

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 2

NOON The Edmund and Marianne Walendowski Family (The Lee Faust Family); †Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community); †Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina)

Tuesday, October 3

NOON The Steve Paitsel Family (The Lee Faust Family); †Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community); †Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina)

Wednesday, October 4

NOON A Holy School Year for Children, Teens and Teachers (The Lee Faust Family); †Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community); †Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina)

Thursday, October 5

8 AM In Praise of God (The Lee Faust Family);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community);

†Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina)

Friday, October 6

NOON Colette Hall and her Intentions (The Lee Faust Family); †Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community); †Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina)

Saturday, October 7

8:30 AM †Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina);

†Louis Sava (Crozet Catholic Community)

5 PM †Bras Pesce (Maria Ospina)

Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM Members of our Parish

11:00 AM Members of our Parish

1:30 PM Carolina Concha Araneta (J. P. Villasor)

†Patrick Hendrix (Holli and David Traud)

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CELEBRATION

Please plan to attend our Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima on Saturday, October 7. We will start with a First Saturday Mass at 8:30 AM, and then process with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima through our neighborhood while reciting the Rosary and singing hymns. 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.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October 4, 1971: Carol and Steve Ham

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

MONDAY (10/2)

NOON: Mass

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

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

TUESDAY (10/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: Mass

WEDNESDAY (10/4)

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 (10/5)

8 AM: Mass

NOON: Soup Kitchen

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

FRIDAY (10/6)

8 AM: Mass

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (10/7)

8:30 AM: First Saturday Mass

9:30 AM: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Procession

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

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/8) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*Altar Flowers Donated In Thanksgiving by Dominique and Lee Faust*)

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

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

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

10/1	St. Therese of Lisieux
10/2	Guardian Angels
10/3	St. Gerard of Brogne
10/4	St. Francis of Assisi
10/5	St. Faustina Kowalska
10/6	St. Bruno
10/7	Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFTS FROM GOD

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$4,048.50
Offertory (online)	1,570.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,784.50)</i>
Retired Religious	\$1,350.00

PARISH NEWS

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary for intentions and the healing of our families, our communities and our country. If not now, When?

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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPTEMBER 27-NOVEMBER 5

Please join together in a global effort to bring an end to abortion by prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach, through Charlottesville's 40 Days for Life Fall 2017 Campaign. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact cville40days@gmail.com or visit 40DaysforLife.com/Charlottesville.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

You can help at our weekly celebration of the Eucharistic Feast by serving as a Sacristan or Eucharistic Minister. 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

IMPACT

The Holy Comforter IMPACT Team held a "Listening Session" after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, September 23, 2017. There were ten parishioners in attendance. The Team especially wants to thank Father Joseph Mary and Father Dan Kelly for attending. Many emotional stories were related at the meeting:

- Affordable housing is a senior citizen problem. "Accessory dwelling units is a possible solution, but the county doesn't allow them
- The homeless have numerous problems, but the statues are not one of them. Let's work on solutions to some of their needs
- Racial tension has always been with us, but after 8/12 we can't walk away from it.
- Racial profiling is present in our community. How do we address it?
- My friend has a high interest (40%) car loan that appears to be predatory. Why is that allowed?

If you have can think of another pressing problem, Please let us know. These issues and others that come from 40 other Listening Sessions will be reviewed and reduced at the IMPACT Team Assembly Meeting on October 3. On October 24, all parishioners will have the opportunity to vote on which issue will be addressed in the coming year at the Justice Ministry Annual Assembly.

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St. Michael Feast Day: Our twin parish has just celebrated this most important feast of the year. It is the occasion for prayer and fellowship throughout the Saltadere area. Please keep our twin parish in your prayers. **Sea Container:** Thank you to all who donated shoes and medications for the sea container and to the Holy Comforter High School Youth Ministry who helped sort and pack the items for transport.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting will be October 22 at 1:30 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome.

Contact: Ginny Zeller at ginnynnzeller@gmail.com.

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!

Solidarity: Catholic Social Justice Principle for our Time

Our discussion of the Catholic Social Justice principle of Solidarity will continue this Thursday, October 5 and next Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 PM in the Bernard Moore Room. We are called to be in Solidarity with ALL of our brothers and sisters in Christ. How do we recognize and honor diversity personally and as a community? Please register for the e-learning course by using the sign-up sheet in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty for more information.

The Gospel According to Mark

Our 10-week audio-visual study of the Gospel of Mark begins THIS Sunday, October 1 following the 8:30 Mass in the chapel. Join us for as many sessions as you are able to attend as we prepare for the Gospel readings for the upcoming Liturgical Year, Cycle B. To register, please use the sign-up sheet in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This week, please join us for an evening of **service and socializing**! We will prepare sandwiches and soup for the Holy Comforter soup kitchen and have fun with good old-fashioned board games! Students are asked to bring **1 loaf of bread (white or wheat), 1/2 pound of lunch meat (turkey, ham, or roast beef) and 1/2 pound of cheese.** Please join us from 4:00-5:30 in the Bernard Moore Room downstairs. Registrations are still being accepted.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS will begin accepting applications from NEW students on October 1 and will host an Open House on Tuesday, October 3 from 9 AM-2 PM. Guests are invited to drop in at any time for a personalized tour of Charlottesville Catholic School. Spread the word and encourage friends and neighbors to come and learn more about the wonderful opportunities available at our great school!

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



INDIFFERENCE: A BARRIER THAT NEEDS TO BE BROKEN (Continued...)

I believe that we are all aware that life is dynamic. It is not static. All living things are either growing and increasing toward maturity, or deteriorating toward decay and death. So how about *you* -- are you growing? Are you growing toward maturity in your relationship with God, with people, and with your family? Personal growth is normal and exciting, but it can also be difficult. It doesn't happen without any effort. Ask yourself, is my service to God offered with a view to grow or with a divided heart? Do I desire my community to grow and allow myself to get dirty in an effort to contribute towards its growth? Or, do I assume that someone else is going to handle the problems for us and do all the work? As soon as the Mass is over, am I out of the door and on with my life until the next "appointed time?" The answer to such questions will help determine whether or not you are indifferent. And such shallow Christianity will never produce the growth that God expects of us. You can rest assured that Satan will capitalize on it. We have to "desire the pure milk of the Word" that we may grow thereby." (1 Peter 2:2).

To deal with indifference you have to make up your mind that you are going to care more. All of the good intentions and even actions that you do take will not overcome this attitude until it becomes something you determine to do to the degree that you will not allow anything to distract you from it. If you are not growing as you ought to, is it because of your attitude? Think about it.

Another barrier to break is **Ignorance**. Satan loves the soul that fails to investigate truth. He takes delight when someone reasons "I will simply follow my heart" instead of determining whether or not something is the truth. The Lord spoke of Israel saying, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6). Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) There are others who reason that as long as we live a moral life and believe, such is all God expects. I have heard it said before of some moral individual who was not a Christian, but attended services more faithfully than some who were, and acted better as well, being told, "Why don't you obey the gospel? You won't have to change much in your life." The true disciple of Jesus knows better. If one is considering obeying the gospel, they need to know ahead of time that they are expected to grow and keep growing until death.

There are some who have never been taught that they need to grow. Others who have obeyed the gospel have never been shown what they need to do. They assume that all that is expected is to "go to church on Sunday" and maybe give a little in the collection. Jesus demanded growth and we know that ignorance is NO excuse (Acts 17:30). Consider the final instructions of Jesus as He was about to ascend to heaven. In Matthew 28:19-20, He said, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you...*" This last phrase does not mean one has to know everything before they become a Catholic Christian, but they do have to understand the concept that whatever the Lord commands they must do. How will they find out "all things"? There is only one way. Paul told Timothy, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15). Paul is here calling us to investigate and study so that we can handle God's word accurately. Solomon also said, "When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you," (Proverbs 2:10-11). Satan thrives on indifference and ignorance in our lives. Let us determine that we will remove such obstacles and grow as God would have us to grow. ***(To be continued)***