

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (11/18)

8 AM: MASS

11 AM: Baptism: *Sadler Wells Gordon*

11AM-6 PM: Haiti Arts and Crafts Sale and Sponsorship

Fair

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (11/19) *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

(Altar Flowers Donated by Virginia and Tim Michel)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation

8 AM-1 PM: Haiti Arts and Crafts Sale and Sponsorship

Fair

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: Family Advent Presentation (*Lower*

Level)

11 AM: MASS

4 PM: Confirmation Preparation (*Lower Level*)

4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (11/20)

NOON: MASS

6-7 PM: Lawyers Helping Lawyers Meeting

6 PM: Women's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal

TUESDAY (11/21)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

7 PM: Men's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (11/22)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

5 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

THURSDAY (11/23) THANKSGIVING

(CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (11/24) (CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS (For Deceased Parishioners)

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November 5, 1966 Angie and Jim Morrisard

November 18, 1967 Annie and Tom Tromey

November 20th Susan and Jim Neale

November 23rd Regina and Stephen Grammatico

November 26, 1953 Margaret and Walt McMahon

November 27th Jane Dittmar and Frank Squillace

SATURDAY (11/25)

8 AM: MASS

10 AM: Baptism: *Eliza Anne Cady*

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (11/26) LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Altar

Flowers Donated by Nancy and Paul Dierdorf)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation

8:30 AM: MASS

11 AM: MASS

12:45-1:30 PM: Reconciliation

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

11/19 St. Mechtilde

11/20 St. Edmund the Martyr

11/21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11/22 St. Cecilia

11/23 St. Clement I

11/24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

11/25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

IN THANKSGIVING

"I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

During this month of giving thanks, we extend our sincere appreciation to all parishioners for your support. We are incredibly grateful for your donations of time, talent and treasure that enable us to fulfill Holy Comforter's mission to our parish, local community and all those in need.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

8 AM †All Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie);

†Giovanni LoMonaco (Gloria Vitale)

5 PM †Charles Lambino (Denise Collado);

†Francesca and Luciano LoMonaco (Gloria Vitale)

Sunday, November 19

8:30 AM †Giovanna and Antonino Vitale (Gloria Vitale); Andrew (Paul Savoie)

11:00 AM †Bonnie B. Ham †George W. Ham (Carol F. Ham)

Monday, November 20

NOON Andrew (Paul Savoie); †Dennis Leary (Brandy Garbaccio)

Tuesday, November 21

NOON The McAdams Family (Patricia McAdams); Andrew (Paul Savoie)

Wednesday, November 22

NOON Katherine (Paul Savoie)

Thursday, November 23

8:30 AM Peter (Paul Savoie)

Friday, November 24

8 AM Peter (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, November 25

8 AM Sandy (Paul Savoie)

5 PM Members of our Parish

Sunday, November 26

8:30 AM †Peter M. Colo (Marlene Wood); Sandy (Paul Savoie)

11:00 AM Robert Gerard Kolment (Stephen Tuzzolino); Sandy (Paul Savoie)

1:30 PM Christine (Paul Savoie)

GIFTS FROM GOD

NOVEMBER 11th-12th 2017

Offertory (plate) \$4,321.50

Weekly Offertory Budget \$7,403.00

Below Weekly Budget (3,081.50)

Outreach \$1361.00

GIVE THANKS WITH ONLINE GIVING

We have much to be thankful for! Consider using Online Giving to make a special "Thanksgiving Gift." You can use the "Quick Give" feature to give a one-time gift without creating a login, and you'll see a list of our special funds from which you can choose to contribute. We'll also be giving thanks when you use Online Giving because it's so easy for us to process! It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. Look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

PARISH NEWS

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: Amber Eros, Dominique Faust, Colette Hall, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Herman Ortmann, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, 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: Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Joann Walker, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicis, 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember the dearly departed. Our Book of Remembrance is on display in the Commons and we invite you to list the names of your deceased loved ones. Special Mass Intention envelopes are also available. *May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted for students entering pre-K through 8th grade in the 2018-19 school year. Visit www.cvillcatholic.org/admissions to apply or contact Katrina Kuhn k.kuhn@cvillcatholic.org to schedule a tour of the school. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about a school community rooted in its three core pillars of Christ, Community, and Scholars. We are CCS!

BEST ADVENT EVER

Your New Evangelization team invites all parishioners to make Advent 2017 special by participating in the Best Advent Ever, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Slow down this Advent and focus on what matters most. Each day, you'll receive an email with a short inspirational video, practical tips for everyday life, and real stories of hope. To sign up visit Dynamic Catholic <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>. Absent an intentional effort to do otherwise, it is easy to fall into the pervasive secular celebration of Christmas. Don't let that happen! Sign up today for Best Advent Ever.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

We gather on Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:15. All are welcomed.

The most amazing thing about the Rosary is that Mary made 15 promises to those who recite it daily. These aren't insignificant promises, but rather, enormously helpful graces provided to those who are trying to live a good and faithful Catholic life. Promises 6 through 10:

6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly, reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.

7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.

9. I will deliver promptly from Purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.

10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven.

Ask yourself, how can you not pray the rosary?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CALLING ALL FAMILIES: GET READY FOR ADVENT!

Plan now to celebrate the season of Advent as a family in new and meaningful ways! **On Sunday, November 18 at 9:45**, Mrs. Susan Neale will provide us with many creative and less-known ideas that families can use. Plan now to join us on the lower level. There will still be time to browse the Haiti gift fair as well!

FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION

Parent Orientation will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 9:45 AM**. Classes for the children begin on Sunday, **January 8, 2018**.

ADULT FORMATION:

The Gospel According to Mark

Our Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark will be suspended this week so that all parishioners can attend both the Haiti fair and the Advent presentation. The 3 remaining lessons will be covered on 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for our next presentation on **Saturday, December 9 following the 5:00 Mass**, "A Sacred Walk: Dispelling the Fear of Death and Caring for the Dying," by Hospice volunteer and writer Donna Authers. Refreshments will be provided!

CONFIRMATION

All students preparing for Confirmation should attend the first class scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4:00 pm**.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth NOT doing confirmation preparation will meet concurrently from 4:00-5:30. We will be consider the issue of racism in the context of the Church's social justice teaching on Solidarity. Please be sure that you have registered for the e-learning course at mlearn.smp.org/enroll (the Section code is tyjvwq7p).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Arts and Crafts Sale and Sponsorship Fair This Weekend!

Haitian arts, crafts, coffee and cards will be available for sale Saturday from 11 AM to 6 PM and Sunday from 8 AM to 1 PM. Come get a start on your holiday shopping while supporting our Haitian twinned parish!

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee Meeting: 1:30 PM December 3 at St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome. Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM 2017

Holy Comforter will participate with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program again this year to spread the joy of Christmas to children in our community. Our tree will be in the Commons this **Friday, November 24**. Please attach the tag to your gift and return it **UNWRAPPED by December 8th** to Holy Comforter or to the Salvation Army Office at 207 Ridge Street. Angel Tree gifts will be distributed to the children on December 12. Thank you for reaching out in the name of Jesus to those in our community who are in need.

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



DEALING WITH THE LIMITATIONS TO OUR GROWTH (part 11)

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor.10:31)

God has done marvelous things for us since He brought us into existence! The **love** he has shown us in Jesus Christ is beyond our ability to understand. The **joy** he gives us in salvation is beyond our ability to express. The **peace** he gives is also beyond our comprehension. Words simply fail to describe adequately the experience of God's blessings we have in Jesus Christ. **How shall we respond to these magnificent blessings?** The Psalmist in Psalm 116 has this to say; **"What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD."** (12-13) Having embraced Jesus and seeing all that he is doing with your life then, does not your heart say with Paul, **"It is my eager expectation and hope that I shall not at all be ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be magnified in my body whether by life or by death?"**

Therefore, I say it is the mark of all God's true children that we seek to glorify God in all we do or plan to do as a way of being grateful to Him. King David said, **"I will magnify God with thanksgiving."** The word "magnify" according to the Biblical scholars can be used in two different senses. It can mean; *make something appear greater than it is, as with a microscope or a magnifying glass.* Or it can mean; *make something that may seem small or insignificant appear to be as great as it really is.* This is what our planning for the 2020 need to be focused on to "magnify" God's glory. First, with what we do in our personal, family and community life. Secondly, in what we do with our Liturgy and Worship. Third, in what we can do with our Church building, both inside and out. Fourth, in all of what we do in all our ministries. Just seeking to magnify the LORD. When King David says, **"I will magnify God with thanksgiving,"** he does not mean: "I will make a small God look bigger than he is." He means: "I will make a big God begin to look as big as he really is." We are not called to be "microscopes", but "telescopes," as it were. As disciples of Jesus we are not called to be con-men who magnify their product out of all proportion to reality, when they know the competitor's product is far superior. There is nothing and nobody superior to God. And so the calling of those who love God is to make his greatness begin to look as great as it really is. The whole duty of a disciple can be summed up like this: **feel, think, and act in a way that will make God look as great as he really is.** One preacher once said; "Be a telescope for the world of the infinite starry wealth of the glory of God." That God is great in every way and that greatness is to be valued, should be obvious to everyone. As the letter to the Romans says; "Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So men are without excuse for, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or give him thanks. (Romans 1:20-21) ***(To be continued--).***

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QUOTES FROM THE WISE:

"If you cannot be positive, then at least be quiet. Don't waste words on people who deserve your silence. Sometime the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all."