

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

September 25 St. Finbarr
 26 St. Cosmas and St. Damian
 27 St. Vincent de Paul
 28 St. Wenceslaus
 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
 30 St. Jerome
 October 1 St. Therese of Lisieux

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
 Sunday, September 25
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Jeanette McCarthy (Jill and Steve
 Paitsel)
1:30 PM Joshua Lyons (anonymous)
 Tuesday, September 27
NOON †Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)
 And Holy Comforter Outreach Volunteers
 Saturday, October 1
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
 Sunday, October 2
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Members of the Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7,8-9

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations are being accepted for the October weekends. Please see the schedule on the credenza in the Commons to sign up.

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONER

Frank McCarthy

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/24)

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women
1:00 PM: WEDDING (*Kara Schach and Kevin Katz*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/25) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(*Altar Flowers provided in Memory of Lou and Gertrude Caretti, by Barb and Brian Cassidy*)

8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (9/26)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (9/27)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
1-3 PM: Afternoon Tea Reception for Outreach Volunteers (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (9/28)

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 (9/29)

NOON: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/30)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
2 PM: Finance Council Meeting (*Lower Level*)
5 PM: Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY (10/1)

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women
1:00 PM: WEDDING (*Meredith Drexel and David Deial*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/2) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME (*St. Michel School Sponsorship Fair*)
 (*Altar flowers provided by anonymous donation*)

8:30 AM: Children's MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS (*BAPTISM: Niamh Lally*)

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory September 17-18, 2016 (Church)	\$5,079.50
Offertory (Online)	3,144.00
Catholic Relief Services/Louisiana	\$1,392
Outreach	860
Justice and Peace	320
Christian Formation	370
Retired Religious	145
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173.00
Offertory Received	<u>8,223.50</u>
Surplus	\$1,050.50

There is a second collection this weekend for Retired Religious.

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: Mary Ann White, 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: The Campbell Family, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

We have a small group of EMs who serve the homebound of the parish as well as patients in healthcare facilities assigned to Holy Comforter. Albemarle Health & Rehab is a new facility with short term and long term care patients near Monticello High School. On a weekly basis there are 4-5 patients requesting communion. We need more EMs to help! Day/time is flexible. Training provided. Patients are so happy to receive the Eucharist! Please consider & contact Barbara Rainville: 434 295-8493 consultrainville@aol.com

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (*Displayed in Commons*)

Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ, and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Holy Comforter will hold its Sponsorship Fair after Masses on October 1 and 2. Sponsorship donations are the main means of supporting the children of St. Michel School, our sister parish in Saltadere, Haiti. We will also be selling Haitian coffee after the Masses.

Prayers for Haiti Travelers: This week, Bob Fromm and Monica Walker from St. Thomas Aquinas, will travel to Saltadere, Haiti. They should arrive in time for the patronal feast of St. Michel. Bob will check on clinic construction and the clean water project approvals and Monica will continue her project of providing computers for the schools of the Diocese of Hinche. Please keep them and all our Haitian brothers and sisters in your prayers

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

September 27th is the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, patron saint of charities and volunteer workers serving the poor. The Parish Life Ministry will host an afternoon tea reception that day after the noon Mass, from 1-3 PM. A variety of sweet and savory finger foods, and of course tea and coffee, will be served!

UGANDA

Welcome back Theresa Lynch and Father Joseph Mary! Stay tuned for news from their visit!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION

Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM

All High School youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join us as we build and expand our youth ministry! You may still register by completing the registration form available in the Commons or on the website.

High School Service Opportunity! High school students are invited to join the Youth Ministry Team on Saturday, October 8 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM to help paint part of the newly renovated lower level of the church! We will provide all supplies – paintbrushes, rollers, painters tape.....and plenty of snack foods! All you need to do is come with your painting clothes on. Please join us for a time to have fun with your friends while doing a service for the church!

ADULT FORMATION

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible DVD series continues this Sunday, from 9:45-10:45 in the chapel. You may still register by picking up a form in the Commons or from the website. Please consider joining us for this excellent overview of the Old and New Testaments.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Classes are underway! Please contact Diane Auger Smith for more information dianeaugersmith@gmail.com.

SEEKING ADDITIONAL CATECHISTS: Although we have at least one catechist in each of our Pre-K to 8th grade classes, it would be very beneficial to have two catechists for each class. Additional substitute teachers are also needed. Please prayerfully consider your call to this important ministry and contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org if you are interested.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Developmental Disabilities CCC's Developmental Disabilities program serves people with developmental delays by providing oversight, coordination, and monitoring of the clients' healthcare. Do you know someone who could benefit from our services? To speak with someone about our program call, (434) 974-6880.

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. **Application due date: Wednesday, October 12th.**

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. 40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As men and women of God we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 21-23 October in Norfolk or 18-20 November in Norfolk.

For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-483-3209

FROM THE COORDINATOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last week on "Catechetical Sunday," we recognized the volunteers in our parish who provide catechesis for our children. But, they cannot do it alone! It is important for parents to reflect on their role as the "primary heralds of the Gospel" for their children. Dr. Patricia McCormack, IHM, prominent psychologist and supporter of parents and teachers in the faith formation of children, offers these reflections in her article, "A Guide to Catholic Parenting: Catholic Parents Keep Promises."

Five Elements for Creating a Spiritual Climate in your Home:

- **Environment:** Are there crucifixes in the major rooms; images of Jesus like the Sacred Heart, Good Shepherd, or Divine Mercy; and statues or pictures of Mary and/or the patron saints of your children?
- **Prayer:** How faithful are family members to the practice of morning and night prayer as well as grace before and after meals? Do parents pronounce a ritual blessing when children leave home in the morning or go to bed in the evening?
- **Rituals:** Does the family "mark" the sacred seasons with practices like an Advent wreath, Christmas Courts of the King, or Lenten observances?
- **Sacraments:** Does the family celebrate annual Mass events like: Birthday of Mary (9/8), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (9/14), and Christ the King Sunday? Does the family frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- **Service:** Does the family practice the Works of Mercy and the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching?

Ten Indicators of Catholic Parenting

1. I teach my children the words and the meaning of age-appropriate prayers like Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Angel of God, Act of Contrition, etc.
2. My family prays grace before and after meals.
3. I establish a bedtime ritual that includes prayer, an examination of conscience, and an act of contrition.
4. I oversee the study of religion lessons. I read and study the lessons, too. I help my children to understand, memorize, and practice faith formulas like the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, precepts of the Church, and principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
5. I explain that the Ten Commandments are standards of love and expressions of a loving relationship rather than a set of rules. I provide an age-appropriate understanding of the Ten Commandments.
6. My children and I participate weekly in the Sunday Eucharist. I help my children to participate with attention, reverence, and devotion.
7. My children and I practice regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
8. My family is growing familiar with the Gospels and learning to apply the messages of the Sunday Gospel to daily living.
9. I am cultivating within my family devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. We make visits to the Blessed Sacrament. There we pray ACTS: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Seeking.
10. My family demonstrates reverence for Mary and the Saints. Each member of the family knows the life and character-qualities of his/her patron saint.

Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM
www.ParentTeacherSupport.org