

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23

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

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

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)

Monday, September 25

NOON President Trump (The Lee Faust Family);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

Tuesday, September 26

NOON Adam Williams (The Lee Faust Family);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

Wednesday, September 27

NOON †Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

Thursday, September 28

8 AM Father Gerald Musuubire (Jill and Steve Paitsel); †Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

Friday, September 29

NOON Tina and Matt Blumenfeld Tenth Wedding Anniversary (Matt Blumenfeld);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

Saturday, September 30

8 AM Andrew Savoie (Paul Savioe);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

5 PM Melanie Simpson (The Lee Faust Family)

Sunday, October 1

8:30 AM David Paget-Brown and Family (The Lee Faust Family)

11:00 AM Members of our Parish

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 25:4-9

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 (shorter form *Philippians 2:1-5*)

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/23)

8 AM: Mass

2 PM: Wedding: *Moiria Kiernan and William Concannon*

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

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

6 PM: IMPACT Listening Session (*Lower Level*)

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: Our Lady of Fatima, Part 2 (*Chapel*)

11 AM: MASS

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

4 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (9/25)

NOON: Mass

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

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

TUESDAY (9/26)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

WEDNESDAY (9/27)

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 (9/28)

8 AM: Mass

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30-8 PM: Adult Formation: Solidarity Study Discussion (*Lower Level*)

FRIDAY (9/29)

8 AM: Mass

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (9/30)

8 AM: Mass

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

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/1) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Altar Flowers Donated in Memory of Steven Williams by the Petroni-Conaway Family)

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: Gospel of Mark Study (*Chapel*)

11 AM: MASS

4 PM: High School Youth Ministry

GIFTS FROM GOD

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$9,386.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
Over Weekly Budget	\$1,983.50

HELP RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES THIS WEEKEND

Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

9/24	St. Pacific of San Severino
9/25	St. Finbarr
9/26	St. Cosmas & St. Damian
9/27	St. Vincent de Paul (<i>Patron Saint of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond</i>)
9/28	St. Wenceslaus
9/29	The Archangels (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael)
9/30	St. Jerome

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

As the leaves begin to change color and you look forward to holiday celebrations with your family and friends, please consider helping out at the weekly celebration of the Eucharistic Feast. There is an immediate need for Sacristans to maintain the beauty of our worship space and change seasonal altar cloths. Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 5 PM Vigil Mass and the 11 PM Sunday Mass. Neither ministry requires previous experience, special skills, or a great deal of time. Training is provided and you will have the support of a welcoming and supportive group of fellow ministers.

For more information contact Michelle Edwards: mvedwards@hotmail.com 434-202-7131 for Eucharistic Ministers or Suzanne Bailey: slank@ntelos.net 434-296-5033 for the Sacristan Ministry.

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

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: Tom Pace, 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: Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN

From September 27 through November 5, you're most heartily encouraged to join together, in a concerted effort of global proportion--44 nations strong--to bring an end to abortion by prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach, through Charlottesville's 40 Days for Life Fall 2017 Campaign. We encourage every participant in the campaign to PLEASE Register at <https://40daysforlife.com>. By joining the campaign through registration, we are linking ourselves spiritually, as well as practically, to what God is doing to bring an end to abortion in an intentional way, and registration helps to assess and compile statistics worldwide at the National Headquarters. If you'd like more information -- and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please email cville40days@gmail.com or sign-up on the website at 40DaysforLife.com/Charlottesville.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS

The Katherine and Brian Paljug Family

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CELEBRATION

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. Please bring your family and friends as we bear witness to Our Lady for the intentions of peace in our community and in our world.

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.

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING

The Diocese of Richmond requires ALL lay and religious employees and volunteers who regularly work with minors to be screened once every five years, and attend the Safe Environment Training called ***VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults***

Two trainings will be conducted at Holy Comforter by Sue Dougherty on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1:00-3:30 PM and TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, in our CHAPEL**. A training is also available at St. Thomas Aquinas on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm.

To register, go to www.virtusonline.org, log in as a "new registrant" and follow the directions.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT BUSCH GARDENS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

This annual event sponsored by the Office for Evangelization at the Diocese of Richmond, is open to all youth and families across the Diocese. There is no age minimum or maximum. Tickets may be purchased through the parish, using the online registration system. For more information, please contact Sue Dougherty. **The deadline to purchase tickets through the parish is Monday, October 2**. Please consider joining us for a fun day that includes Mass and an All-You-Can –Eat buffet!

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Our Lady of Fatima

Patricia McAdams will offer her second presentation in her series on Our Lady of Fatima. This **Sunday, September 24**, she will describe "*Heaven's Peace Plan*." Please join us in the chapel following the 8:30 Mass!

Solidarity: Catholic Social Justice Principle for our Time

It is not too late to join our eLearning course and discussion on the Catholic Social Justice teaching on Solidarity. We are called to be in Solidarity with ALL of our brothers and sisters in Christ. How do we recognize and honor diversity? Join us on Thursday, September 28 and October 5 from 6:30-8:00. To register, please contact Sue Dougherty ASAP or use the sign-up sheet in the Commons.

The Gospel According to Mark

Prepare for the Gospel readings that we will hear during The Cycle B Liturgical Year starting December 3rd!

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@holycorforterparish.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This past Sunday, we began a collection of gently used t-shirts and shoes, as well as toiletry items that will be sent to our Haiti twinning parish in Saltadere. **You can continue to bring those items this week.** This Sunday, we will complete our discussion of "Where Am I going? Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory." Registrations are still being accepted, so PLEASE join us!

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@holycorforterparish.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelite Community of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis in Staunton on the 2nd. Sunday each month from 11:30-4:00PM. If you are interested in learning more or feel called to a Carmelite way of life, please pick up a flyer in the commons or contact Patricia McAdams 286-4055 or pamcadams@yahoo.com.

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



WHAT SHOULD BE OUR DRIVING FORCE?

All our blessings come from God the Father through God the Son, while **all truth** becomes living and operative in the life of us believers through God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the '**driving force**' on the path to salvation. But, we must understand that the Holy Spirit is not just a force; He is a Person who speaks (Acts 13:2), teaches (John 14:26), strives with sinners (John 16:8) and helps our infirmities (Romans 8:26). Sometimes he is grieved (Ephesians 4:30) and even resisted (Acts 7:51). **That "Force"** helps us to grow, but not overnight. We have a growth process much like a tree, rooted in faith; we develop the disciplines for spiritual maturity, and discover our purpose for fruitful productivity. Programs become outdated, expensive to run, ineffective, exhausting to volunteers, unfamiliar to guests. What is needed then is to allow that Spirit to move us into that direction that will please God and benefit our salvation. **We don't need to be a "meeting-oriented" community**, because sometimes that makes people passive spectators and leaves no time for ministry. **We have to meet more needs as the Holy Spirit leads us.**

It is my hope that we can see and understand that growth in the Christian's life is something that is expected. Whether it be the growing that every newborn in Christ needs (1 Peter 2:1) or continued growth throughout your life as a Christian (2 Peter 3:18), growth is a key element to being pleasing to God. If that be the case, why is that so many either fail to grow or their development is much slower than it ought to be (Hebrews 5:12)? The main reason can be attributed to the barriers and obstacles Satan puts in our way. He knows that if he can find something to put in our way it could keep us from becoming what we ought to be. If his efforts persist he will cause us to be lost. We must take every step we can to remove all barriers and obstacles the devil puts on our path so that we may become **spiritually sound, physically fit for the glory of God, and socially inviting so we can enjoy with one another the blessings the Lord has bestowed on our parish community of Holy Comforter.**

One barrier to break is **indifference**. Perhaps you have heard the joke about the man who was asked by a preacher if he knew about the dangers of ignorance and indifference. He responded by saying, **"I don't know and I don't care."** While such may cause one to giggle, the truth is, many possess one of these attitudes, or both, and that is NOT funny. Such a barrier will get in the way of our spiritual, physical and social growth as a community. The fact is that we may fail to grow because we simply do not **care** as we ought to. We may know that we ought to grow and often see what we need to do. Some may even talk about it in the corridors, worrying about how we seem to be stagnant but then we do not care **enough** to do something about it.

As you may be aware, indifference is a matter of the heart. It is an indication that your heart is not spiritually pure. At best, indifference means that you serve God with divided loyalty. Jesus said that such is unacceptable. He said, **"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."** (Matthew 6:24) It was indifference that made Laodicea such a distasteful church to the Lord (Revelation 3:15-16). Indifference caused the five virgins to be left outside of their wedding because they were unprepared (Matthew 25:1-13). Indifference will manifest itself sooner or later. It will be seen in unfinished projects, poor execution of tasks, slow learning, and unpreparedness. When one member of the community doesn't care it shows up and affects all us! Because we are one body of Christ, if one part of the body suffers, the whole body is affected.

(To be continued...)