

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

August 27 St. Monica
 28 St. Augustine
 29 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
 30 St. Pammachius
 31 St. Raymond Nonnatus
 September 1 St. Giles
 2 St. Antoninus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26
5 PM †Ephraim Savoie (Paul Savoie), and
 The Staff at Addedo House Hospice (Denise Collado
 Cordova)
 Sunday, August 27
8:30 AM †Cecile Savoie (Paul Savoie)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
 Monday, August 28
NOON Sandra Johnson (Paul Savoie)
 Tuesday, August 29
NOON Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Wednesday, August 30
NOON Katherine Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Thursday, August 31
NOON Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie)
 Friday, September 1
NOON Francis Charlie (Mike Charlie)
 Saturday, September 2
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)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's
 name.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9

Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his
 objection.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/26)

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (8/27) *Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*
(Flowers Donated by Zane Jones)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45-10:45AM: RCIA (*Bernard Moore Room*)

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

11 AM: MASS

MONDAY (8/28)

NOON: Mass

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

TUESDAY (8/29)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

WEDNESDAY (8/30)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

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

THURSDAY (8/31)

NOON: Mass

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/1)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (9/2)

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

5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/3) *Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
(Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

8:30 AM: MASS

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

11 AM: MASS

GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 15 & 20, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$6,204
Outreach	\$500
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,403
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$1,199</i>

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!

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: 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.

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

WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS!

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gryzymala

SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING

Looking for ways to simplify your busy back-to-school schedule? Try Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. Look for the link on www.holycomforterparish.org

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.** Register early to determine if we need to reserve another table of 10.

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? 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

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."***

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.

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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We are thankful to Richard Joseph, director of education for the Diocese of Hinche (including Saltadere), for speaking at our Saturday Mass this weekend.

Contact with Sponsors: Please be sure we have your current e-mail address.

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 binder on the table in the commons. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

Sea Container: We have an opportunity to send shoes all sizes) and clinic supplies to Saltadere. Collecting now through September 10 ONLY. There is a collection tote in the commons for your contributions. Thank you.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting is at Holy Comforter on 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

CASA ALMA

The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us? -Dorothy Day

For more information about the Charlottesville Catholic Worker, contact Laura and Steve Brown, 434.202.2221 or cvillecw@casa-alma.org

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES
Sue Dougherty, Coordinator of Religious Education

"Some of you said: this system can no longer be endured. We must change it; we must put human dignity again at the center and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need. It must be done with courage, but also with intelligence, with tenacity but without fanaticism, with passion but without violence. And among us all, addressing the conflicts without being trapped in them, always seeking to resolve the tensions to reach a higher plane of unity, peace and justice."-- Pope Francis, 10/28/14

These words of Pope Francis were spoken in October, 2014. Nearly 3 years later, we find ourselves still in the midst of conflict and violence worldwide, and most recently, very close to home. Have we paid attention? What are we to do? How do we "build the alternative social structures we need?" We might be tempted to cry with David in Psalm 55: *My heart pounds within me, death's terrors fall upon me. Fear and trembling overwhelm me; shuddering sweeps over me. I say "If only I had wings like that of a dove that I might fly away and find rest. Far away would I flee; I would stay in the desert. (Psalm 55:6-9).*

But as disciples of Christ, we cannot flee. Jesus gives us a different response: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." He has also commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you." Just days before his passing, in response to the tragic events in Charlottesville, Bishop DiLorenzo said in his statement, "The love of Jesus Christ is the most powerful weapon against hatred. Only the light of Christ can quench the torches of hatred and violence. Let us pray for peace."

One year ago, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invited all diocese across the country to unify in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9, the Feast Day of St. Peter Claver, who is known for his missionary work among the slaves coming to the New World in the 1600's. The Day of Prayer for Peace was called in response to violence and racial tension across the country. USCCB president, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, encouraged the need for dialogue, and to that end appointed a special task force to nurture "open, honest and civil dialogue." He stated, "By stepping forward to embrace the suffering, through unified, concrete action animated by the love of Christ, we hope to nurture peace and build bridges of communication and mutual aid in our own communities."

To encourage participation in the Day for Peace, the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, & Human Development wrote in a blog,

So love is the answer. If we are to have peace in our communities, we Catholics must be among those who are engaged in the struggle. "How?" you may ask. First and foremost, we must live our lives as though we BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL. We must LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST LOVES US; LOVE ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES, regardless of our station in life, our race, our culture, or our religion. We must work with ministries and agencies which promote the equality of and equal opportunities for (all) human beings. Be part of the solution. Be an "accepting" person. We live in a very culturally diverse society. We must accept this new reality. Intolerance is a learned behavior. It is learned at a young age. So, it is important that our efforts begin early on. Scripture is full of teaching on the merits of loving one's neighbor. As the faithful, we should lead the way, by example.

It is important for each of us, within our own capabilities, to consider what actions we take to promote peace by loving our neighbor. One action we can ALL do to be part of the solution, regardless of our personal situation, is pray!

This prayer is offered by the Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Let us pray . . . O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need. Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required . . . "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mi 6:8). Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity. Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.