

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

8 AM Joanne Walker (The Lee Faust Family)

5 PM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savoie);

†Scott Bauer (Friends from the Soup Kitchen)

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM †Romaine Brooks (Mary Frances Lilly)

1:30 PM †Guillermo P. Villasor, Sr. (J. P. Villasor);

Patrick Hendrix (Holli Traud)

Monday, September 11

NOON Sandra Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, September 12

NOON Ryan Pace (Dominique Faust)

Wednesday, September 13

NOON April M. (The Lee Faust Family)

Thursday, September 14

8 AM Genevieve H. (The Lee Faust Family)

Friday, September 15

8 AM Christine B. (The Lee Faust Family)

Saturday, September 16

8 AM Widows and Widowers (The Lee Faust Family)

5 PM Members of our Parish

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM †Father Roger Servatius (Peter Zinman)

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12

A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

STAY UP TO DATE

Special announcements and changes to our schedule can be found on our **Facebook Page** and **Website**: holycomforterparish.org. Please check-in regularly!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/9)

8 AM: Mass

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

3:30: Dante's *Inferno* Book Study (*Lower Level*)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/10) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*Altar Flowers Donated by Zane Jones*)

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*)

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

11 AM: MASS

1:30 PM: Latin Mass

MONDAY (9/11)

NOON: Mass

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

TUESDAY (9/12)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

WEDNESDAY (9/13)

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 (9/14)

8 AM: Mass

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/15)

8 AM: Mass

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (9/16)

8 AM: Mass

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

3:30: Dante's *Inferno* Book Study (*Lower Level*)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/17) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*Altar Flowers Donated by Jenna and Shiladitho Deb*)

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: Adult Formation: Our Lady of Fatima, Part 1 (*Chapel*)

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

11 AM: MASS

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER**

10th St. Nicholas of Tolentino
 11th Sts. Protus and Hyacinth
 12th St. Ailbhe
 13th St. John Chrysostom
 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
 16th St. Cornelius

GIFTS FROM GOD

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$4,881
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,403
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,522)</i>
Hurricane Harvey	\$1,336
Justice and Peace	216

We make a living from what we get.

We make a life from what we give.

What we have done for ourselves dies with us.

*What we have done for others and for the
world is immortal. (George Eliot)*

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend to support our Parish Outreach Ministry.

PARISH NEWS

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.

**PRO LIFE CELEBRATION WITH THE PREGNANCY CENTER
OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA, SATURDAY OCTOBER 14**

Please join fellow parishioners at the Pregnancy Centers' 33rd Fundraising Banquet on October 14 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. We have a reserved table of ten. Attendance is free and 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, bcc32968@gmail.com, or register online at VirginiaPregnancy.org/Events. From the drop down list, please select Barb Cassidy/Holy Comforter to ensure you will be seated at our table.

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: Dominique Faust, Colette Hall, Mary Rose Dreelin, Kay Colo, 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 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.

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? Our RCIA Program is now underway and sessions are held every Sunday between the Masses in Sue Dougherty's office.

For more information, please contact Diane Auger Smith dianeaugersmith@gmail.com or (434) 996-0502.

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

Emily and Seth Baxter and Family
 Bridget and Frank Davis and Family
 Nicole Gehlhausen
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Howard, IV

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
 September 29, 2007 Tina and Matt Blumenfeld

DOROTHY DAY'S GRANDDAUGHTER IS COMING TO TOWN!

Kate Hennessy will be giving a public lecture on her new book Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty on Thursday, September 14 at 5:00pm at UVA (Newcomb Hall, Commonwealth Room). We hope to see you there! Visit The Sycamore Tree to purchase a copy of her book in advance.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Earthquake in Haiti: Richard Joseph has sent word of a 4.3 earthquake in the Central Department. Damage is being assessed. Please keep our Haitian brothers and sisters in your prayers.

St. Michel School: Help by sponsoring or donating. Sponsorship forms are available in the Commons. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers as they begin the school year. **Contact with Sponsors:** Please be sure we have your correct e-mail (Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com).

Sea Container: Today is the last day to contribute! We are collecting items for Saltadere. Please bring **shoes** (of all sizes) and **clinic supplies**, including hygiene items and over the counter medications. A tote container for your donations is in the Commons. Thank you.

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18 CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

Christian Formation Classes for **Pre-K through high school students** begin **THIS Sunday, September 10**. Pre-K through 8th grade meet from 9:45 -10:45 AM and High School Classes meet from 4:00-5:30. Registrations continue to be accepted. If you haven't already done so, please register today!

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. **We also need young adult or adult core team members for our High School Youth Ministry.** If you are interested, please sign the form in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

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.

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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 17 we will commission our 2017-18 catechists, as well as parents who, in the words of the catechism, are the "primary educators of their children in the faith," at the 8:30 AM Mass. Please pray for our faithful catechist volunteers and for all the members of our parish that we may be faithful in passing on the Gospel message to our children and young people!

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Come Enjoy the Divine Comedy!

It is not too late to join John Bugbee, PhD and the reading group now forming for the exhilarating read of Dante's *Inferno*. The group will meet on Saturdays beginning this week, most likely prior to the 5:00 Mass. To be a part of this fun read while applying it to our Christian life, please contact John ASAP at bugbee@virgiina.edu.

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."***

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



In preparation for the celebrations of the 140 years since Holy Comforter came into existence I call upon every parishioner to begin looking into those steps that will help us to celebrate with meaning the joy of this milestone. I consider that the place to begin our planning is to look into **“BREAKING THE BARRIERS”** that prevent the parish, the families and the individual to breathe, grow and move forward in **FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY**. We need to look into all areas that make us proud of our faith. The image, above, of the brick wall broken-through very significantly conveys the message of what I suggest we focus on at this moment. We need to break through our parish “walls” to allow light to come inside; to allow the rays of Christ the Sun and the Son of God into Holy Comforter. Our parish ministries and committees need the light to see clearly what we need to CHANGE and RESTORE for the GLORY OF GOD and for the PROSPERITY of our parish.

I guess we might know what to do and even how to do it, but taking action requires courage — the ability to withstand fear, humiliation, and discomfort. We’re conditioned from childhood to avoid unpleasant feelings. Nothing stirs those feelings more than taking risks, which is necessary to realize our dreams. It’s no wonder change can feel so hard. We must position ourselves in the right environment and apply ourselves to foster growth. Scripture gives us several principles we can apply to our own lives to help us stay motivated and grow. Here are a few:

1. People who are moving toward growth live daily with the end in view.

As Christians, most of us have this backwards. We tend to think that our goal in life is to go to Heaven when we die. But Heaven isn’t our goal. Heaven is our *destination*! Our *goal* is to *become more like Christ*. God’s goal for each one of us is to ***“all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13)***. God’s desire for us is to grow, increasing in *maturity*. He wants to take every, opportunity, situation, relationship, and struggle and work it together for good for the good of each member and our Church as a whole.

2. People who are growing make a personal commitment to grow.

In a marriage relationship, couples don’t decide to stick with your spouse through thick and thin *before* you make a commitment. Neither do you figure out *if* you are going to be committed *after* 50 years of marriage. You go for it without knowing everything that will happen. The same is true with our commitment to grow in other areas of our lives. We don’t wait until we’re ready and mature to make the decision to grow. **Growth requires commitment**. God requires a personal commitment to Him in order to grow. Jesus said, ***“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)***. When we sign up to follow Jesus in baptism, we make a commitment to place our trust in Him, dying to our own agenda and goals. We must trust that He will show us what to do as life happens. Above all we are led by the Holy Spirit since we are in particular members of the HOLY SPIRIT, THE COMFORTER. ***(To be continued-)***