

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

- NOVEMBER** 22 – St. Cecilia  
 23 – Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro  
 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac  
 25 – St. Columban  
 26 – St. Catherine of Alexandria  
 27 – St. Francesco Antonio Fasani  
 28 – St. James of the Marche  
 29 – Servant of God John of Monte Corvino  
 30 – St. Andrew

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 22**

5 PM – Members of the Parish

**Sunday, November 23**

8:30 AM – Bob Arnett (Petroni + Conaway Family)

11 AM – Rev & Mrs. Goris, M/M Nelson Whetzel, Ruth Davis & Bill Davis, Ada Jane Dellinger, Velma & Ted Hockman, Bernard Keener, and Grandfather Beard (Brian & Darlene Beard)

**Saturday, November 29**

5 PM – Fr. Dennis Mc Auliffe

**Sunday, November 30**

8:30 AM – Dorothy James (Petroni & Conaway Family)

11 AM – Members of the Parish

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (11/22)**

8 AM – MASS

10 AM - 5 PM: Advent Retreat with Fr. Suarez

3 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation

5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (11/23)**

7 - 7:45 AM Reconciliation

8:30 AM – MASS

9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes

11 AM – MASS

**MONDAY (11/24)**

NOON – MASS

**TUESDAY (11/25)**

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry

NOON – MASS

**WEDNESDAY (11/26)**

10 AM – NOON: Food Pantry

NOON – MASS

NOON - AA Meeting

6 PM - Medjugorie Rosary Prayer Group

7 – 8:30 PM: Choir Practice

**THURSDAY (11/27) – THANKSGIVING – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

9 AM – MASS

**FRIDAY (11/28) - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

NOON – Monthly Mass for Deceased Members of the Parish

**SATURDAY (11/29)**

8 AM – MASS

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Reconciliation

5 PM – Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (11/30)**

7 - 7:45 AM Reconciliation

8:30 AM – MASS

9:45 – 10:45 AM: Christian Formation Classes

11 AM – MASS

**PARISHIONERS:** PLEASE SEND THE DATE OF YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (COMPLETE WITH THE YEAR OF YOUR MARRIAGE) TO THE PARISH OFFICE AT [office@hollycomfortparish.org](mailto:office@hollycomfortparish.org).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR \_\_\_\_\_**

**PARISHIONERS:** Winifred Smith, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Tom O'Rourke, Hermann Ortmann, and Les Berlin.

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:** Josephine Nampijja, Gloria Aberg, Grace Dawn Wicke, Melyssa Dove, Nicole Carpenter, Beth Mauk, Evan Dotas, Dave Halley, Cullen McQuhae, Bill & Marie Jones, Christine Bentéjac, David Rumpf, Mrs. Jessica Viglietta, Pam D. Goines, Charlie Previtali, Jessica Viglietta, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Grace R. Salvetti, Kimberly Hasenus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, Merrilee Kubart, June Atherton, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, J. Sloan, Paul Hillard, Dale Evans, Michael Reisinger, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Stanley Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, Bob Spann, Deborah Bryant, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, Michele Gavigan, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Lisa Light, Isabel Perry, Claire Hagan, Elaine Roberti, Benedict Pax, Steve Naimey, and Jerry Colgate.

**MILITARY:** Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, David Alvey, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

**PARISH NEWS**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Joseph Kuhn, Melanie & Jeff Henderson, Geoffrey & Brandy Garbaccio, Daniel & Mary Ann Kosut, Matthew Semanik, Diana & Daniel George, Linh Hoang Vu & Kim Hoang, Sarah Schubert, Mike & Denise James, and Carole Wernstrom

**BAPTISMS:**

November 1, 2014: Gabriella Elizabeth Hernandez

**UPCOMING BAPTISMS:**

December 6, 2014: William Henry Schulz

December 6, 2014: Joseph Davis Cox

December 27, 2014: David Prescott Stadnisky

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

November 26, 1953: Margaret & Walter MvMahon

**WEDDINGS:**

October 11, 2014: Tona Boyd & Michael Cartwright

October 19, 2014: Alessandra Saucino & Jonathan Keephart

October 25, 2014: Casey Kramer & Mark Shaw

**UPCOMING WEDDINGS:**

November 30, 2014: Kim Hoang & Linh Vu

December 20, 2014: Grace Rinehart & Matthew Semanik

**MEMORIAL  
MASS**

for

*Father Dennis Mc Auliffe*

on

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM**

**AT HOLY COMFORTER**

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."*

**John 11:25**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

*Gifts for God*

- Offertory – November 15/16: \$6,590
- Retired Religious - \$10
- Catholic Virginian - \$122.50
- Justice & Peace - \$285
- World Missions - \$5
- Outreach - \$130
- Haiti - \$70

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND  
BULLETIN DEADLINE



SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN IS  
THURSDAY MORNING,  
NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM

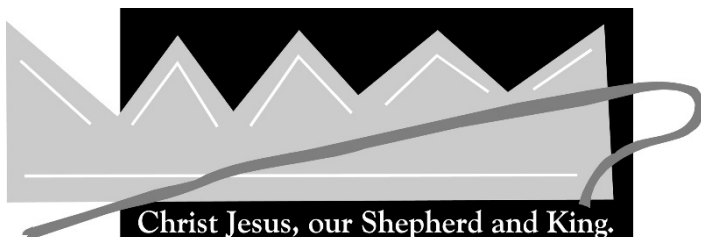
BRING ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD  
FOR A BLESSING  
THANKSGIVING MORNING AT THE 9 AM MASS.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Bill Polhill, Minister of Music: [gwpolh3@gmail.com](mailto:gwpolh3@gmail.com)

**CANTORS NEEDED:** The Music Ministry at Holy Comforter is actively seeking additional singers to serve as cantors for both the 8:30 AM and the 5 PM Masses. Please consider participating in this vital ministry. For more information, contact Bill Polhill.

**SINGERS NEEDED:** The Holy Comforter Choir is seeking additional singers as we prepare for Advent & Christmas. We are in particular need of male voices (tenor and bass). The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 PM. Interested singers should contact Bill Polhill.



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Dawn Aberg: [dawnaberg@gmail.com](mailto:dawnaberg@gmail.com)  
(434)295-6559

**ST. NICHOLAS NIGHT:** Our annual celebration of St. Nicholas Night takes place on **December 5<sup>th</sup>** this year. In this event, children arrive in their pajamas (with shoes and socks) to listen to stories about this 3<sup>rd</sup> century saint. Music, a special visitor, downstairs refreshments, and special surprises are involved. More to come about this special event that has been such a success in the past.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS:** This year, Holy Comforter will host a special Children's Christmas Mass with a celebration for children and their families on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Children are invited to participate as angels, shepherds, Magi, animals, and of course the Holy Family. "Roles" will be chosen closer to time by lottery. Children will also participate as lectors, gift bearers (I'm thinking these should be the Magi - frankincense, myrrh and gold contributions welcome), ushers and greeters. And, this year we organize a Choir of Angels, a kick-off to our Children's Choir (see below). If your children are interested in participating, please contact Dawn Aberg in the Formation office. The ten weeks between now and then are going to pass before we know it!

**HOLY COMFORTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Parishioners have expressed a lot of interest in a Children's Choir here at Holy Comforter. As always, trying to agree on practice times (and choirs DO need to practice) is the hardest part. To start off slowly, we have decided to begin this year with a "Choir of Angels" (and perhaps some sheep and shepherds and a camel and king or two) to sing at our Children's Christmas Mass this year on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Christmas songs seem a good way to start, and we will only need a couple of rehearsals that we can schedule closer to time. If your children are interested in participating, please let Dawn know, and we will start making a list. No musical knowledge or training is required. Just a willingness and eagerness to sing out to make a joyful noise. (Quiet voices are very welcome, too.)

**UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS:** The Formation program works to schedule a talk on End of Life issues later this fall. We also plan a presentation on scripture study, looking to Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction*. A former Benedictine, Dr. Johnson is the Robert W. Woodruff professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. We will keep you posted on dates!

**JUSTICE & PEACE**

**PANTRY:** Our food pantry began to provide emergency food for those temporarily short of funds and food. In recent years, however, we have seen people coming to us on a monthly basis. These are people who are unemployed, working only part-time, or living on inadequate pensions. Until things improve for all people, it is our responsibility to help those in need. "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers ..."

UPCOMING HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY  
MASS SCHEDULE

- THANKSGIVING DAY – Thursday, November 27 – 9 AM
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Monday, December 8 – 12 PM & 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, December 24 –  
2:30 PM [Children's Mass], 4 PM, and 7 PM
- CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, December 25 – 11 AM
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL/NEW YEAR'S EVE –  
Wednesday, December 31 – 5 PM
- SOLEMNITY OF MARY/NEW YEAR'S DAY – January 1 – 11 AM

**NEWS FROM HAITI**

Anne Knasel (STA): [anne@stagebridge.net](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net)  
 Ginny Zeller (HC): [ginnyszeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyszeller@gmail.com)  
[www.saltadere.org](http://www.saltadere.org)

**THANKS TO HOLY COMFORTER:** Thank you to the parishioners of Holy Comforter, who generously stepped forward with over a thousand dollars in donations for the medical clinic in St. Michel. We will have a box for donations in the office and will keep you informed of other opportunities to learn more about this project, including a Saturday, December 6, dinner at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. For more information regarding the dinner, please contact August Sanusi at [asanusi7@gmail.com](mailto:asanusi7@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU, FATHER ILRIC:** We thank Father Ilric for his visit with us and wish him safe travel back to our twin parish of St; Michel. Thank you as well to those who donated time and resources to making the visit a success.

**BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE:** The committee's next meeting will November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Holy Comforter. *All are welcome.* To learn about the Bi-parish committee, you can e-mail Anne Knasel or Ginny Zeller.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:** It's getting colder in the evenings. Come join us for the warmth and comfort provided by our Rosary Prayer Group every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Chapel. We welcome everyone!

**THE HISTORY OF THE ROSARY CONTINUED:** Section 2: People were not able to adapt to this form of prayer because the psalms were very hard to memorize and printed copies of the psalms were not readily available. As a result, it was suggested to the people outside the monastery that they recite a series of 150 "Our Father" prayers in the place of the psalms.

**OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 2, 2014,** "... This is why I need you - you who have been illuminated by the light and have comprehended the truth. I am calling you to adore my Son so that your soul may grow and reach true spirituality ..."

**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA CD'S:** Have you stopped and browsed the new CD's? 'Tis the time for shopping. Check out the great stocking stuffers! *"Finding True Happiness"* by Fulton Sheen. Are you perfectly happy, or are you still looking for perfect happiness? Most people are still actively searching for true and lasting happiness, but are looking in the wrong places. Read this book to help guide you how to find that true happiness.

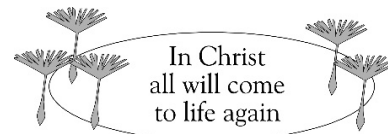
**VOCATIONS CHALICE PROGRAM:** The purpose of the Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. Have you signed up yet? There is one weekend open for 2014. Help us to complete the year out with all weekends having a caring family take the Chalice home to pray together. We will be signing up for the 2015 calendar within the next month. The sign up calendar and announcement is coming soon!

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** CCS K-5 students will be performing with The Catholic Student Ministry at UVA and the St. Thomas Aquinas Festival Choir and Orchestra for our annual Christmas Concert, themed, *Joy and Light: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.* The concert will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. A Baking Contest will be held in conjunction with the concert. There will be prizes for best cookie, pie, cake, eggnog, brownie, cupcake, & cobbler. All entries are welcome!

**THE SICK & HOME BOUND:** A group of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers at HC is available to take Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion should contact Bob Strassheim at 589-7822 to make arrangements. Also, please let the parish office know if a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary is needed or requested.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org](http://www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-483-3209.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO VETERANS AT SITTER BARFOOT MCGUIRE VA HOSPITAL:** Do you have a Catholic Veteran relative or friend at Sitter Barfoot Nursing Facility who would like to receive Eucharist on Sunday? The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond has a ministry to Sitter Barfoot that takes the Eucharist weekly. If you would like your loved one to receive the Eucharist, please contact Neal O'Bryan, at [nealo99@yahoo.com](mailto:nealo99@yahoo.com), (804) 275-0010, or (804) 359-5651.



**SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND  
 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

For over 40 years, CCHD has worked to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map. Local programs supported by CCHD have changed neighborhoods across the country. We need your help to continue to meet the needs of more than 46 million people who still struggle to overcome poverty. *Please help us continue this good work by supporting the Collection for CCHD.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 FATHER LOUIS A. ROWEN COUNCIL 3670**

**COATS FOR KIDS DONATIONS:** For the 5<sup>th</sup> winter, we will once again collect donations for Coats for Kids to purchase jackets for needy children in our area. We work with Holy Comforter, Incarnation, and St. George to meet the needs of children both in the churches and in the community. The coats cost about \$20 each for brand new, high quality coats from a major manufacturer. See [www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/coats-for-kids/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/coats-for-kids/index.html) for more info. This year, St. Thomas Aquinas Justin Cunningham Council 11324 will also be collecting donations for Coats for Kids to assist our council's efforts. They'll be working with an elementary school in Albemarle County to get coats to children in need. Donations can be given to any Knight or mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 3670, P.O. Box 7251, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Please make checks out to "K of C Council 3670" with *Coats for Kids* in the memo line.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting the 3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference in the Diocese of Richmond on Saturday, January 10 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. The day will feature powerful and inspiring talks and breakout sessions, an expanded expo area, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. Bishop DiLorenzo will be speaking and celebrating Mass. We are also pleased to welcome Catholic speaker, author, and podcaster, Greg Willits, as our keynote speaker. Registration is \$35 for general admission, \$15 for permanent deacons and college students, and free for priests and religious brothers. Learn more and register at [www.cdrcmf.org](http://www.cdrcmf.org) or call 804-622-5109 for details.

## GLORY TO CHRIST THE SERVANT KING



As we mark Christ the King Sunday this weekend, I want to point out some important lessons we could keep in mind: One who came as a servant, triumphed. The exultant joy of being a follower of Jesus Christ that should never leave us.

In my readings, I came across the following words from one of the songs; **from heaven you came helpless babe. Entered our world, your glory veiled. Not to be served but to serve and give your life that we might live.** *This is our God, The Servant King. He calls us now to follow Him. To bring our lives as a daily offering. Of worship to The Servant King.*

*St. Paul writing to the Philippians said: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.( 2:5-7).* And from the gospel of Mark **"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**(10:45). Jesus, coming made him a king that was different from all the other kings in all history. He came not to be served, but to be a servant. Think about all the overpaid athletes, entertainers, politicians who travel with entourages, maids, handlers, and all other kinds of servants that take care of all the details of life. A 1st century king could have anything he wanted at any time. Think about King Solomon, a king in Israel a thousand years before Jesus, who wrote Ecc 2: 10 **"I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure"**. Jesus is the one of a kind son of the only God in all the universe – the one who all creation was made by and for. Surely he will be the King people expected – giving commands and taking charge, but no way could he do that, he was focused on the mission.

It could be difficult for us to grasp this concept of a Servant King. The Apostle themselves could not. James and John seemed not to fully understand this servant king either. They ask Jesus if they can sit at his right and left hand, but the truth is that Jesus doesn't have that authority. It is not for Jesus to decide! Jesus reminds them of this when he states, **"But to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared (Mark 10: 40).**

Jesus the Servant King proclaims to each of us; *I am the Son of Man who has come to serve you. I have come to give my life as a ransom. I have come to redeem you from all your captivities. I have come to ransom your life from sin. I have come to ransom your life from the powers of evil. I have come to ransom your life from death. I have come to suffer and die that you might live and serve under the sign of the cross.* His triumph. His victory. Of course we know it is a different kind of triumph than the folks along his path into Jerusalem were likely anticipating. It wasn't a military triumph or a political triumph. He served and He triumphed as king.

If Christ is really King of this world -- and he is! -- then he must be King of my life. And if Christ is really King of my life -- is he? -- then he must be King of every part of my life. I must let him reign in all parts of my life, if he is truly my Lord, my God, my King. So this feast is a great day to ask ourselves whether Christ is truly King of our lives, whether he rules everywhere. If he's king of my life, then he should be king of my time. If he's king of my life, then he must be king of my home. If he's king of my life, then he should be king of my wallet. If he's king of my life, every one of my moral decisions must be geared toward living in his kingdom; in every moral decision we face, there's a choice between Christ the King and Barabbas and the one who seeks to live in His kingdom is the one that says, **'thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'**