

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (11/17)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**11 AM-NOON:** Eucharistic Minister Training  
*(Sanctuary)*  
**2 PM:** WEDDING: *Colleen Curley and Gerald Heddy*  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Dante Reading Group *(Lower Level)*  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

**SUNDAY (11/18) THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)**

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
**8:30 AM:** MASS  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*  
**9:45-10:45 AM:** Family Advent Resources Presentation *(Lower Level)*  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**12:15 PM:** High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation *(Lower Level)*  
**12:15 PM:** Way of Perfection Book Study *(Lower Level)*  
**12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**MONDAY (11/19)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**10:30-11:45 AM:** Rosary Prayer Group *(Chapel)*  
**NOON:** MASS  
**5:15 PM:** Schola Rehearsals  
**8-9 PM:** Eucharistic Minister Training *(Sanctuary)*

**TUESDAY (11/20)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS

**WEDNESDAY (11/21)**

**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 PM:** Choir Rehearsal *(Loft)*

**THURSDAY (11/22) THANKSGIVING**

**All Parish Office Are Closed Today.**

**10 AM:** MASS

**FRIDAY (11/23)**

**All Parish Office Are Closed Today.**

**8 AM:** MASS

**SATURDAY (11/24)**

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

**SUNDAY (11/25) THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (Altar flowers provided by Matt & Tina Blumenfeld.)**

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
**8:30 AM:** MASS  
**11 AM:** MASS  
**12:30-1:15 PM:** Reconciliation *(Chapel)*  
**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 17

**8 AM †**Monique Auger  
**5 PM †**Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, November 18

**8:30 AM †**Rose Anna Jones (Petroni-Conaway Family)  
**11 AM †**Anonymous Request for Deceased Family Members  
**1:30 PM †**Deceased Members of the Smith Savino Family (Patricia McAdams)

Monday, November 19

**NOON †**Monica Auger

Tuesday, November 20

**NOON †**Melvin Green

Wednesday, November 21

**NOON †**James, Jack, John, & Clair Lynch

Thursday, November 22

**8 AM †**Mary & William Cannon, Sr.

Friday, November 23

**8 AM †**Regina Nowicki

Saturday, November 24

**8 AM †**Concetia & Damian Battiston  
**5 PM †**Steve Kirkland

Sunday, November 25

**8:30 AM †**Diane & Bill Kunkler  
**11 AM †**Deceased Members of the Parish  
**1:30 PM †**Rita Davis (Holli Traud)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS  
 THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD  
 JESUS CHRIST THE KING**

**First Reading**

*Daniel 7:13-14*

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 93:1,1-2,5*

A prayer of praise to God our king

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 1:5-8*

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 18:33b-37*

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

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| 11/18 | St. Rose Philippine   |
| 11/19 | St. Mechtilde         |
| 11/20 | St. Edmund the Martyr |
| 11/21 | St. Gelsius I         |
| 11/22 | St. Cecilia           |
| 11/23 | St. Clement I         |
| 11/24 | St. Andrew Dung-Lac   |

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

**NOVEMBER 10 and 11, 2018**

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Offertory (plate)          | \$5,440        |
| Weekly Offertory Budget    | <u>(7,500)</u> |
| <i>Below Weekly Budget</i> | <i>\$2060</i>  |

**STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

This weekend is the annual Diocesan collection for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services.**

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.

To establish an eGiving account, please use the Online Giving link found on our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org).

**PARISH NEWS**

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kindly notify us at [office@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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:** 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:** 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, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicus, 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.

**PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11/18/1967: Annie and Tom Tromeay
- 11/20: Susan and Jim Neale
- 11/23/1972: Regina and Stephen Grammatico
- 11/26/1953: Margaret and Walt McMahon
- 11/27: Jane Dittmar and Frank Squillace

**ANGEL TREE PROGRAM 2018**

Holy Comforter will participate with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program again this year to spread the joy of Christmas in our community. The Angel Tree will be placed in the Commons on Monday, November 19th, and decorated with gift tags.

Please attach the tag to the UNWRAPPED gift and return it no later than December 8<sup>th</sup> to: Holy Comforter Church or The Salvation Army Office at 207 Ridge Street.

The Angel Tree gifts will be distributed to the children that we have "adopted". Thank you in advance for reaching out in the Name of Jesus to those in our community who are in need.

**HAITI**

**Haitian Arts and Crafts– December 9 in the Commons after 8:30AM and 11AM Masses**

This Giving Fair will include metal art, crafts, cards, sponsorships and Haitian paintings. Funds raised will support our twin parish and school.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**ADVENT RESOURCES**

Many resources are available to deepen your faith and enhance your spiritual growth during the holy season of Advent. Plan to meet with Sue Dougherty on **Sunday, December 2 at 9:45** to learn about an at home retreat called “*Theotokos*,” which offers daily meditation through the eyes of the Mary, the Blessed Mother, as well as other daily reflections. Please be sure to visit the Christian Formation table in the Commons as well as the website in the coming weeks to find material and information about these resources.

**“SHORT STORIES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ”**

This discussion group will share 5 classic short stories from which we can glean important lessons to enrich our Catholic Faith. Join Susan Neale who will facilitate the discussions on **January 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 13**. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Commons or email Sue Dougherty, [cre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycorforterparish.org), if you are interested.

**YOUR PERSONAL FAITH AND THE SUNDAY READINGS:**

Are you interested in sharing with others a rich discussion of the Sunday Scripture readings that can carry you through your week and draw you closer to Christ? If so, please contact Sue Dougherty or use the sign up in the Commons. Facilitators are needed.

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Please plan to join us **THIS SUNDAY, November 18** during the religious education hour from 9:45-10:45 to learn about new Advent traditions, prayers, and activities that you can do with your family to keep the focus of the Christmas season on Advent, a holy and joyful time of anticipation of the birth of Christ.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION**

**This Sunday, 11/18, 12:15-1:45:** All students, including those preparing for Confirmation, will meet for a joint session on the Incarnation and Paschal Mystery. This will include a prayer service by a guest youth minister who will guide us into the Advent season.

**Sunday, 11/25: No Class** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 2.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K-8 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Sunday, 11/25: No class** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Sunday, Dec. 2.

**Family Opportunities:**

- Please join us on **Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:00pm** for a family potluck and **St. Nicholas Celebration**. Games, crafts, and a surprise visitor will provide fun for all!
- Our annual **Nativity Play** will take place in the Sanctuary at the end of the **Christmas Eve Mass, 4:30PM on Monday, Dec. 24**. If your child would like to participate, please join us for a **practice on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 3:00 PM**. We will assign costumes and parts for the play.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S Annual**

**Poinsettia and Advent candle sale:** Beautiful full red or white poinsettias will be on sale through November 20th, 2018, and will be delivered to Charlottesville Catholic School on November 30th. All poinsettias are available in red or white and come in the following sizes: 6.5 “pot (\$8), 8” pot (\$14), 10” pot (\$20), Poinsettia Christmas log (\$30), Advent candles –set of 4 (\$8). Order online at <https://cvillecatholic.org/poinsettia-and-advent-candle-sales/>

Throughout the month of October, our school community focused on the virtue of collaboration. One student from each homeroom was selected for consistently being a collaborator. **Congratulations to Vincent Manka from Holy Comforter for this recognition.**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year for grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **We are anticipating waitlists for some grades so apply early!** If you haven’t visited CCS, please call us to schedule a tour or drop by at your convenience. For more information, visit [www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions) or contact us: 434-964-0400 or [admissions@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:admissions@cvillecatholic.org).

From Our Pastor  
**Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.**

**CHARITY COMPELS US TO PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY**  
**(Part 3)**



*“..It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins”*  
*(2Machabees 12:46).*

While we may struggle with the idea of praying for the souls in purgatory, the saints inspire us to intercede for the holy souls in purgatory! Throughout the ages, the devotions, prayers, and practices of the Communion of Saints have been offered up on behalf of souls in purgatory, the *Church Suffering*. A great number of Saints dedicated their time and efforts to intercede for the holy souls and prayed ceaselessly for their eternal rest. **Blessed Mary of Providence from France**, received special grace to the vocation for the Holy Souls in Purgatory at an early age. She tried to explain in metaphors that give strange enlightenment in these words: **“If one of our friends was imprisoned in a house of fire,”** she said, **“how we should rush to her help. Then think how we should try to deliver the souls in Purgatory.”** The rest is history. On January 19, 1856 she founded the Society of Helpers of the Holy Souls in Paris, France. **St. John Chrysostom**, in one of his homilies said, “Let us help and commemorate them [souls in purgatory]. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice (Job 1:5), why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them” (Homilies on 1 Corinthians 41:5). The same saint, **John Chrysostom**, also recommends to every Christian family that they have a box at some convenient place in their home and that they put into it pennies, which will be used to have masses said for the Poor Souls. **St. Padre Pio**, had a very particular relationship with the Holy Souls; indeed it is reported that they were his frequent visitors - so much so that at one time he said, “I see so many souls from Purgatory that they don't frighten me anymore.” And on another occasion when questioned further on the matter, he replied, “More souls of the dead than of the living climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers.” Padre Pio was one who offered his pains, prayers and sufferings for the release of those in a state of purification, and those souls never ceased to thank him for this. **St. Augustine** in his book **The City of God** says, “..... by the prayers of the Holy Church, and by the salvific sacrifice, and by the alms which are given for their spirits, there is no doubt that the dead are aided, that the Lord might deal more mercifully with them than their sins would deserve. The whole Church observes this practice which was handed down by the Fathers: that it prays for those who have died in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, when they are commemorated in their own place in the sacrifice itself.” **St. John Vianney** admits that the poor souls in Purgatory are forgotten. He says, “I was recently at a non-Catholic funeral for a relative, and I felt sorry for the relative who had died because in the entire service, not once was there a prayer offered for her soul (this was a Christian Church, which probably presumed that she is already in Heaven). The sad thing is that we can't admit such things. Suppose there was a stain on her soul (as is likely for many): she wouldn't be ready to see God as He is in Heaven. He would have to dim His glory for her, and that would not be just or fair to my relative, or to anybody else entering Heaven with the stain of sin. I pray especially hard for her, as I may be the only one on earth specifically praying for her.” The saint continues to say, “We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven.” **(To be continued..)**