

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY (11/4)**

**8 AM:** First Saturday MASS  
**1:30 PM:** WEDDING (*Katelyn Soldan & 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

**MONDAY (11/6)**

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

**TUESDAY (11/7) Election Day**

**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** MASS  
**7 PM:** Men's Gregorian Chant (*Schola*) Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY (11/8)**

**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 (11/9)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**NOON:** Soup Kitchen

**FRIDAY (11/10)**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**10 AM-NOON:** Food Pantry  
**NOON:** AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)  
**6 PM:** Wedding Rehearsal

**PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

November 5, 1966 Angie and Jim Morrisard  
 November 18, 1967 Annie and Tom Tromey  
 November 20<sup>th</sup> Susan and Jim Neale  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> Regina and Stephen Grammatico  
 November 26, 1953 Margaret and Walt McMahon  
 November 27<sup>th</sup> Jane Dittmar and Frank Squillace

**SATURDAY (11/11) Veteran's Day**

**8 AM:** MASS  
**1 PM:** WEDDING (*Kathleen Dougherty and Christopher Wood*)  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
**3:30:** Dante's *Inferno* Book Study (*Lower Level*)  
**5 PM:** Vigil MASS

*Good Shepherds of Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings*

**SUNDAY (11/12) Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*(Altar Flowers Donated in Honor of Gina's Aunt Bertha Ruvalo, by the Petroni-Conaway Family)*

**7-7:45 AM:** Reconciliation  
**8:30 AM:** MASS  
*Good Shepherds of Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings*  
**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

*Good Shepherds of Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings*

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, November 6

**NOON †**All the Souls in Purgatory (Paul Savoie)

Tuesday, November 7

**NOON †**Beverly Kowny

Wednesday, November 8

**NOON †**Bernadette Galvinas

Thursday, November 9

**8 AM †**Marie Howard †Patricia McCarthy (Judy Harmon)

Friday, November 10

**NOON** Mary Nguyen Tuan (Thuy T. Vu)

Saturday, November 11

**8 AM †**James Harmon (Judy Harmon)  
**5 PM †**Henrietta Mary Holmes (Jacqui and John Cecalupo)

Sunday, November 12

**8:30 AM** Members of our Parish  
**11:00 AM †**Beatrice Stack (Ann Rossi and Adrian Garo)  
**1:30 PM †**Lorenzo Araneta (J. P. Villazor)

**SAINTS TO REMEMBER**

11/1 St. Bertille  
 11/6 St. Leonard  
 11/7 St. Willibrord  
 11/8 Four Crowned Martyrs  
 11/9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome  
 11/10 St. Leo the Great  
 11/11 St. Martin of Tours

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

**First Reading (*Wisdom 6:12-16*)**

Regarded as personifying God's power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

**Second Reading (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*)**

The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ's return, are comforted by Paul's assurance that those "who have died in Christ will rise first."

**Gospel (*Matthew 25:1-13*)**

In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, "You know not the day or the hour."

**GIFTS FROM GOD**

**OCTOBER 29, 2017**

Offertory (plate)	\$4,623.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,403.00</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(2,779.50)</i>

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Next weekend we will have a second collection for Outreach.

**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: [holycomforterparish.org](http://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](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:** 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONER**

Clyde Pax

**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.*

**GOOD SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVINGS**

The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem is group that supports Christian families who live in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, that make their living as olive wood carvers. Katherine and George Awwad will be at our parish on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to display and sell these items after all the masses.

### **LATIN MASS SCHEDULE EXPANDED**

Father Joseph Mary will begin offering Masses on the first, second and fourth Sundays every month at 1:30 PM. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before Mass beginning at 12:45 PM.

### **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@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:music@holycorforterparish.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**

This week we will participate in a service project and have some social time together. Next week, we will participate in a retreat with the youth of Incarnation at Camp Holiday trails from Friday evening through Sunday. **Registration forms are due today, November 5.**

### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!**

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!

### **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 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@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:cre@holycorforterparish.org) ASAP!

### **CHILDREN'S LENDING LIBRARY FOR MASS**

Need something to keep your little ones prayerfully centered 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](mailto:osgarlynch@gmail.com)

#### **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.

**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).

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **CURSILLO GRAND ULTREYA**

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast at 6:30 PM on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Church of the Incarnation. Our Fourth Day talk, "*Being the Face of God: Personal Action in Your Fourth Day*," will be given by Mary Woloski. Men's Rector, Bill Balsam, will introduce our newest Cursillistas and we will have another Book Swap. This is a potluck, so last names ending in A-H bring a main dish; I-P dessert; and Q-Z a side dish.

Please check your email for more details, or visit our website [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com).

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



***LIMITATIONS TO OUR GROWTH (part 9)***

***“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17)***

What happened at Pentecost, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is the opening of a new chapter of history. We live in this chapter where the old and the young in this congregation of Holy Comforter have the opportunity to live up to that prophecy above. We all need to be open to the Holy Spirit, and **stop limiting what you hear from God**. God won't reveal more truth to you than you're capable of receiving. If you want to hear deep revelations from God, you need to move from a shallow to a deep relationship with Him. Read the Scriptures often, and make a habit of writing down what God says to you when you read it. Why not keep a personal spiritual weekly/daily journals. Listen for more than just general devotional thoughts. Ask God to speak to you in specific ways about your own life right now, and apply what He says. An early event in the life of St. Francis of Assisi occurred when Francis opened the Book of the Gospels in the Church of St. Nicholas. St. Francis and Br. Bernard of Quintavalle opened the Gospel three times, and read the first passages they came across. They based their whole life on what they read! ***“If you wish to be perfect, go, and sell all your possessions, and give to the poor...come follow me.” (Matthew 19:21) “If any man will come after me, let him renounce self, take up his cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)***

They showed trust and confidence by basing the whole rule of their life on these passages that they believed God chose for them and put a new face to the Church of Christ. St. Theresa of The Little Flower, after reading the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 12 and 13 said: ***“O Jesus, my Love, at last I have found my vocation. My vocation is love! Yes, I have found my place in the bosom of the Church, and this place, O my God, Thou hast Thyself given to me: in the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be LOVE!... Thus I shall be all things: thus will my dream be realized...”***

So let us not stop reading the Bible just because you're familiar with what it says. Expect God to use familiar passages in new ways in your life every day. Whenever you sense God leading you to say or do something, obey Him. Often, God will withhold more revelations from you until you respond to what He has already told you. But once you obey, He'll speak to you in fresh ways. Ask God to do whatever is necessary in your life for you to hear Him speaking clearly.

**Again let us not limit God to what He can do through each one us.** God will match His assignments with your character and your walk with Him. If you want God to entrust you with big jobs, you've got to have a big relationship with Him. Expect that, as you faithfully fulfill each small assignment God gives you, He will gradually increase the scope of each assignment. Be faithful with each little thing, and expect to see God expand the work He does through you. Each assignment you complete prepares you for the next one. Then be prepared for growing pains, because any growth most often comes through overcoming obstacles. Be willing to sacrifice your comfort in order to grow in significant ways. Ask God to remove obstacles that are hindering your service to Him (such as pride, fear, and greed) and replace them with qualities that will empower you to serve Him better (like humility, faith, and forgiveness). Whenever you're frustrated by a lack of progress in your dreams and visions, don't make excuses or blame others. Instead, take a hard look at your life and be honest about what God is calling you to change so that you are not blocking the work He wants to do through you.

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**QUOTES FROM THE WISE**

***“The less you respond to the negative people the more peaceful your life becomes.”***  
***“Save only those memories which give twinkles in your eyes, not wrinkles on your face.”***