

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/29)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Dante Reading Group
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (9/30) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Altar Flowers Donated by The Mackey Family)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS
NOON: IMPACT Listening Session (*Lower Level*)
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (10/1)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
6 PM: Schola Rehearsals

TUESDAY (10/2)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (10/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
6:30 PM: Sung Vespers (*Church*)
7-8:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

THURSDAY (10/4)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
4-5 PM: Wedding Rehearsal
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (10/5)

8:30 AM-12 PM: Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)
NOON-2 PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
2:30 PM: WEDDING *Megan Boehm & Greg Tekampe*
5-6 PM: Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY (10/6)

8 AM: MASS
1 PM: WEDDING *Elena Gardiner & Channing Poole*
3:30-4:30 PM: Dante Reading Group
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/7) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Donations for Altar Flowers Gladly Accepted)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS and Children's Mass
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 29

8 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)
5 PM President Trump (Alice Makielski); Members of the Parish

Sunday, September 30

8:30 AM †Kay Colo (The Petroni-Conaway Family)
11 AM †Carroll Shifflett (Charlie Francolini)
1:30 PM Sue and Ron Gilbert: 50th Wedding Anniversary (Patricia McAdams)

Monday, October 1

NOON Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

Tuesday, October 2

NOON Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

Wednesday, October 3

NOON Sandy Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, October 4

8 AM Sandy Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Friday, October 5

NOON Sandy Johnson (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, October 6

8 AM Sandy Johnson (Paul Savoie)

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, October 7

8:30 AM †Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)

11 AM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

1:30 PM †Nancy Hendrix (Holli Traud)

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

9/30	St. Jerome
10/1	St. Therese of Lisieux
10/2	Guardian Angels
10/3	St. Mother Theodore Guerin
10/4	St. Francis of Assisi
10/5	St. Faustina Kowalska
10/6	St. Bruno

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION!

Please join us after the Mass at 11 AM on Sunday October 14th as we process through our Holy Comforter neighborhood carrying the statue of Our Blessed Mother. We will pray the rosary and sing hymns to Mary. More details will be announced next weekend.

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

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

A prayer for God's blessing

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

GIFTS FROM GOD

SEPTEMBER 22 and 23, 2018

Offertory (plate)	\$3,625
Offertory (online)	1,485
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$2,390</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend is the annual Diocesan collection for **Retired Religious**. Donations to all Parish Ministries may be made at any time: Christian Formation, Haiti, Justice and Peace, as well as for altar flowers and The Catholic Virginian.

PARISH NEWS

READING GROUP ON THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS

Starting the week of Oct. 7, Holy Comforter will offer a chance to read and discuss some of the great (and short) treasures of the Catholic tradition, beginning with *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius. Written in 524 A.D. by a philosopher awaiting execution on the Roman empire's "death row," this little treatise went on to become possibly the most influential book in the history of Western Europe; for about a thousand years, it was a standard school text for virtually every literate person. We have lost a lot by no longer reading it; come be part of the cure! Group will meet on Tuesday or Thursday evenings TBD, probably bi-weekly, with manageable amounts of reading each time. Contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu ASAP to express interest.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October 23, 1971: Carol and Steve Ham

October 23, 2010: Jill and Steve Paitsel

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at office@hollycomforterparish.org if you would like a name added to or removed from this list.

To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Angie Morrisard, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker.

Friends and Relatives: Richard Kelly (*brother of Father Dan Kelly*), Iraj Khalkali, Ann Ramsey, Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Marsha Yost, Richard Yost, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, John Putalik, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicis, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Rev. Gerald Fogarty, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail and 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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER 34th ANNUAL BANQUET

Reserve your seat at the Holy Comforter table for Saturday, Oct 20 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. This year's speaker is Christina Bennett and attendance is free. This ministry has served over 26,000 families in the past 34 years and is making a generational impact in our community thanks to your support. For more information or to reserve your seat at our table, visit Partner.virginiapregnancy.org/Events.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join us from September 26th-November 4th in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 2964 Hydraulic Road. For more information contact cville40days@gmail.com or visit 40daysforlife.com/Charlottesville

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING

A parish-wide family picnic is tentatively being planned for Sunday, October 21 at Pen Park from 3-6 PM. Help with planning and executing this event is needed! If you can assist with this fun family event, please contact Sue Dougherty ASAP at cre@holycomforterparish.org or sign up at the Christian Formation table in the commons.

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next monthly Mass in which we encourage children of all ages to participate will be Sunday, October 7 at 8:30. Next month, it will be on Nov. 4 at the 11:00 Mass. We will alternate the time between the two Masses each month. Your student can indicate how he or she would like to participate by using the Sign-up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4faeac2ca5fc1-childrens>. Or you can simply contribute a non-perishable food item for the Holy Comforter Food Pantry to take up during the offertory.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Last week, our high school students completed the service of making soup and sandwiches for the food pantry. This weekend, they are attending an overnight retreat with the youth of Incarnation Parish. Next week, our topic will be, "Why Do I Need to Go to Mass?" to prepare us to attend the performance of Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* at the Paramount on Oct. 14. All high school students are invited and encouraged to join us! Please see the website or contact Sue Dougherty, CRE, for details.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Five Short Stories Every Catholic Should Read"

The Christian Formation Committee is pleased to announce "The Big Read!" Each week, the group will explore one of five short stories identified by stpeterslist.com as short stories every Catholic should read. If you are short on time, but enjoy good literature that offers a brief vision on the robust nature of Christian life, this group may be for you! The stories are "Leaf by Niggle," by J.R.R. Tolkien; "The Light Princess," by George MacDonald; "The Selfish Giant," by Oscar Wilde; "The Blue Cross," by G.K. Chesterton; and "Revelation," by Flannery O'Connor. The meeting day and time will be decided by the group. If interested in exploring this possibility, please sign the sheet on the Christian Formation table in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Classes for children in grades pre-K-8th have begun, but you are still welcome to register your child. Forms are available in the Commons or on the website www.holycomforterparish.org. All children ages 4 through 14 are welcome.

ATTENTION PARENTS The time that your children are in RE classes is an ideal opportunity for your own spiritual growth! Are you interested in joining with other parents for a relevant adult study or discussion related to faith and life? Please contact Sue Dougherty to express your interest so that she can help to make this a reality!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI St. Michel School, Saltadere: Education is very important to families in Haiti. The parish school provides a good, comprehensive and Catholic education to the over 700 students enrolled. Student sponsorship provides support to the school.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: The next meeting will be held at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 14 at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE DINNER GROUP FORMING

St. Thomas parishioner, Dan Cox, would like to start a dinner group of five couples to meet monthly at alternating homes and discuss and support how Christ lives in our lives following the Lectio Divina approach. This is not an intellectual bible study. Instead the focus is on sharing personal reactions and significance to gospel reading. For more information contact Dan at djc4f@virginia.edu or 434.465.0155

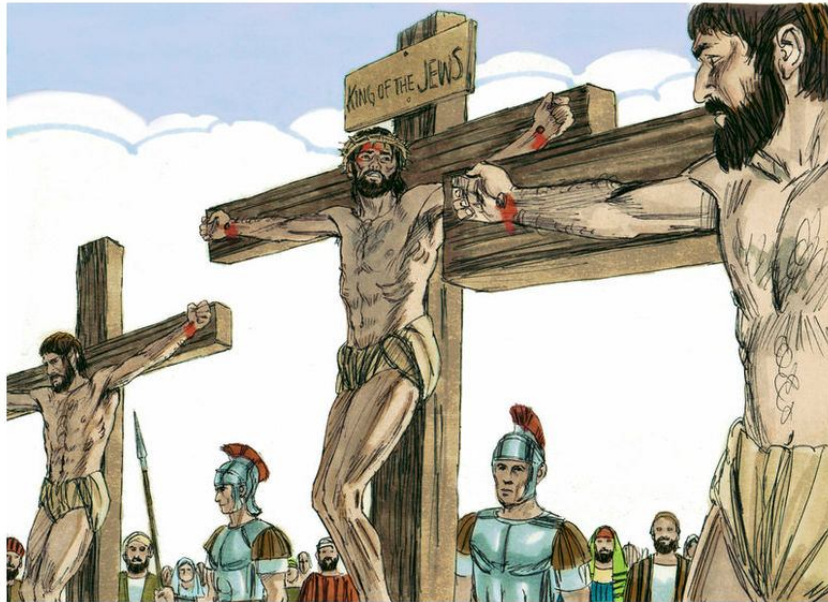
CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS will begin accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year on October 1. Join us on October 12th for an Open House from 9 AM-2 PM for a personal tour of our beautiful campus and to meet our faculty, staff, and students! Please visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions

VOCATIONS WEEKEND - IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Discover your Call with the Benedictines. The monks at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey at 12829 River Rd, Richmond invite men 18-45 to a Vocations Weekend October 5-7. This is an opportunity for you to discern your call through prayer, monastic liturgies, work, and recreation with the monks, Brothers and Priests. Contact Fr. John Mary: vocations@richmondmonks.org (804) 708-9653 or visit www.RichmondMonks.org

From The Pastor
A CALL TO ATONEMENT (Part 3)



***“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.”
(Lk. 6:40)***

The purpose and work of Jesus Christ’s atonement was to bring positive moral change to humanity; to inspire us, his “disciples,” to imitate the Master; and to continue the mission for the love of our brothers and sisters. **How can we work with Christ to accomplish what he began with his atonement?** For surely we cannot do what Christ has done for us. But can we be part of this “project,” and if so, how?

St. Paul writing to the Colossians said; ***“Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.” (1:24)*** But **how can there be anything ‘lacking’ in Christ’s afflictions?** Surely it does not mean that anything is lacking in the atoning effect, the atoning sufficiency of those afflictions. For Jesus said: ***“It is finished,”*** (Jn. 19:30), and he meant the atoning price is paid in full. The meaning of St. Paul’s words can well be understood if we go into The Imitation of Christ by Thomas à Kempis chapter 12; ***“... This sign of the cross will be in the heavens when the Lord comes to judge. Then all the servants of the cross, who during life made themselves one with the Crucified, will draw near with great trust to Christ, the judge... To carry the cross, to love the cross, to chastise the body and bring it to subjection, to flee honors, to endure contempt gladly, to despise self and wish to be despised, to suffer any adversity and loss, to desire no prosperous days on earth—this is not man’s way... Set yourself, then, like a good and faithful servant of Christ, to bear bravely the cross of your Lord, Who out of love was crucified for you. Be ready to suffer many adversities and many kinds of trouble in this miserable life, for troublesome and miserable life will always be, no matter where you are... Drink the chalice of the Lord with affection if you wish to be His friend and to have part with Him... If, indeed, there were anything better or more useful for man’s salvation than suffering, Christ would have shown it by word and example. But He clearly exhorts the disciples who follow Him and all who wish to follow Him to carry the cross, saying: “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”***

Jesus suffered for us. Yet we are called to participate in His suffering. Though He was uniquely the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy of the suffering servant, there is still an application of this vocation for us. We are given both the duty and the privilege to participate in the suffering of Christ for the good of our mother Church.

(To be continued...)