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**SATURDAY (11/25)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**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

**MONDAY (11/27)**

**NOON:** MASS

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

**TUESDAY (11/28)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** MASS

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

**WEDNESDAY (11/29)**

**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 (11/30)**

**8 AM:** MASS

**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (12/1)**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry

**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

**NOON-2 PM:** First Friday MASS and Adoration

**SATURDAY (12/2)**

**8 AM:** MASS

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

**5 PM:** Vigil MASS (*RCIA Rite of*

*Welcome/Acceptance*)

**SUNDAY (12/3) FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**(Altar Flowers Donated by Zane Jones)**

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation

**8:30 AM:** Children's MASS

**9:45-10:45 AM:** RCIA (*CRE Office*)

**9:45-10:45 AM:** Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)

**9:45-10:45 AM:** Gospel of Mark Study (*Chapel*)

**11 AM:** MASS

**12:45-1:30 PM:** Reconciliation

**1:30 PM:** Latin MASS

**4-5:30 PM:** High School Youth Ministry

**5 PM:** St. Nicholas Celebration

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

11/26 St. Siricius

11/27 St. Virgilius

11/28 St. James of the Marches

11/29 St. Saturninus

11/30 St. Andrew the Apostle

12/1 St. Edmund Campion & Companions

12/2 St. Bibiana

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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)

Monday, November 27

**NOON** Christine (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, November 28

**NOON** The McAdams Family (Patricia McAdams); Roberto Mena (Theresa Lynch)

Friday, December 1

**NOON †**Suzanne Harmon (Patricia McAdams)

Saturday, December 2

**5 PM** Members of our Parish

Sunday, December 3

**8:30 AM** Members of our Parish

**11:00 AM †**Ralph Marra (Barbara Marra)

**1:30 PM** Members of our Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading**

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

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

A prayer for the Lord's protection

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

### GIFTS FROM GOD

*Due to our publishers Thanksgiving Holiday deadline, the Offertory Report for November 18/19 and November 25/26 will appear in next weekend's Bulletin.*

### YEAR END REMINDERS

We appreciate the generosity of our parishioners, and offer Online Giving, a safe and secure way for you to contribute via the web. Funds are transferred directly from your account to ours, and when you login, you'll be able to view a report of your transactions that shows your total tax-deductible contributions. Look for the link on our website: [holycomforterparish.org](http://holycomforterparish.org)

### STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### PLEASE NOTE THESE UPDATED MAILING ADDRESSES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR DIOCESAN APPEALS

Catholic Diocese of Richmond

#### Living Our Mission

P.O. Box 79160

Baltimore, MD 21279-0160

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#### Annual Diocesan Appeal

P.O. Box 79212

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### PARISH NEWS

#### BEST ADVENT EVER

Your New Evangelization team invites all parishioners to make Advent 2017 the Best Advent Ever. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for all the details.

#### CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted for students entering pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2018-19 school year. Visit [www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions) to apply or contact Katrina Kuhn [k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.kuhn@cvillecatholic.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!

### 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](mailto: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.

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### MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

### LOW GLUTEN COMMUNION

Holy Comforter offers low gluten altar bread produced by **Cavanagh Company** in Greenville, RI. These wafers are approved for use in the Catholic Mass by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. They are made of wheat starch and water. **The gluten content of their low gluten wafer is below 20 parts per million.** The baking of the low gluten wafers is done in a dedicated bakery using positive air pressure to create a room that is totally free of contaminants. The equipment is also dedicated to the low gluten baking and is not used for regular altar bread production. They are packaged in boxes of 25 individually wrapped wafers to prevent cross contamination in transit and while stored.

Please notify an usher if you require this option.

### 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 11 through 15:

11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

These promises of Mary show us how the rosary serves as a spiritual weapon that every soldier for Christ and His Church needs to fight successfully in the spiritual battle that comprises much of our earthly sojourn. Those who trust in the Rosary and are faithful to Mary through it will have access to many additional graces that those who choose not to pray it won't. Graces we desperately need to help us make it through the narrow gate that leads to heaven.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### ADULT FORMATION

Our **Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark** will resume on Sunday, Dec. 3 following the 8:30 Mass. You're are most welcome to join us for the final 3 sessions on Dec. 3, 10, and 17 even if you have not attended the previous sessions. Stay tuned for a new series after the first of the year!

**New presentation coming on Saturday, Dec. 9!** Please join us following the 5:00 pm Mass to hear hospice volunteer and writer Donna Authers speak on the challenging issues for those facing end-of-life and their caretakers. Author of the book, *A Sacred Walk*, Donna will share her spiritual supports and practical information as well as her personal journey related to this topic. Catered refreshments will be provided.

#### 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**.

### ATTENTION FAMILIES OF YOUNG CHILDREN

A family **St. Nicholas Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5:00 pm** in honor of the Dec. 6 Feast of St Nicholas. Children in their stocking feet will hear stories about St. Nicholas from our pre-k catechist, Mrs. G. while their shoes await surprises outside the sanctuary. A celebration including potluck dinner, crafts, and games will follow. Please plan to join us for this fun celebration. *(NOTE: Morning Religious Education classes will be held as usual).*

### CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation preparation class will meet on Sunday, **Dec. 10 from 4:00-5:30 pm**. Any student age 15 or older who has not registered is welcome to do so by contacting Sue Dougherty at [cre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycomforterparish.org).

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be no meeting this Sunday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume next weekend with a service activity. Details have been provided via email. For questions, please contact Sue Dougherty.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#### UGANDA MINISTRY

Do you have a gently used smartphone we can send to Uganda to assist with ministry efforts there? Please contact Theresa Lynch: [osgarlynch@gmail.com](mailto:osgarlynch@gmail.com)

#### HAITI

##### Arts and Crafts Sale and Sponsorship Fair Success!

Thank you for supporting our Haitian twinned parish!

**St. Michel School:** Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

**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](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com).

#### ANGEL TREE PROGRAM 2017

Holy Comforter is participating with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program again this year to spread the joy of Christmas to children in our community. Please take a tag from our tree, attach the tag to your gift and return it **UNWRAPPED by December 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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