

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (10/28)

8:30 AM-2 PM: Pastoral Council Retreat (*Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Palmyra*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
3:30: Dante's Inferno Book Study (*Lower Level*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (10/29) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Altar Flowers Donated by Maria Andrea and Greg Gerling)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation
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: Gospel of Mark Study (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
12 PM: All Saints Family Celebration
4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MONDAY (10/30)

NOON: MASS
6-7 PM: Lawyers Helping Lawyers Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6-7 PM: Women's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal

TUESDAY (10/31)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
7 PM: Vigil MASS

WEDNESDAY (11/1) All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
5:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
7 PM: MASS

THURSDAY (11/2) All Souls' Day

7 AM: MASS
NOON: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
7 PM: MASS

FRIDAY (11/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON-2PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
5-6 PM: Wedding Rehearsal
6-7 PM: Wedding Rehearsal

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady of Fatima requests us to attend five First Saturday Masses this year. The next opportunity to accept her invitation is Saturday, November 5 at 8 AM.

SATURDAY (11/4)

8 AM: First Saturday MASS
1:30 PM: WEDDING (*Katelyn Soldan and Patrick McClure*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
3:30: Dante's Inferno Book Study (*Lower Level*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (11/5) Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Altar Flowers Donated in Honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Colleen Mackey and Brian Wolthuis)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation
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: Gospel of Mark Study (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
12:45-1:30 PM: Reconciliation
1:30 PM: Latin MASS
3 PM: WEDDING (*Elayna Moreithi and Charles Ciuizio*)
4-5:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28

5 PM †Trudy and Lou Caretti (Barbara and Brian Cassidy)

Sunday, October 29

8:30 AM Members of our Parish
11:00 AM Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Monday, October 30

NOON †Patrick Lannon (Greg Lannon)

Thursday, November 2

NOON †Dorothy S. Littley †Raymond F. Littley
 †Marguerite C. Lilly †Albert J. Lilly (Mary Frances Lilly)

Friday, November 3

NOON Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Saturday, November 4

8 AM †Herb Links (Victoria Lannon)

5 PM Peter Savoie (Paul Savoie)

Sunday, November 5

8:30 AM Steve Paitzel (Jill Paitzel)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember the dearly departed. Our Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the Commons beginning November 1, and we invite you to list the names of your deceased loved ones. Special Mass Intention envelopes will also be available. *May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

10/29 St. Narcissus
 10/30 St. Alphonsus Rodriguez
 10/31 St. Wolfgang
 11/1 Solemnity of All Saints
 11/2 Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
 11/3 St. Martin de Porres
 11/4 St. Charles Borromeo

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

First Reading

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 131:1-3

We find peace in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

GIFTS FROM GOD

OCTOBER 22, 2017

Offertory (plate)	\$4,994.50
Offertory (online)	1,830.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	(578.50)

World Missions	\$1,210
Outreach	718

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

Account Number: 2162-7521

SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING

It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. Look for the link our website: hollycomforterparish.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@hollycomforterparish.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: Dominique Faust, Colette Hall, Kay Colo, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Herman Ortmann, Kay Russo, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Frances Charlie, Clyde Pax, 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.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Happy are those who recite the Holy Rosary with understanding. They will learn all that is of faith, light, hope, and love in it. (*St. Clement Hofbauer*)

During this month of the Rosary, come join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary for healing within our families, our communities and our country. All are welcomed. If not now, When?

THE ST. CECILIA YOUTH CHOIR

A youth choir is being formed for our monthly 8:30 AM Children's Masses and for Christmas. The choir will meet weekly to learn how to read music using a merit-based system designed by the Royal School of Church Music. The repertoire will consist of hymns and part-music and rehearsals will begin in November. Please sign up in the commons or contact Daniel Kirkland at music@hollycomforterparish.org. The choir is open to all youth from reading age through high school.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FORMATION: The Gospel According to Mark

Please join us for our ongoing study of the Gospel of Mark which will continue this week. Your participation in our discussion is welcome as often as you can come. Participants are encouraged to purchase the commentary and study guide so that you can continue your study each week even if you are unable to come on Sunday. Please sign the registration form in the Commons so that Sue Dougherty may contact you.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Many thanks to our teens for the wonderful job they did making pizza and cookies for the families who stay at the UVA Hospitality House. This week, we will have a guest speaker, Mrs. Cady, who will talk to us about alcohol toxicity and we will concurrently look at the virtue of temperance. We look forward to seeing everyone at our usual 4:00-5:30 time frame.

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHIST STILL NEEDED

We currently have one catechist plus the Coordinator for our high school program, but we would benefit greatly from another "young at heart" person to help us teach, mentor, and value the wonderful young people who are involved in the program. A love for teens and for sharing the Gospel and great listening skills are the only qualifications you need! Please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org ASAP if you are interested.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS OR SEAMSTRESSES

It will soon be time to start planning for our Children's Christmas Pageant and our costumes are desperately in need of repair/replacement! If you are interested in helping us create some simple new costumes for our Holy family, shepherds, wise men, and angels, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycomforterparish.org ASAP!

CHILDREN'S LENDING LIBRARY FOR MASS

Need something to keep your little one (s) busy during Mass? We have a large selection of age appropriate books to borrow from the "Children's Lending Library" basket in the Commons. Please help yourself!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

UGANDA MINISTRY

Do you have a gently used digital camera or smartphone we can send to Uganda to assist with ministry efforts there?

Please contact Theresa Lynch: osgarlynch@gmail.com

SOCCER BALLS FOR UGANDA

Eagle Scout candidate, Seamus Allen, will host a fundraiser after all Masses October 28-29 to send soccer balls to St. Bernard's School in Kiswera, Uganda. Each \$5 donation will come with a raffle ticket to win an autographed UVA Men's or Women's Soccer Team ball. Please make checks payable to "Soccer Balls for Uganda" % Seamus Allen, PO Box 223, Scottsville, VA 24590. Please view these two videos for more information: youtube.com/channel/UC-_lgDc9YuaZfgA0yPO7Y5g.

HAITI

Arts and Crafts Sale and Sponsorship Fair! On Saturday, November 18 from 11 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, November 19 from 8 AM to 1 PM, Haitian arts, crafts, coffee and cards will be available for sale.

Do your Christmas shopping early! Learn more about our twin parish of St. Michel! Please join us.

St. Michel School: Help St. Michel School by sponsoring or donating. Sponsorship forms are in the white binder in the commons area. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

Help Needed: Haiti ministry could still use help with preparing computers for Haiti.

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.

DIOCESE NEWS

CCS ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY PRAYER SERVICE

All are welcome to attend on Thursday, November 9 at 8:15am. RSVPs are not necessary, but will be greatly appreciated: a.kowalski@cvillecatholic.org

USE VCC VOTER ED MATERIALS TO LEARN CANDIDATES, PRINCIPLES BEFORE VOTING

On Tuesday, November 7, Virginians will cast ballots in several important elections: races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, as well as for their local Virginia delegate seat. All these races are important. Catholics are encouraged to turn to principles of Catholic social teaching to guide them as well as to prayer as they weigh how to cast their ballots. The Virginia Catholic Conference 2017 voter education materials, including candidate comparisons and Catholic principles, are available and printable from the Conference website at www.vacatholic.org, and copies are available on the bulletin board and in the Commons. *The Conference neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office.*

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



LIMITATIONS TO OUR GROWTH (part 8)

The word of God guides us in saying; **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”** (*Hebrews 12:1-2*)

So first of all, we have to get rid of whatever is considered a limitation to our growth. While that is usually not easy, it means doing all that we can to remove the obstacles. If you have an attitude problem, adjust your attitude. If the conduct of others is discouraging you – don’t let it. Talk to them about it. Or better yet, don’t worry about them, worry about the best results you are seeking. I always loved what Jesus said to Peter when he inquired about the future of John. Jesus said, **“If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”** (John 21:22) What is needed in this situation is for you to step up to the plate and do your job. Maybe your conduct will inspire others to do better. We may have to turn off the television and computer games, if that is what is going to help the situation to get where it needs to be. If our obstacle involves sin, we need to repent and pray (Acts 8:22). Don’t settle for mediocrity. Shake up your soul by breaking out of the status quo in your life and pursue God’s projects with a passion every day. God doesn’t intend for you to become comfortable or complacent in your walk with Him. Look forward to the new adventures He has for you. Invite Him to transform you into the person He knows you can become. Make your relationship with God your top priority, above all else, **“seek first the kingdom of God and the rest will follow.”** Expect God to constantly do something extraordinary in and through your life. Do more than just hang out on the surface of your faith, move into action for what you truly believe in and that which will bring about the glory of God. Go deeper spiritually. Don’t just claim to believe in God’s power – actually experience it and let others see it.

Instead of letting life’s struggles defeat you, fight back with the spiritual power that’s available to you as a Christian. Broken dreams and relationships aren’t God’s will for you. Do something about the challenges you face by praying about each one, and obey God whenever He leads you to speak redemptive words or take redemptive action in a situation. Trust God to accomplish good purposes through even the worst of circumstances. Expect that, through God’s power, you can emerge victorious from every struggle you face.

As we have already noted, growth takes time. It also takes great effort. If you are going to grow in knowledge, you have to keep studying and learning new things. Our mother Church is alive, the Church is on the move, and we are pilgrims, perusing heavenly realities with corporal means. We need to set aside time in our lives to grow. Think about that child that can’t wait to grow up. He must take the time to go to school to receive an education. He must eat, sleep, exercise and do so many other things that will promote his growth and health. Examine how you apply all of this to what we really want to achieve as a community of faith. ***(To be continued--)***