

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

September 11 St. Cyprian  
 12 Most Holy Name of the BV Mary  
 13 St. John Chrysostom  
 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 15 Our Lady of Sorrows  
 16 St. Cornelius  
 17 St. Robert Bellarmine

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 10  
**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, September 11  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** All Priests and Deacons serving Holy Comforter Parish in Father Joseph Mary's absence.  
 Monday, September 12  
**NOON** Luisa Schneider (Lisa Schneider)  
 Wednesday, September 14  
**NOON** †Nicholas Benedict Arntsen (Marie Mierzejewski)  
 Thursday, September 15  
**NOON** †Bernard Zaborowski (Mary Schmertz)  
 Friday, September 16  
**NOON** Vicente Nguyen Chuc and Vicente Nguyen Vinh  
 Saturday, September 17  
**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish  
 Sunday, September 18  
**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** All Priests and Deacons serving Holy Comforter Parish in Father Joseph Mary's absence.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*Amos 8:4-7*

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8*

Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

**Second Reading**

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 16:1-13* (shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (9/10)**

**9 AM:** Cursillo Men and Women  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (9/11) TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*(Altar Flowers provided by the Nguyen Vu Family)*

**8:30 AM:** MASS  
**9:40-10:50 AM:** RCIA (*CRE Office*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)  
**11 AM:** MASS

**MONDAY (9/12)**

**10:30 AM:** Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)  
**NOON:** MASS  
**7 PM:** Pastoral Council (*Lower Level*)

**TUESDAY (9/13)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (9/14)**

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

**THURSDAY (9/15)**

**NOON:** MASS  
**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (9/16)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**SATURDAY (9/17)**

**9 AM:** Cursillo Men and Women  
**9-11 AM:** Spiritual Walk and Talk (*Saunders-Monticello Trail*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (9/18) TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*(Altar Flowers provided by Anonymous Donation)*

**8:30 AM:** MASS  
**9:40-10:50 AM:** RCIA (*CRE Office*)  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)  
**11 AM:** MASS

**PARISHIONER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

*9/4/1971: Dominique and Lee Faust*  
*9/6/1986: Suzanne and Michael Bailey*  
*9/10/1994: Michelle and Wayne Edwards*  
*9/20/1969: Cynthia and Les Berlin*

### GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory September 3-4, 2016 (Church)	\$4,621
Justice and Peace	\$440
Outreach	180
Christian Formation	40
Haiti	30
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>4,621</u>
Deficit	\$2,552

***Next weekend there will be an Emergency Collection to assist victims of the recent flooding in Louisiana.***

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#### IMPACT

The Holy Comforter team (Chuck McCurdy, Denise Zito, Les Berlin, and Suzanne Bailey) of IMPACT (Interfaith Movement Promoting Action By Congregations Together) will be holding listening sessions in homes during September and early October, including a special session immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6 to 7 p.m.) on Saturday, September 17 in the newly-renovated Bernard Moore room in the basement of the church. This is your chance to learn about past successes of this interfaith justice ministry, as well as your opportunity to share your concerns about the ability of community members to age in a safe and healthy way---this year's issue that IMPACT will tackle--and to learn generally how you can become involved in IMPACT. House meetings are necessarily by invitation only. All are welcome to the church meeting. Please come. Contact Suzanne Bailey at [slank@ntelos.net](mailto:slank@ntelos.net) with questions or to RSVP. Light refreshments will be served.

#### HAITI

Holy Comforter will be holding a sponsorship fair for the St. Michel Parish School in Saltadere Haiti after Masses the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also be selling Haitian coffee. Our next meeting will be October 23 at Holy Comforter. **All are welcome.** **Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at [anne@stagebridge.net](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnynnanzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnynnanzeller@gmail.com). Website: [www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)

#### UGANDA

Please pray for Father Joseph Mary and Theresa Lynch who are providing assistance to many of God's people in Uganda.

#### OUTREACH

Construction continues on the Lower Level of the Church. Come have a look at the progress so far!

### PARISH NEWS

#### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the parish office at 295-7185, to arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary.

#### THE ILL & HOME BOUND:

**Parishioners:** Jack Andrews, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, Ron Lavis, Sue Newman, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, Charley and Kitty Moore.

**Friends and Relatives:** Fred Crane, Bill Eddy, Susan Steeby, Lisa Marshall, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Dolores J. Calka, George William Polhill, II, Claudia Hartland, Betsy Boyce, Michael Norton, Leslie Gilliam, Jane Sargent, Josephine Nampijja, Grace Dawn Wicke, Melyssa Dove, Nicole Carpenter, Beth Mauk, Evan Dotas, Dave Halley, Cullen McQuhae, Bill & Marie Jones, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, Mrs. Jessica Viglietta, Pam D. Goines, Charlie Previtali, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, June Atherton, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, J. Sloan, Paul Hillard, Dale Evans, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Elaine Roberti, Benedict Pax, Jerry Colgate, Timothy Lee Smith, Ned Foss & Jennifer Rinehart, Janet Dunham, Susie Jackson, Fr. Michael Hann, Fr. Joseph Torretto, Mike Charlie, Joel Rivera, Pam Heron, Elizabeth Scott, Kwasi Johnson, Marianne Rossner, Angie Lee, Residents of Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, In memory of James Brazell.

**Members of the Military:** Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, David Alvey, Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

#### LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

**The Necessity of Divine Mercy** Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. In this Year of Mercy, discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy.

**MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

Now that the school year has started, summer vacations winding down, and you are getting settled back into your routine, why not include the Rosary Prayer Group as part of your routine? We meet every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray for our parishioners' intentions, and to pray the rosary. We have a wonderful prayer family. Come join us!

And, don't forget, add your intentions to the Intention Book outside of the Chapel and we will include your intentions during our weekly prayers.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church, or do you know someone who is? If so, RCIA may be the answer. Classes are held on Sundays in the office of the Coordinator of Religious Education from 9:40 AM-10:50 AM through Pentecost, 2017. If you are interested, please contact Diane Auger Smith at [dianeaugersmith@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaugersmith@gmail.com) or at (434) 996-0502, or call the church office at (434) 295-7185.

**HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, 9/11, 4:00-5:30 PM.** All High School youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join us this evening for our initial "get-to-know-you" meeting of our new and exciting Youth Ministry. If you have not yet registered, you may bring your registration form with you. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and discussion!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**2016 MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND**

Thursday, October 20 - Sunday, October 23th at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg. Catholic men are invited to spend an inspiring long weekend with other men who want to deepen their relationship with God and enrich the way each lives out his faith every day. The weekend will be led by a team Catholic men who have made a Cursillo weekend before, along with spiritual directors including a priest. Mass will be held each day, along with engaging reflection times and talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Great food and fun included. Cost: \$60.00 (donations will be accepted at the end of the weekend to allow others to go on a Cursillo Weekend). For information and downloadable applications, visit the Valley Cursillo website: [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com). **Application due date: Wednesday, October 12th.**

**VIRGINIA CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY 2016 @ BUSCH**

**GARDENS:** All youth and families from across the Diocese are invited to come together for a day at Busch Gardens on **Saturday, October 1, 2016**. Three ticket options are available: All-inclusive (\$61/individual), includes park admission, Sunday Vigil Mass, and All-you-can-eat dinner buffet; Single Day Admission Ticket (\$54/individual), includes admission and Sunday Vigil Mass; or All-You-Can-Eat Dinner Buffet ONLY (\$12/individual) includes Sunday Vigil Mass and All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. You must register online at [www.evangelizerichmond.org](http://www.evangelizerichmond.org). The parish youth contact and on-site coordinator will be Sue Dougherty, [cre@hollycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@hollycomforterparish.org). We hope that you will consider joining us for this wonderful community event with other parishes across the Diocese!

**COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES****Are you considering being an adoptive or foster parent?**

We know there are a lot of questions that go into the decision, and we're here to help. Commonwealth Catholic Charities offers free, no-obligation information meetings for foster parenting and adopting. You'll have a chance to talk with an experienced CCC social worker, learn answers to your questions and hear more about the process. Call (434) 974-6880 for more information.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood on Hydraulic Road, and to help spread the word about this important community effort to defend the most innocent among us: unborn babies. If you'd like more information, the local contact email is: [cville40days@gmail.com](mailto:cville40days@gmail.com). Our campaign website is [40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville](http://40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville)

**FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**, sponsored by Church of the Epiphany, will be held Sept 30th-Oct 2, 2016, at Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, Virginia. This retreat is for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend is a confidential retreat that combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. To learn more about this retreat please contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings: 804-704-0429, or Maggie Carlson: 804-432-2589 or [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com). Visit our website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## FROM THE COORDINATOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### “MAKING SPACE FOR SABBATH IN OUR LIVES”

*In our busy lives today, it is a challenge for us to truly “keep the Sabbath holy” as the third commandment directs us. Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, has some suggestions to help us find a “Sabbath rest” for ourselves and our families, even during the week! The point is to intentionally carve out quiet time for God in our day.*

....Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Until recently it was more clear that this is a commandment, not simply a lifestyle suggestion. Sabbath, until recent generations, was a day where ordinary life and ordinary activity were supplanted by a different sense of time and activity.

What is Sabbath meant to be?

For an observant Jew, Sabbath means that the normal workday is suspended and replaced by a special time of prayer, family, celebration, leisure, and enjoyment. In the Jewish spirituality, Sabbath is honored by lighting candles, gathering in worship and prayer, blessing children, singing songs, keeping silence, walking, reading scripture, making love, and sharing a meal.

The recipe for Sabbath observance is essentially the same for Christians. Many of us remember the Sunday customs of our childhood and how, on Sunday, everyone would dress up (in their Sunday best) to go to church to worship, come home and eat the best meal of the week (Sunday dinner) and then spend the rest of the day with family, usually in various kinds of leisure activities.

Today, we are considerably more casual and careless about observing the Sabbath and we are poorer, both religiously and humanly, because of this. Much of our tiredness and sense of being overburdened comes from not having a regular Sabbath in our lives.

With this in mind, allow me to offer my own hints for longevity, hints based largely upon a theology of observing the Sabbath:

1. Keep Sabbath with the discipline demanded of a commandment.
2. Sabbath need not be just one day a week. Sabbath can be an hour, a walk, a meal, a drink, a chat with a friend. Plan at least one Sabbath-moment every day.
3. Every day, even if for just a few minutes, go to some place where you can't be reached. Cell-phones, email, and electronic communications have made us the most efficient and connected people in history, but they are also making the observance of Sabbath all but impossible. Go regularly to a place where you can't be reached.
4. Honor the wisdom of dormancy, know that when you aren't doing something that is productive you are giving your soul the time and space it needs to quietly take in the nutrients it requires to remain productive. Buy a rocking chair and sit in it regularly, not thinking, not praying, not talking to a friend, just sitting, our soul a fallow field that is quietly waiting.
5. Spend some time in quiet and prayer regularly.
6. Be attentive to little children, old people, family, food, wine, and the weather. All of these are non-pragmatic and Sabbath-invoking.
7. Stay in touch and listen to your body. It will tell you when you need Sabbath.

***Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., is an Oblate priest, theologian and popular spirituality writer. He is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.***