THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/7)

8 AM: MASS
3:30 PM: RCIA Orientation *(Lower Level)*
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
5 PM: MASS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (9/8)

Altar Flowers Provided by Cynthia and Les Berlin in Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

7 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA *(CRE Office)*
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (9/9)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (9/10)

7 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer
6-8:30 PM: Schola Rehearsals *(Lower Level)*

WEDNESDAY (9/11)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Communion Service
NOON: AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*
7:30 PM: Confraternity of St. Joseph *(Lower Level)*

THURSDAY (9/12)

NOON: Communion Service
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (9/13)

8 AM-NOON: Regina Coeli Co-op *(Lower Level)*
NOON: Communion Service
NOON: AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*

SATURDAY (9/14)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
5 PM: MASS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (9/15)

Altar Flowers Provided by Maria-Andrea, Greg and Lucas Gerling in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary

7 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA *(CRE Office)*
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

8 AM: ✝Elizabeth and ✝Charles Smith (Patricia McAdams)
5 PM ✝Thomas Ramsden (Patricia McAdams)

Sunday, September 8

8:30 AM ✝Peggy Gable (Betty and Jim Cannon)
11 AM Members of and Visitors to our Parish
1:30 PM Josh McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

Tuesday, September 9

7 AM ✝Evelyn Berlin (Cynthia and Les Berlin)

Saturday, September 14

8 AM: Thomas Bondor (Lauren O'Neill)
5 PM ✝Margaret Kress (Food Pantry Volunteers)

Sunday, September 15

8:30 AM ✝Gerald Holdeman (The Petroni and Conaway Family)
11 AM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9/9 Saint Peter Claver
9/10 Saint Thomas of Villanova
9/11 Saint Cyprian
9/12 Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9/13 Saint John Chrysostom
9/14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note the Liturgical schedule changes Wednesday-Friday this week while Father Joseph Mary attends the Spiritual Direction Conference at St. Mary's Center for Continuing Formation in Baltimore.

GIFTS FROM GOD

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Offertory (plate)	$2,995
Offertory (other)	500
Weekly Offertory Budget	$7,500
Below Weekly Budget	*($4,005)*

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend will be our monthly collection for Outreach and September 22 we will accept contributions for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

A "TITHE" IS A TENTH

In the Bible, a tithe is when you give 10 percent of your annual earnings, produce, or possessions. In the Old Testament, we observe Abraham and Jacob offering a tithe to God in Genesis 14 and 28. And, the Israelites were commanded to tithe from what they earned and produced during the year (Lev. 27:30; Num. 18:25–32; 2 Chron. 31:5–15).

As for your own gift to the church, consider Deuteronomy 16:17: *each of you shall bring as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.*

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Comforter.

FALL PARISH PICNIC

Come join us at Pen Park on Sunday, September 15 from 3-6 PM. There is a potluck sign up and more information in the Commons, and, please bring your frisbees and soccer balls for a family-friendly and fun afternoon! We hope to see you there!!

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Dominic Antonelli
Michael McCall
Lauren O'Neill
Maria Panepinto
Emily and Nicholas Pierson
Glenn Showalter

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/4/1971	Dominique and Lee Faust
9/5/1987	Lisa and Rob Nowicki
9/6/1986	Suzanne and Michael Bailey
9/20/1969	Cynthia and Les Berlin
9/21/1968	Jeanne and Ed Mickiewicz
9/25/1976	Joanne and Peter Mackey
9/26/2009	Maria-Andrea and Greg Gerling
9/29/2007	Tina and Matt Blumenfeld

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at office@holycomforterparish.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: Jolene Green, Ruth Henahan, John Eros, Marie Murray, Dan Petruso, Bill Phillips, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Mary Griffin, Eileen Foster, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti.

Family and Friends: Raymond Painley, Michelle Edwards, Fran Cannon Slayton, Barbara Lachance, Marian Dolliver, Mike Charlie, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Gustavo Caceres, Kwasi Johnson, Ben Tensley, Randy T. Johnson, Christy Ackerman, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Mr. Kosh, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Brian Driscoll, Aimee Nyiramugisha.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONER

✝Arthur Henahan

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!
Classes for grades K-12 and RCIA begin this weekend between the Sunday Masses.

TREASURES OF THE TRADITION
Holy Comforter will be offering three reading groups on Catholic classics beginning in late September:
1-Dante's Divine Comedy, beginning with the *Inferno* - a wonderfully approachable story and a profound account of the soul's journey into God! Participants will be asked for a sliding-scale fee. Meets weekly.
2-Mysticism of the Self. St. Bonaventure, Richard of St. Victor, Pseudo-Dionysius, and others on the structure of the human psyche (the will, the intellect, the passions), and how that structure can help us toward union with God. Meets biweekly.
3-Dante's "Other" Writings. Poems and essays on love, philosophy, politics, and language give a fascinating glimpse into a forgotten world that shaped our own. Meets biweekly.
Meeting times set by participants' needs, so contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu ASAP!

THE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE OF CREATION:
The Only Firm Foundation for a Culture of Life
Holy Comforter is co-sponsoring a seminar with the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation from **3-6 PM on Sunday September 22**. Presenters Hugh Owen, Founder and Director of the Center and Pamela Acker, M.S., Biology, will address: *What is the traditional Catholic doctrine of Creation? How should Catholics evaluate the molecules-to-man evolutionary hypothesis? How do the answers to these questions relate to the anti-culture of death and the current crisis of faith and morals?* Join us!

CHRISTLIFE

Our parishioners have the opportunity to attend the ChristLife program at Church of the Incarnation beginning October 1. ChristLife equips Catholics for the essential work of evangelization so that all people might personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples. Contact Melinda Wells for more information.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

Bishop Knestout has written a letter outlining the plans for the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of our Diocese. Please pick up a copy in the Commons.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Join us for the **Annual 5k & Fun Run** on Saturday, September 28th, and the **CCS Golf Tournament** *(formerly the Gene Corrigan Golf Tournament)* on Monday, September 30th at the Glenmore Country Club.
For more information and to register for these events, visit our website cvillecatholic.org/upcoming-events/

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES
September is Healthy Aging Month
A large part of healthy aging is companionship and connection. CCC's Independence for Seniors program provides lonely and isolated seniors with regular contact with caring volunteers. Visit www.cccofva.org to learn more, volunteer, or donate to the program.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

BI-PARISH HAITI MINISTRY
St. Michel School Classes begin tomorrow, September 9. Your participation in our Student Sponsorship program allows us to support 31 teachers in upper grades, 14 in the primary grades, and a support staff of six. Thank you for your generosity.
Visit to Saltadere: Bob Fromm is visiting our twin parish. Please keep him in your prayers.
Help Needed with ongoing fundraising. Plans for a tasting event and golf outing are in their initial stages. Contact Ginny if you can help ginnyannzeller@gmail.com
Bi-Parish Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend our next meeting TODAY, Sunday, September 8, 1:30 PM, at St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information, visit saltadere.org.

WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY
Holy Comforter has established a ministry focused on strengthening our parish community though the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Members are ready to visit and pray for our homebound parishioners. To request assistance, please email hcworksofmercy@gmail.com.

ThriVe® (*formerly the Pregnancy Centers)*
IS CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT THE DoubleTree BY HILTON.
Having served tens of thousands of families, this ministry continues fighting against injustice and helping women in times of crisis by gathering friends and funds. So, if you desire protection for unborn lives, salvation for neighbors, awesome Christian fellowship and stories of healing by Lisa Kratz Thomas, **Reserve your seat for the Banquet today!** Sign Up in the Commons or at: www.Partner.VirginiaPregnancy.org

FROM THE PASTOR
Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY'S SHARE IN THE SORROWS OF JESUS 2019 *(Part 1)*

"And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed" (Lk.2:35).

The month of September by Catholic Tradition, is dedicated to the seven sorrows of Mary and September 15th is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This woman and mother who was greeted by the Angel Gabriel as "full of grace," is also the woman and mother who is full of sorrow**. I invite you to take a journey with me to reflect on the situations of sorrow that the Blessed Virgin Mary had to endure for love of Jesus and as an example for us on how we may conduct ourselves in this "valley of tears'.**

Simeon's prophecy, as Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple, is the first public pronouncement to Mary of where her relationship with the God-Man, her child, will take her. Simeon utters mysterious words: "***Behold this child is set for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed." (Luke 2: 34-35).*** It is a prophecy of the universal motherhood that will be given to Mary in the agony of Calvary. As a mother knows everything about her children, and suffers not only for, but with her children, Mary, in an extraordinary way, was so one with Jesus in His sufferings and death that she is rightly called "***Co-Redemptrix***" *(Mary really intimately collaborated with Jesus to bring about our salvation).* As her soul was mystically being pierced on Calvary, Jesus opened up a place large enough within her, to take on a universal motherhood for all of us.

Aside from Jesus, no human being has suffered more than our Blessed Mother. In perfect obedience to the will of God, she consented to her son's torture, humiliation, and brutal execution for our salvation. As any parent knows, watching one's child suffer is the greatest suffering of all. She still bears the sufferings of her divine Son in her heart.

In one way, Mary's sorrows flowed from the sufferings of her innocent Divine Son. In another, they flowed from her maternal union with us and our indifference and ingratitude toward God's unfathomable love for us. Her distress over those children who reject their Father's love keeps her always at work and in intercession for the restoration of this relationship. She is near us always, helping us in all adversity, affliction, heartache and difficulty.

St. Pope John Paul II puts it beautifully this way: "Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and pains because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary…Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!" (1980) Mary continues to mother us from the death of sin into the Risen Life of Christ, laboring to bring us to true holiness, so that we can be born into eternal life and everlasting happiness. When we are all safely home, it is then, as the best of Mothers, that her joy will be complete. *(To be continued…)*