

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

November 20 St. Edward the Martyr
 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 22 St. Cecilia
 23 St. Clement I
 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria
 26 St. Siricius

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19

8:00 AM †John Gilbert Peglow (beloved son)

†Jackie Peglow †Pamela Peglow †Gilbert Peglow

†John and Martha Knight (Mona and Steve Peglow)

5:00 PM Stanislawa Sowinska (88th Birthday) (The

Witkowski Family) †Rosa Wachter (Rosemarie Calzadilla)

Sunday, November 20

8:30 AM †Peter Colo (Marlene Wood) †Buena

Zareno †Judy Zareno (Jessica Zareno)

11:00 AM Members of the Parish

Monday, November 21

NOON †Bill and Esther Faust †Chuck Harris †Bill

Harris †Carrie Rubin

Tuesday, November 22

NOON †Joan Chatigny Strong †Joseph Chatigny

(Jennifer Strong, Ella and Henry Chin)

Wednesday, November 23

NOON †Catherine and Urbain Auger †Claire and

Adelard Riendeau †Frances and Richard Auger

†Monique Auger †Gail Auger (Therese and Normand Auger)

Thursday, November 24

8 AM †Barbara Edwards (Soup Kitchen Friends)

Friday, November 25

NOON †Wilma Holkenbrink †Delores Ohnesorge

†Alan Ochs †Kyle Lynch (Shiladitho and Jenna Deb)

Saturday, November 26

5:00 PM †Raymond Paquin †André and Jean Marc

Deslauriers †Alice Cerdeau †Guy Fortier †Rahande

Bathalon and Frank Dietz (Therese and Normand

Auger)

Sunday, November 27

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11:00 AM Heather Burns (in honor of her

birthday), Julie Zackirsson

†Velma Hockman †Ruth Davis †Martha Goris

†George Goris †Ada Whetze †Nelson Whetze †Boyd

Whetzel †Scott Whalen (Darlene and Brian Beard)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

GIFTS FROM GOD

Offertory November 12-13, 2016 (Plate) \$6,213.50

Outreach \$1,461

Archdiocese for the Military Services 881

Justice and Peace 220

Weekly Offertory Budget \$7,173.00

Offertory Received 6,213.50

Deficit \$ 959.50

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AND FOOD BLESSING

Join the Holy Comforter community at the 10:00 am mass on Thanksgiving Day. Share the Eucharistic Feast with the Holy Comforter community before sharing a Thanksgiving feast with your family and friends. Parishioners are invited to bring the bread and wine they plan to serve at their Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing.

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

Gina and John Condi

Howard Mitchell, III

The Kristina and Brian Shonat Family

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (11/19)

8 AM: MASS

9 AM: Cursillo Men and Women

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (11/20) FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Altar Flowers provided by Holy Comforter)

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 and Adult Education
(*Lower Level*)

11:00 AM: MASS

4 PM: High School Formation (*Lower Level*)

MONDAY (11/21)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (11/22)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (11/23)

7 AM: MASS (*Please Note Time Change*)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6 PM: Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)

THURSDAY (11/24) THANKSGIVING DAY

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

10 AM: MASS (*Please Note Time Change*)

NOON: Soup Kitchen **CLOSED TODAY**

FRIDAY (11/25) PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS For Deceased Members of the Parish

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (11/26)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

Holy Land Wood Carvings (*Commons*)

SUNDAY (11/27) SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Altar Flowers provided by Anonymous Donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

Holy Land Wood Carvings (*Commons*)

9:40-10:50 AM: **NO RCIA**

9:45-10:45 AM: **NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION OR ADULT
EDUCATION**

11:00 AM: MASS

Holy Land Wood Carvings (*Commons*)

1:30 PM: Latin Mass

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: James Worley, Carolyn Ann Davis, 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.

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. Please contact the office or Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net; 296-5033) for details.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA (IN THE COMMONS)

How To Keep Your Kids Catholic

In a heartfelt and truly practical presentation, former Baptist minister Ken Hensley reveals effective strategies to help keep our kids within the fold of the Catholic Church. Drawing on personal experience and centuries of Catholic spiritual wisdom, he shares timeless, real-world advice we can readily use. His insights set us on the road to more effective and successful parenting.

HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS will be available for sale next weekend, November 26 & 27. The hand-carved Olive Wood religious items are made by Christian families living in Bethlehem. Available for purchase will be: Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, Picture of the Last Supper.

For more information please contact the Abufarha Family, 6405 Amber Ln, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
(810) 247-3903 www.holylandcarvings.com
Abufarha_holylandcarvings@hotmail.com

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

As we are nearing the Advent season in preparation for the birth of our Saviour, consider joining us in praying a weekly rosary in the Chapel at 6:15 every Wednesday evening. 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.

November 2, 2016 Message to Mirjana: "Dear children, to come to you and to make myself known to you is a great joy for my motherly heart. It is a gift from my Son for you and for others who are coming. As a mother I am calling you: love my Son above everything. In order to love Him with all your heart, you need to come to know Him. You will come to know Him through prayer. Pray with the heart and with your feelings. To pray means to think of His love and sacrifice. To pray means to love, to give, to suffer and to offer. I am calling you, my children, to be apostles of prayer and love....."

BI-PARISH HAITI COMMITTEE

Visit from Father Petina, pastor of St. Michel is being planned for mid-December. We will get updates on St. Michel School and on the medical clinic renovation. We will plan with Father Petina for future support of our twin parish.

Please join us for our next meeting at 1 PM November 20 at St. Thomas Aquinas in the library room at 1 PM.
Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: www.saltadere.org.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practices will be held every Wednesday from 6-6:50 pm in the Church. If you are interested in singing at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, please join us. No experience required. Please contact Daniel Kirkland, Music Minister, for more information. music@holycomforterparish.org

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: The next Confirmation preparation class will take place on **Sunday, December 18** 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 20 at 4:00 pm**. We will consider how we can make Advent a meaningful time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth! We are continuing to grow our high school group. Please join us!

FAMILY ADVENT PRACTICES

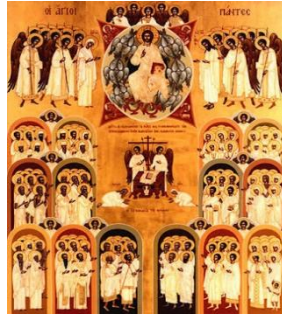
Wondering how you can keep Christ in Christmas with your family this year? Please join Sue Dougherty on the lower level during RE class time on **Sunday, November 20** to learn ways that you and your family can make Advent a meaningful time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth! Traditions and practices that you can implement with your family during Advent will be presented.

CLASSES CANCELLED

Christian Formation classes are CANCELLED next **Sunday, November 27** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our St. Nicholas Day celebration will take place during Christian Formation class on Sunday, December 4.

FROM THE PASTOR:

FOR A CHRISTIAN, IS SAINTHOOD AN OPTION OR AN OBLIGATION? #3



I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints(Eph. 1:18).

Someone wrote that; ***"In the heart of every right-thinking Catholic, God has implanted the desire to become a Saint"***. This resonates well to what the Psalmist says; ***"As the deer pants for the water streams, so my soul pants for You, O God."***(Ps. 42: 1) and St. Peter says; ***"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*** (1Pt. 1: 14-16) Yet few make a serious attempt to realise the ambition of that built-in desire to be a saint. The cause for this is to a large extent discouragement, due to the misunderstanding of what a Saint really is.

What is a Saint? The answer some people give to this question is: One who does extraordinary penances and works miracles. Now, this is an incorrect description, for neither miracles nor great penances are essential. The person who works a miracle does not raise himself/ herself in God's eyes by it; and, while penance is necessary, still the teaching of scriptures and Jesus on this difficult question is encouraging. The Old Testament prophets, along with John the Baptist and then Jesus, called for a radical change for those who would trust and obey God. ***"Repent"*** was an indispensable word to those who proclaimed the Word of God in truth. ***"I tell you, --- but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."***(Lk.13:3).To repent means to change not only our thinking but our actions. When we are saved, we are saved from our heathen desires and practices and called to live a life of holiness. When we see those things which so terrify us in the lives of the Saints, because we feel we cannot do them ourselves, we have to remember that they are not the important part of their sanctity at all, we should feel, therefore, heartened to begin today and make a serious effort for great holiness. Perhaps the following words of Cardinal Newman will tempt us to take a step forward on the road: ***"If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first, do not lie in bed beyond the time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are already perfect."***

Saints come from every walk of life, in every age and culture and every social class. From noblemen and warriors to peasants, teachers, kings or little children...and everything in between. The saints are our guides to heaven because they've already made the journey. They're practical examples of how your life can be transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Their stories challenge us to radically embrace our faith—not just to "slip by" doing the minimum. Sometimes I think we subconsciously ask ourselves, "What's the least I can do and still get to heaven?" What a selfish response to the One Who gave everything to save me! Do the lives of the saints make you uncomfortable? If yes, then you're probably just as uncomfortable with Jesus. Because the holiness, the goodness and the virtue you'll find in a saint's life ALL belongs to Christ. (To ***be continued--***).

34th. SUNDAY SNAPSHOT: Our Lord Christ the King.
JOHN: WHY IS IT THAT CHRIST IS A KING, NOT A PRESIDENT?**MARY:** CHRIST IS KING BECAUSE HE IS NOT ONE AMONG EQUALS, CHRIST IS; RULER, POSSESSOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL EXISTING THINGS. HE IS KING BECAUSE IS CONQUEROR OF THE GREATEST BATTLE- DEATH.**JOHN:** WHAT IS HIS KINGDOM?**MARY:** HIS IS THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT NOT DARKERNESS. AND WE HAVE A CHOICE, IN LIVING, EITHER FOR AND IN HIM OR LIVE IN SELFISHNESS.