

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

August 20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux
 21 St. Pius X
 22 Queenship of Mary
 23 St. Rose of Lima
 24 St. Bartholomew
 25 St. Louis IX of France
 26 St. Zephyrinus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19
5 PM The Poor Souls of Purgatory (Paul Savoie)
 Sunday, August 20
8:30 AM Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
 Monday, August 21
NOON Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Tuesday, August 22
NOON Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Wednesday, August 23
NOON Sandra Johnson (Paul Savoie)
 Thursday, August 24
NOON Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Friday, August 25
NOON Dominico Nguyen Phuc (Thuy T. Vu)
 Saturday, August 26
5 PM †Ephraim Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Sunday, August 27
8:30 AM †Cecile Savoie (Paul Savoie)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading
Isaiah 22:19-23
 God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
 God's kindness is forever.
Second Reading
Romans 11:33-36
 Paul sings praise to God.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 16:13-20
 Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS!
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gryzymala

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/19)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (8/20) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:30 AM: RCIA Orientation (*Lower Level*)
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
11 AM: MASS
MONDAY (8/21)
NOON: Mass
7-8 PM: Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal (*Lower Level*)
TUESDAY (8/22)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
WEDNESDAY (8/23)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
THURSDAY (8/24)
NOON: Mass
NOON: Soup Kitchen
FRIDAY (8/25)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Mass
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
SATURDAY (8/26)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS
SUNDAY (8/27) Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Flowers Donations Gladly Accepted)
8:30 AM: MASS
10-10:45 AM: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
11 AM: MASS

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
 August 4, 2001: Alix and David Paget-Brown
 August 4, 2011: Emily and Robert Cox
 August 8, 1981: Lisa and Michael Marshall
 August 14, 2004: Daisy and James Hutcherson
 August 26, 1989: Amber and John Eros
 August 31, 1996: Kelly and Patrick Langan

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!

GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 13, 2017

Offertory (plate) \$3,325
Outreach \$1.084

Weekly Offertory Budget \$7,403
Below Weekly Budget \$4,078

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
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: 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

On Saturday, October 14, The Pregnancy Center of Central VA will be hosting their CVILLE BANQUET. A table of 10 has been reserved for Holy Comforter Parishioners. **There are ONLY 5 spaces left!!!** Reserve your space today. Let's try to fill an entire table to show our support for this worthy cause. Mark the date and please email Barb Cassidy bcc32968@gmail.com to reserve your space today!!!!

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Rosary is a beautiful gift of prayer given to us by our most Holy Mother. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray this beautiful gift of prayer.

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? The RCIA Process may be the answer.

"Becoming a Catholic" is a journey. A person enters the life of the Church through periods of study, faith sharing, scripture reflection, and rites (steps along the way, celebrated with the parish faith community). The usual culmination of this process is held during the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season.

Holy Comforter offers a process for those who wish to inquire about the Catholic Faith, and if they choose to, join the Catholic Church.

Please contact Diane Auger Smith dianeaugersmith@gmail.com or (434) 996-0502, or make an appointment to meet with Father Joseph-Mary, and attend the regular RCIA sessions with our RCIA team. The RCIA Orientation will take place this Sunday, August 20th after the 8:30 AM Mass downstairs in the Bernard Moore Room, and regular RCIA sessions will be held every Sunday between the Masses in Sue Dougherty's office.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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.

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. Substitute teachers are always needed. If you are interested, please sign the form in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

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.

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

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima, our first Adult Formation topic of the fall will be ***"The Story of our Lady of Fatima,"*** a presentation by Patricia McAdams, who is a member of the lay Carmelite Community. This will be a two part presentation on **Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, September 24** from 9:45-10:45. Patricia will provide some little-known details about the appearance of Mary to the children of Fatima and then explain how we must use the Blessed Mother's message, "Heaven's Peace Plan" for our world today. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

UNBOUND

Thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

HAITI

Next weekend!

Richard Joseph, Director of Education for the Diocese of Hinche, will speak at Holy Comforter on Saturday, August 26 at the 5 PM Mass. He will be on hand afterward and be available to answer questions.

Come and learn about progress at the school!

Contact with Sponsors:

Please be sure we have your correct e-mail. Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com

St. Michel School: Sponsorships provide for operating costs at the school. You can help by sponsoring or donating. Sponsorship forms are in the white Haiti Sponsorship binder on the table in the Commons. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

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

Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS is seeking a part-time Aftercare Director and assistants. This person(s) should have experience working with kids ages 4-13 and be available from 3:30-5:30 Monday through Friday. CPR certified and teaching experience is recommended but not required.

Please contact Chris Tillson c.tillson@cvillecatholic.org 434-964-0400 ext 388 if you are interested.

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

A Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held October 19-22, 2017, at Camp Overlook (near Harrisonburg). The purpose of the Catholic Cursillo Movement is to support people in living out their faith in their everyday lives. It is an inspiring 3-day retreat led by a dedicated team of lay adults and a Catholic priest from our area.

Registered Catholic parishioners are encouraged to **submit their application by Thursday, October 5, 2017**, and must be sponsored by a person (male or female) who has made a Cursillo weekend previously. If you do not know anyone who has made a Cursillo weekend and who can sponsor you, please contact Karen and Roy Norville at valleycursillo@gmail.com and we can arrange a sponsor for you. For more detailed information and to download an application, please go to the Valley Cursillo website: www.valleycursillo.com.

P.S. The next Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held April 12-15, 2018, at Camp Overlook as well.

REFLECTION***Sue Dougherty, Coordinator of Religious Education*****CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION: HAND-IN-HAND***"Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, Oh Lord."*

St. Augustine

"These are powerful words. They direct us toward Christ in a simple way that speaks to everyone, for everyone has a restless heart. Pope Francis tells us that Augustine is speaking of three types of restlessness: "the restlessness of spiritual seeking, the restlessness of the encounter with God, the restlessness of love." This restlessness, whether we recognize it or not, is a desire to know God and to have a deeper relationship with Him. None of this is easy, but God is always there for us. He is waiting with open arms, just as he waited for Augustine in his conversion to Christianity, so that we might rest in Him.

(Excerpt from www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/blog/lessons-from-st-augustine)

Either consciously or unconsciously, we are all directed toward Christ. That is what moves us to come to Mass each week, to partake in the Eucharist, and to seek solace and reassurance in prayer. This "relationship of love" with God that Augustine speaks about is what our hearts long to have. If the Canaanite woman, a foreigner, in today's Gospel recognized Jesus as healer and savior, should not we be drawn to Him in the same way? As with any relationship, growing closer to God is an ongoing process of knowing each other intimately, spending time with each other, and being consciously aware of how our actions impact one another.

In our Catholic tradition, we have always recognized the importance of passing on the faith to our children. Most of us remember our Sunday School (aka "CCD") classes growing up and hopefully made some attempt to ensure that our children have had the same opportunity. But do we see our own need for ongoing catechesis as critical to both growing our relationship with God and living out our call to discover and use the charisms with which we have been gifted to help others do the same? Yes, Christian formation is not just for children; it's for every baptized Catholic to embrace and support! If we are called as disciples of Christ to share the Gospel message, we must first, as St. Augustine implores, "know myself" by allowing God to shed light on the person He has created me to be. How can I grow in my own relationship with the Lord and then help others do the same? Here are some ways:

- Participate in the various Adult Formation opportunities that will be offered this year. Our recent survey suggested that you, the parishioners of Holy Comforter, (based on a small number of respondents) are interested in learning more about your Catholic Faith (Scripture and Tradition), how to strengthen prayer life, and a deeper understanding of liturgy, the sacraments, and Catholic Social Teaching. Recognizing that our diverse demographic has a variety of spiritual needs and interests, we hope to offer a variety of opportunities for everyone.
- Prayerfully assess your spiritual gifts and consider how you can get involved – Can you host a small group in your home? Can you be a catechist for the children? Are you able to assist with Youth Ministry? Can you lead a Bible study or facilitate another book study? Do you have technology skills to help us? Can you invite someone who has fallen away from the church to return? Can you help with the RCIA program? Can you organize and oversee a nursery so that parents with young children can prayerfully participate in Mass or an adult class? Have you told us what your specific spiritual needs are so that we can support you?

An encounter with God and His love is an ongoing, intentional process that begins with ourselves, extends to our families, our church community, and then to the larger community where we live and work. Filled with the love of God, we cannot keep it for ourselves! EACH ONE OF US, as members of the family of God, has a *responsibility* to seek Him and to support one another on the journey. Only then will we and the world we live in truly rest in God.