

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

November 6 St. Leonard
 7 St. Willibrord
 8 Four Crowned Martyrs
 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in
 Rome
 10 St. Leo the Great
 11 St. Martin of Tours
 12 St. Josephat

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5
5:00 PM Matthew Albach (Jill Paitsel)
 Sunday, November 6
8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11:00 AM †Jack Showalter (Family)
 Monday, November 7
NOON †Jack Showalter (Family)
 Tuesday, November 8
NOON †Jack Showalter (Family)
 Wednesday, November 9
NOON Mary Nguyen Tuan (Thuy Vu)
 Thursday, November 10
8 AM †Jack Showalter (Family)
 Friday, November 11
8 AM †Jack Showalter (Family)
 Saturday, November 12
8:00 AM Oliver Witkowski (The Witkowski Family)
5:00 PM †Jack Showalter (Family)
 Sunday, November 13
8:30 AM †Peter Colo (Kay Colo)
11:00 AM Members of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading
Malachi 3:19-20
 The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
 Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.
Second Reading
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
 Paul urges the community to follow his example and to
 earn their keep.
Gospel Reading
Luke 21:5-19
 Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in
 Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will
 come before the end time.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (11/5)
8 AM: MASS
9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS
**SUNDAY (11/6) THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
 TIME**
(Altar Flowers Donated by Jenna and Shiladitho Deb)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: Children's MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)
11:00 AM: MASS
4:00 PM: Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)
MONDAY (11/7)
10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
NOON: MASS
TUESDAY (11/8)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
WEDNESDAY (11/9)
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
THURSDAY (11/10)
8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
FRIDAY (11/11)
8 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
SATURDAY (11/12)
8 AM: MASS
9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS
**SUNDAY (11/13) THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
 TIME**
(Altar Flowers provided by Anonymous Donation)
7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Gloria D'Alessandro: An Action
 Toward Forgiveness (*Chapel*)
11:00 AM: MASS
NOON: Confirmation Class (*Lower Level*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory October 29-30, 2016 (Plate)	\$4,995
World Missions	\$324
Outreach	260
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$7,173
Offertory Received	<u>4,995</u>
Deficit	(\$2,178)

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM IRA

If you are at least 70-1/2 years of age, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Church and receive tax benefits in return. You can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Holy Comforter without paying income taxes on the distribution. Please contact your Individual Retirement Account custodian for details.

DONATIONS OF STOCK ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED

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

Account Number: 2162-7521

ONLINE GIVING

Many parishioners are enjoying the benefits they receive from donating to Holy Comforter online. All of our current envelope collections are available, and it is safe, secure and confidential. You can find the Online Giving link on our website, or go to:

<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1665>

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the parish office at 295-7185, to arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Fr. Joseph Mary.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND:

Parishioners: Mary Fusco, Eileen Foster, Jack Valloric, Tam Nguyen, Rachel Witt, Jack Andrews, Joe Murray, Helen Edwards, Betty Jane Prufer, Fran Cannon Slayton, Ron Lavis, Sue Newman, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Norman Bednarczyk, Nicholas Sisman, Mary Ann Williams, Rose Bowker, Hermann Ortmann, Katherine Russo, Charley and Kitty Moore.

Friends and Relatives: Blandine Attey, Andy Gillespie, Michael James McNeil, JoAnn Fox Klein, George Lilly, The Campbell Family, Fred Crane, Bill Eddy, Susan Steeby, Lisa Marshall, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, George William Polhill, II, Claudia Hartland, Betsy Boyce, Michael Norton, Leslie Gilliam, Jane Sargent, Josephine Nampijja, 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, Nicole Shaw, Jean Clayton, Rich Hawkins, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, Kristin Fagan, June Atherton, Natalie Potter, Harper Grace, J. Sloan, Paul Hillard, Dale Evans, Marie Johnston, Suzanne Lank, Diane Schmidt, Earl Scheetz, Shirley O'Rourke, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Mary Griffin, Makala Thomas, Sibylle Llewellyn, Duncan Nixon, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Elaine Roberti, Benedict Pax, Jerry Colgate, Timothy Lee Smith, Ned Foss & Jennifer Rinehart, Janet Dunham, Susie Jackson, Fr. Michael Hann, Fr. Joseph Torretto, Mike Charlie, Joel Rivera, Pam Heron, Elizabeth Scott, Kwasi Johnson, Marianne Rossner, Angie Lee, Residents of Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail, Residents of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, In memory of James Brazell.

Members of the Military: Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, David Alvey, Brian Fagan, Jamie Torbet, Mike Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Eric Emmott, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/5 Angie and Jim Morrisard (1966)

11/18 Annie and Tom Tromeay (1967)

11/20 Susan and Jim Neale

11/26 Margaret and Walter McMahon

11/27 Jane Dittmar and Frank Squillace

NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

The Lucia Aguilar Family

Gregory C. Beller

Shawn and Robert Ficarra

The Rocio and Andrew Lamb Family

The Monica and Max Luna Family

Gracen and Matthew Semanik

Loreen Steinocher

SACRISTANS NEEDED

Help is needed to maintain our sacred space. There is an urgent need for someone who can assist in maintaining and ironing altar cloths, as well as for someone who can polish brass candle fixtures. Please contact the office or Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net; 296-5033) for details.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us in the Chapel at 6:15 every Wednesday evening to pray the Rosary. We also pray for intentions and prayer requests. Please add your intention to our intention book which is outside of the Chapel. All are welcomed to come pray with us.

October 25, 2016 Message to Marija: "Dear children! Today I am calling you: pray for peace. Leave selfishness and live the messages which I am giving you. Without them, you cannot change your life. By living prayer, you will have peace. By living in peace, you will feel the need to witness, because you will discover God whom you now feel to be far away. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray and permit God to enter into your hearts. Return to fasting and confession so as to overcome the evil in you and around you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) THROUGH THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Office of Social Ministries invites you to attend our CST presentation through the lives of the saints focusing on Brandon Vogt's bestseller "*Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World*." There will be a session at **Church of the Incarnation, Friday, November 11th, 7-8 PM**. Please see the flyer in the Commons for more information. To register, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicsocialteaching.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FIRST SACRAMENTS

An orientation for all parents whose children are preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held on **Sunday, December 11, at 9:45** in the chapel. Please mark your calendar and plan ahead, as it is important be present for this event. Registration forms for First Sacraments are due by **Monday, December 5**. If your child was baptized outside of Holy Comforter Parish, a Baptism certificate must be included with the registration fee.

CONFIRMATION 2016-2017: Confirmation preparation classes will begin on **Sunday, November 13 following the 11:00 Mass**. Registration is still open to all students who are at least 15 years of age and in the 10th grade. Registration forms are available in the Commons and on the website.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION

The next meeting of our High School Youth Ministry will take place **THIS Sunday, November 6 from 4:00-5:30 PM** in the Bernard Moore room. It's not too late to join us for fellowship, learning, and fun! This week we will follow-up on our social justice discussion and discover God as the source of our happiness.

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible DVD series has 2 remaining weeks. We will meet this Sunday, November 6 at 9:45 in the chapel. The following week, we will take a short hiatus to hear from our guest speaker, Gloria D'Alessandro (see below). The final session will be Sunday, November 20.

An Action Toward Forgiveness

Sunday, November 13 from 9:45-10:45 AM. Please join our guest speaker Gloria D'Alessandro, to hear a step-by-step approach that promises to bring you from anger and resentment to forgiveness and peace. You will receive a wonderful FREE take-home gift from Gloria to you! Close out this Jubilee Year of Mercy with this critical tool for practicing forgiveness

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

On November 8, Virginia voters will go to the polls. Through the Virginia Catholic Conference, the Virginia Bishops have provided voter education resources to guide these decisions. Please consult these resources, in addition to making sure your conscience is well-formed in light of Church teaching, and praying for guidance to make these critical decisions. Only materials provided by the diocese, the Virginia Catholic Conference or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are authorized for distribution in parishes. Available at www.vacatholic.org, the resources include:

- 1) Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching;
- 2) Congressional Voters' Guide, with questions to ask congressional candidates;
- 3) A side-by-side comparison of the two major party presidential candidates;
- 4) A list of third-party presidential candidates whose names will appear on the ballot and their websites; and
- 5) A pre-election statement by Bishop Francis DiLorenzo of Richmond and Bishop Paul Loverde, Apostolic Administrator of Arlington, that dispels common myths this election season and encourages Catholics to weigh issues in light of Church teaching and natural law. These resources are also available in Spanish.

FROM THE PASTOR:**FOR A CHRISTIAN, IS SAINTHOOD AN OPTION OR AN OBLIGATION? #1**

“Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine”(Lev. 20:26).

As we enter into the month of November this sacred time set apart by the Holy Mother Church for “All and Saints” and for “All souls”, which leaves the “Church Militant” (which consists of Christians on earth who struggle as soldiers of Christ against sin and the devil) to respond to the call of being holy as the heavenly Father is holy working toward sainthood. I would like to take this month to reflect on our call to sainthood. In the New Testament, the term ‘saints’ regularly translates the term for ‘holy ones’. Generally, it refers to Christians in contrast with unbelievers (1 Corinthians 6.2). Paul uses the term ‘saints’ interchangeably with those who are ‘God’s beloved’, all who are ‘called to belong to Jesus Christ’ (Romans 1.6-7). In other words, the term ‘the saints’ is an appropriate designation for Christians. The Second Vatican Council reflected this doctrine in its declaration that God’s call to holiness is universal. “Sanctity is the vocation of each disciple of Christ.”

So sainthood is both a state of being and a vocation. Saints are sinners in the process of becoming closer to God. This is good news for all of us. The official canon of saints is merely a list of those whose heroic holiness is recognized by the Church. Saints are subject to veneration and, of course, we pray to them to intercede with God on our behalf. Yet they are also role models — human examples of what we can all achieve if we listen to the Good News and abide by the teachings of Jesus.

Dorothy Day, the renowned founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, once said in her later years: “Don’t call me a saint. I don’t want to be dismissed so easily.” When asked, most people would say a saint is someone terribly holy and very good, someone who doesn’t sin and doesn’t indulge in the usual vices of humanity. In effect, a person with superhuman powers of goodness — awesome to behold but impossible to emulate.

How do you react to this call to holiness? Do you say, “That’s impossible!”? In one sense, that’s the right reaction, for no one can be holy in the way that God is. But we are called to holiness as the letter to the Hebrews put it; **“Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”(Heb. 12:14).** I shall endeavor, by God’s help, to examine what this call is all about holiness is, and the reason why it is so necessary and then point out some ways in which holiness can be attained.

Our aim in life as Disciples of Christ is to be holy in imitation of Jesus, who is all holy. He is our perfect model in all things, most especially in holiness. Again St. Paul says in 1 *Corinthians* 11:1 — “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” The beautiful thing for each of us is that we have many great examples of holiness over the 2000-year history of the Catholic Church. For us as human beings, holiness is looking and dedicating oneself to God. It’s being the best version we can be and living a life focused on God. The call to holiness comes from God for he is the source of all goodness. Being holy does not mean praying on your knees all day every day, it’s living our current lives for God and modeling our life after Jesus Christ and his Saints. *(To be continued...)*

32nd. SUNDAY SNAPSHOT.

JOHN: I ALWAYS WONDER WHETHER I CAN BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DIE FOR MY FAITH!

MARY: IT ALL REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS TO TRUTH REVEALED IN CHRIST.

JOHN: WHAT I BELIEVE IS THAT WHETHER PERSECUTED OR MISUNDERSTOOD WE HAVE TO BE CONFIDENT THAT CHRIST IS HELPING US IN HIS DIVINE WAY TO REMAIN FAITHFUL.

MARY: SO WE HAVE TO CHOOSE VALUES AND REALITIES THAT WILL LAST FOREVER.