excellent and fruitful type of prayer for obtaining eternal life. *O Mary, help me to recite my Rosary faithfully. Grant that it may keep me close to you on earth and gain for me eternal life and union with you in heaven.* (Pope Leo XIII)

During this month of the Rosary, come join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary for healing within our families, our communities and our country. All are welcomed. If not now, When?

**THE ST. CECILIA YOUTH CHOIR**

Our Minister of Music, Daniel Kirkland, is forming a youth choir for our monthly 8:30 AM Children's Masses and for Christmas. The choir will meet weekly to learn how to read music using a merit-based system designed by the Royal School of Church Music. The repertoire will consist of hymns and part-music and rehearsals will begin in November. Please sign up in the commons or contact Daniel Kirkland at [music@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:music@holycomforterparish.org). The choir is open to all youth from reading age through high school.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION****ADULT FORMATION: The Gospel According to Mark**

Please join us for our ongoing study of the Gospel of Mark which will continue this week. Your participation in our discussion is welcome as often as you can come. Participants are encouraged to purchase the commentary and study guide so that you can continue your study each week even if you are unable to come on Sunday. Please sign the registration form in the Commons so that Sue Dougherty may contact you.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

This week our high school youth are completing a service project for the University Hospitality House. They will prepare a meal to freeze for families and their loved ones who are receiving treatment at the hospital. All high school students are encouraged to join us from 4:00-5:30 on the lower level.

**HIGH SCHOOL CATECHIST STILL NEEDED**

We currently have one catechist plus the Coordinator for our high school program, but we would benefit greatly from another "young at heart" person to help us teach, mentor, and value the wonderful young people who are involved in the program. A love for teens and for sharing the Gospel and great listening skills are the only qualifications you need! Please contact Sue Dougherty ASAP if you are interested.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

All middle school students in grades 6 through 8 are invited and encouraged to attend the Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally that will be held in our own back yard at **Charlottesville Catholic School on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**! This event is a high-energy day filled with great talks from a keynote speaker, fun activities and games, and a chance to meet other youth from nearby parishes. Registration forms may be found [here](http://evangelizerichmond.org/events/msrallies2017/), <http://evangelizerichmond.org/events/msrallies2017/> or contact Sue Dougherty.

**ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION**

Next **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, all children are invited to help us celebrate All Saints Day. Each child will choose a saint to research, then present that information in costume in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 AM Mass. This will be followed with a family POTLUCK brunch on the lower level. Please join us!

**DIOCESE NEWS****CPAs AND FINANCIAL PLANNERS**

Be a guest of the Diocese for Mass, lunch and a continuing professional education opportunity for CPAs and financial planners on Wednesday, November 1. Come learn how Virginia's Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program is providing tremendous tax benefits to donors, and granting millions of dollars in scholarships to K-12 students who otherwise could not afford to attend Catholic schools. Since Nov. 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, join us at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (located at 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond VA 23294) at 12:00 noon for Mass (optional), lunch at 12:30 (optional), and the EISTC presentation from 1:00-1:50 pm. For CPAs, the seminar will provide one hour of continuing education credit. To register, please contact Miriam Tice at 804-622-5201 or [mtice@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mtice@richmonddiocese.org)

**34TH ANNUAL RED MASS AND DINNER**

The Reverend Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond, will celebrate the Mass **on Thursday, October 26** at 5:30 PM at Saint Mary Church, 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond, followed by a dinner in the Church Upper Commons. The keynote address will be given by Professor Hadley Arkes, Founder and Director of the James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights and the American Founding. Tickets for the dinner are \$65.00 each. For more information contact: James Schliessmann, [jeschliessmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jeschliessmann@hotmail.com) or 804-873-1035.

**FROM OUR PASTOR**  
**PLANNING TO CELEBRATE 140 YEARS OF HOLY COMFORTER PARISH IN 2020**



***LIMITATIONS TO OUR GROWTH (part 7)***

***“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Cor.22:9)***

It is a commonplace to observe that the saints were not those who never fell, but those who never gave in to their falls. We come to another aspect in life that sometimes limits our spiritual growth and that is **Discouragement**. Often times when one observes a failure to grow in others or in one’s own life, we become discouraged. When things don’t progress as quickly as one would like, one can become frustrated and tempted to give up. Obviously, as long as this attitude is present, growth will not occur. Discouragement is a temptation “common to man” (1 Corinthians 10:13). And, in dealing with it, we sometimes need tenderness while at other times we need toughness. Either way discouragement is not to be tolerated, it’s to be fought. Jesus describes this as the challenge of the stony ground in the parable of the Sower: ***“But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.” (Mat. 13: 20-21).*** My spiritual director once told me ***“When we feel discouraged we want comfort, which is right to feel. But, the comforts we often turn to are ways to avoid our fears rather than ways to muster our courage to face and overcome them. When this happens, discouragement simply becomes a sinful indulgence in unbelief; no different than indulging in lust or anger or other sins of unbelief.”***

The fact that one is discouraged is not wrong within itself. We all become discouraged from time to time. Even Jesus was discouraged occasionally. But the key is to keep going and not let whatever it is that is so discouraging hinder our growth in any area of our life: spiritual, physical and social. Realizing that growth also takes time, Paul said, ***“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9).*** Growth will come “in due season.” I am reminded of the child who can hardly wait to grow up. First, he can’t wait to become a teenager. Then, he wants to be sixteen so that he can drive. As he reaches that milestone, he wants to be an adult, and so it keeps going. We tell them, “Be patient, growth takes time.” It is easy to understand that physical growth takes time, but when it comes to other areas of life we desire the “highway” speed limit. We want growth and we want it right now. Well, growth doesn’t work that way. Let us keep in mind the steps of the process of growth and allow maturity to take place.

Now the question comes, “What can we do about these ***LIMITATIONS TO OUR GROWTH?***” Scripture tells us: ***“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2).*** Note how we are called upon to lay aside every weight and run with endurance. *(To be continued).*