

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 16

**8 AM** Widows and Widowers (The Lee Faust Family)

**5 PM** Members of our Parish

Sunday, September 17

**8:30 AM** Christine Savoie (Paul Savoie)

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

Monday, September 18

**NOON** The Persecuted Church (The Lee Faust Family)

Tuesday, September 19

**NOON** All Friends and Benefactors of The Lee Faust Family (The Lee Faust Family)

Wednesday, September 20

**NOON** Healing of all Wounds (The Lee Faust Family)

Thursday, September 21

**8 AM** Father Joseph Mary and all Parishioners of Holy Comforter Catholic Church (The Lee Faust Family)

Friday, September 22

**8 AM** Reconciliation among People (The Lee Faust Family)

Saturday, September 23

**8 AM** Praise and Thanksgiving to God through Mary (The Lee Faust Family)

**5 PM** Father Dan Kelly (The Lee Faust Family)

Sunday, September 24

**8:30 AM** Members of our Parish

**11:00 AM** President of the United States (Alice Makielski)

**1:30 PM** †Guillermo A. Villasor, Jr. (J. P. Villasor)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

God is near to those who call upon him.

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a*

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER  
SEPTEMBER**

- 17<sup>th</sup> The Sacred Stigmata of Saint Francis of Assisi
- 18<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph of Cupertino
- 19<sup>th</sup> St. Januarius
- 20<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew Kim Taegon
- 21<sup>st</sup> St. Matthew
- 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Thomas of Villanova
- 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (9/16)**

**8 AM:** Mass

**1:30 PM:** WEDDING *Darcy Fiscella and Peter Simasek*

**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 (*Catechetical Sunday*)

**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

**4 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

**MONDAY (9/18)**

**NOON:** Mass

**6-7 PM:** Women's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal

**7-8 PM:** Men's *Schola* Rehearsal (*Lower Level*)

**TUESDAY (9/19)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** Mass

**WEDNESDAY (9/20)**

**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 (9/21)**

**8 AM:** Mass

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**6:30 PM:** Adult Formation: Solidarity Study Discussion (*Loer Level*)

**FRIDAY (9/22)**

**8 AM:** Mass

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**SATURDAY (9/23)**

**8 AM:** Mass

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

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (9/24) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(Altar Flowers Donated in Honor of Joanne and Peter Mackey's Wedding Anniversary)**

**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 2 (*Chapel*)

**11 AM:** MASS

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**4 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

### GIFTS FROM GOD

#### **SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2017**

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Offertory (plate)         | \$4,589.50          |
| Offertory (online)        | 3,977.00            |
| Weekly Offertory Budget   | <u>\$7,403.00</u>   |
| <i>Over Weekly Budget</i> | <i>(\$1,163.50)</i> |
| Outreach                  | \$1,829             |

#### **Stock Donation Instructions**

Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection next weekend for Retired Religious.

### 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](mailto: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, 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.

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From September 27 through November 5, you're most heartily encouraged to join in solidarity with other Christians worldwide for an end to abortion through the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign. This campaign consists of three key components: 40 days of prayer and fasting; 40 Days of peaceful vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 2964 Hydraulic Road, Charlottesville, VA; and 40 days of community outreach spreading the word about the value of Life and the salvation of souls. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please email [cville40days@gmail.com](mailto:cville40days@gmail.com) or sign-up on the website at [40DaysforLife.com/Charlottesville](http://40DaysforLife.com/Charlottesville).

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

A BIG thank you to those who have already signed up! Holy Comforter has filled a table for 10 and we are hoping to fill a second!! Reserve your seat today for the Fundraising Banquet on October 14 at the DoubleTree by Hilton: [VirginiaPregnancy.org/Events](http://VirginiaPregnancy.org/Events).

Select "Barb Cassidy/Holy Comforter" to join us and to indicate your food restrictions. The featured guest speaker is Jason Jones, award winning film producer, author, activist, and human rights worker. Attendance is free and donations to support the lifesaving work of The Pregnancy Centers will be collected at the event.

#### **MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary. After the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and Irma, come join us in prayer to our Most Holy Mother for a quick and safe recovery effort for those whose homes and businesses have been lost, for the safety of our first responders and in thanksgiving for minimal loss of life.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Holy Comforter is planning a Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima on Saturday, October 7. We will have a First Saturday Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by a procession in the streets surrounding our church with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. During the procession we will recite the Rosary and sing hymns to Our Lady, for the intentions of peace in our community and in our world.

## 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 26, 2009: Maria and Greg Gerling-Ospina  
 September 29, 2007 Tina and Matt Blumenfeld

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

#### 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."***

#### Solidarity: Catholic Social Justice Principle for our Time

Our need for solidarity in the face of the divisions currently facing our country is apparent and critical. This will be a 3-lesson eLearning course that introduces peoples' hearts and minds to the Catholic social teaching theme of Solidarity. We will learn how we each have been chosen, how Jesus is our inspiration and how to become an ally, as well as a Person of Light and Hope. Participants will review the lesson at home and then we will meet on **THURSDAY EVENINGS, September 21, 28, and October 5 from 6:30-8:00** to discuss them. To register, please email Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org).

#### The Gospel According to Mark

Prepare for the Gospel readings that we will hear during The Cycle B Liturgical Year starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>! This study has 10 sessions beginning **Sunday, October 1 at 9:45-10:45**. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Commons or email Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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.

## REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18 CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

Registration for all Christian Formation Classes for children and youth remains open. Classes for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students meet on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 and our Youth Ministry for high school students meets on Sunday afternoon from 4:00-5:30. We would love to have 100% participation of all the children in our parish!

### 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](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org).

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### PARISH IMPACT TEAM LISTENING SESSION

The Holy Comforter Team (*Suzanne Bailey, Les Berlin, Bridget Davis, Chuck McCurdy and Denise Zito*) invites you to a listening session immediately following the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, September 23 in the Bernard Moore Room. We will share our past successes of this interfaith justice ministry, including our current work-in-progress for "Seniors who Struggle with Housing." We hope you can help us identify additional needs in our community to be addressed in the coming year. All 26 congregations of IMPACT (*Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together*) are collecting ideas this month. We extend a special invitation to all of our new parishioners who will learn how Holy Comforter and other congregations in the Charlottesville area work to promote Social Justice. Contact Les Berlin at [lester\\_berlin@yahoo.com](mailto:lester_berlin@yahoo.com) with questions or to RSVP. by Wednesday, September 20. Light refreshments will be served.

### OUTREACH

During the month of August 2017, the Food Pantry volunteers provided food bags to 262 households. Thank you, St. Thomas Aquinas, for donating 475 pounds of canned and boxed food.

The Soup Kitchen volunteers served a total of 998 meals. A special treat this month came from the children at Congregation Beth Israel who brought us freshly baked cinnamon challah bread. Thank you and God Bless you to all those who continue to support this program with your time, talent, and treasure.

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



Last week, we began to consider Scriptural principles we can apply to help us stay motivated and grow in faith. Here is another:

**3. People who are growing value process more than an event.** Many of us think that growth happens in huge fountains. We read a book, attend a seminar and our life is changed! But that's not the way life works. It's the everyday nickel and dime, as someone had put it, it is tiny decisions we make every day that produce real growth. The secret to our future is hidden in our daily routines. **Growth starts with small steps. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." (Luke 16:10)**

The most profound impact in my life was learning how to have a daily quiet time with God. Meeting with God every day – even if it is just for 10 minutes -- has been my primary shaper of my life, heart, values, and relationships. Since my early days as a little boy in grade school, I've learned that when I don't know what I'm going to do next in my life or even for that day, I go into a silent prayer mode and then God shows me what direction to take and it turns out to be the right decision.

I believe we all see the need to grow as a parish and as individuals **BUT ARE WE READY TO MAKE A FUNDAMENTAL COMMITMENT TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TODAY?** I'd encourage you to take one specific step in one area of your life before the end of this year.

**WHAT SHOULD BE OUR DRIVING FORCE**, if I may ask? We are aware of how our Catholic Church is so rich in all that is needed for our salvation; She interprets for us the Scriptures and is driven by Tradition to make us whole in our longing to be fulfilled in our spiritual growth. **Being Driven by tradition.** Traditions are not necessarily bad; we make things repetitive because they work. We don't automatically throw it out because it's not new, we just don't automatically accept it either. It's dangerous when we make methods sacred. It's also dangerous when we forget WHY we do things. When the horse is dead, dismount. Let dead programs die. Life support systems are very expensive. Business as usual is just not working. We're getting behind and must change. There are more live births each year than spiritual births. We're losing ground on the Great Commission of Evangelization. We must not be afraid of change! Moses lost his right to lead when he refused to change. The first time his people needed water in the wilderness, God said to strike the rock. But the next time they needed water, God changed and said to only speak to the rock. Moses couldn't flow with the change, and lost out. He said, "We've never done it that way before." Confronting the barrier of traditionalism was Jesus' greatest challenge. We must always ask, "Is this fulfilling its purpose?" Once a year, we need to review each program and do one of three things: re-affirm, refine, or replace. The hardest thing to change is what's working. But if we want more maximized results, we have to change it before it stops working. (Like pruning rose bushes; pruning takes place before all the roses have died.) We cannot use yesterday's tools in today's ministry to meet tomorrow's challenge. But we can restore what was best in fostering our faith. **(To be continued--).**