

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (10/7)

8:30 AM: First Saturday Mass
9:30 AM: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Procession
10 AM: BAPTISM: *Magdalena Alice Neubauer*
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*)
10 AM: BAPTISM: *William Joseph Schoeluer*
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS
4 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (10/9)

NOON: Communion Service
6-7 PM: Women's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal
7-8 PM: Men's *Schola* Rehearsal (*Lower Level*)

TUESDAY (10/10)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Communion Service

WEDNESDAY (10/11)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Communion Service
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
7 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

THURSDAY (10/12)

NOON: Communion Service
NOON: Soup Kitchen
1-3:30 PM: VIRTUS Training
5-6 PM: Wedding Rehearsal
6:30-8 PM: Adult Formation: Solidarity Study Discussion (*Lower Level*)

FRIDAY (10/13)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
3-4 PM: Wedding Rehearsal
4:30 PM: WEDDING: *Kate Kuehn and Jack Dudley*

SATURDAY (10/14)

8 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: WEDDING:
Caitlin Warren and David Zappacosta
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/15) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Friday, October 13

8 AM Jeanne and John Chamales (Sylvia and John Valloric)

Saturday, October 14

8 AM Jeanne and John Chamales (Sylvia and John Valloric)

5 PM †Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM Jeanne and John Chamales (Sylvia and John Valloric)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

GIFTS FROM GOD

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$3,984.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(3,418.50)</i>

Haiti	\$340.00
Justice and Peace	245.00

Next weekend will be our monthly second collection for Outreach.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

10/8	St. Pelagia
10/9	St. Denis
10/10	St. Francis Borgia
10/11	St. Tarachus
10/12	St. Wilfrid
10/13	St. Edward the Confessor
10/14	St. Callistus I

PARISH NEWS

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 **THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1:00-3:30 PM** and **NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, in our CHAPEL.**

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

YOUTH CHOIR

Our Minister of Music, Daniel Kirkland, is seeking to start a youth choir to sing at the Christmas Children's Mass and at the monthly 8:30 AM Children's Mass held on the first Sunday of each month. The **St. Cecilia Choir** will meet weekly to learn how to read music using a merit-based system designed by the Royal School of Church Music. Choristers will be better prepared to study music casually/intensively in college than most music majors! The repertoire will consist of hymns and part-music and rehearsals will begin in November. Please sign up in the commons or contact Daniel Kirkland at music@holycomforterparish.org. The choir is open to all youth from reading age through high school.

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, 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.

CHILDREN'S LENDING LIBRARY FOR MASS

Need something to keep your little one busy during Mass? You are welcome to choose from a variety of appropriate children's books to borrow from the basket labeled “Children's Lending Library.” Simply borrow the books for your young children to read during Mass and return them to the basket after Mass.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Join us every Wednesday at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray for intentions and the healing of our families, our communities and our country. If not now, When?

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven." - Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most (CatholicCulture.org)

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

The Gospel According to Mark

Please join us for our ongoing study of the Gospel of Mark which will continue this week. Your participation in our discussion is welcome as often as you can come. Participants are encouraged to purchase the commentary and study guide so that you can continue your study each week even if you are unable to come on Sunday. Please sign the registration form in the Commons so that Sue Dougherty may contact you.

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 or for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This **Sunday, October 8th**, we will complete our stimulating discussion on the topic, "Where Am I Going? Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory." Join us at 4:00 pm on the lower level. Don't miss it!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

All middle school students in grades 6 through 8 are invited and encouraged to attend the Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally that will be held in our own back yard at **Charlottesville Catholic School on Saturday, October 28th**! This event is a high-energy day filled with great talks from a keynote speaker, fun activities and games, and a chance to meet other youth from nearby parishes. Registration forms may be found here, <http://evangelizerichmond.org/events/msrallies2017/> or contact Sue Dougherty.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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.

HAITI

St. Michel School: Help St. Michel School by sponsoring or donating. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers. **Contact with Sponsors:** Please be sure we have your correct e-mail. Contact:

sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com **Help Needed:** Haiti ministry could still use help preparing computers for Haiti. Email Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net

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 ginnyannzeller@gmail.com.

Website: www.saltadere.org

DIOCESE NEWS

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Discover your Call with the Benedictines. The monks at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey in Richmond invite men 18 to 45 to a Vocations Weekend on October 20 – 22. This is an opportunity for you to discern your call through prayer, monastic liturgies, work, and recreation with the monks, Brothers and Priests.

Contact the Vocation Director, Fr. John Mary, at (804) 708-9653 or vocations@richmondmonks.org or visit www.RichmondMonks.org

2017 RED MASS

The Very Reverend Monsignor Mark Richard Lane, Diocesan Administrator, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **34th Annual Red Mass and Dinner on Thursday, October 26**. Reverend Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond will celebrate the Mass at 5:30 PM at Saint Mary Church, 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond, followed by a dinner in the Church Upper Commons. The keynote address will be given by Professor Hadley Arkes, Founder and Director of the James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights and the American Founding. Tickets for the dinner are \$65.00 each. Further information can be obtained from James Schliessmann, 804-873-1035 or jeschliessmann@hotmail.com.

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



LIMITATIONS TO OUR GROWTH

When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things (1 Cor. 13:11).

If we are to be pleasing to God, we have to grow because that is what He intended us to become- mature. In previous articles we have been noticing some obstacles to Christian growth. We have discussed how Satan will try to distract, **produce indifference in our hearts and ignorance in our minds**. These are some of the key attitudes that will hinder our growth. While others could be added to these, let us now turn a different direction and notice some things in our lives that either produce these attitudes or keep us from being able to develop to the degree we ought to. The above text from St. Paul to the Corinthians could be summarized thus: Be mature!

The letter to the Hebrews points out that, ***“For by this time you ought to be teachers” (5:12)*** indicating they had let some things get in their way. There are many who know they need to grow and want to grow but their lives are set up in such a way that they have made it either impossible or much more difficult than it ought to be. **What could be the limitations?**

Growth starts in the mind. Some people who have the desire to grow, but who do not start with a proper attitude, cannot grow. They have good intentions, but when they see how much effort it will take, they become overwhelmed. We can reprogram our mind if we want to do so. St. Paul said to the Romans, ***“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God.” (12:2)***. And to the Ephesians he says, ***“But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (4:20-24)***. We all have things we are passionate about. Whether it is a hobby, or a television show, we find ways to do what we want to do. When obstacles arise, we find ways around them. It’s all about our mindset. So how does one reprogram his mind to grow spiritually and in other areas of life? It starts with determination. Remember what Jesus said to Satan as He was being tempted, ***“Get behind me Satan” (Matthew 4:10)***. He was determined to not let the devil deter His work. My Daddy used to tell me that, ***“my son never be afraid of any strong man; only fear a determined person.”***

So it is time to start thinking about those concrete things we would like to see happening in our community of faith, things we want to change, to grow and then become what God wanted us to be as a community of faith. To the Philippians Paul says, ***“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things.”(4:8)***. And, what can help us a great deal is to begin praying to God for strength. James said that if we lack wisdom, we ought to ask of God (James 1:5). Let us then get on our knees and pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance on this journey of our preparations so that our minds would be clear with what will benefit us and glorify our heavenly Father. ***(To be continued....)***