

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (11/10)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Dante Reading Group
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (11/11) THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (*Altar Flowers Donated in Loving Memory of Angie Morrisard by The Morrisard Family*)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: First Sacraments (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
12:15 PM: High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation (*Lower Level*)
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (11/12)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
10:30-11:45 AM: Rosary Prayer Group
NOON: MASS
5:15 PM: Schola Rehearsals

TUESDAY (11/13)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (11/14)

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

THURSDAY (11/15)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
7 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration
7:15-8:30 PM: The Consolation of Philosophy Study Group (*Lower Level*)

FRIDAY (11/16)

8 AM: MASS
8:30 AM-12 PM: Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
5-6 PM: Wedding Rehearsal



SATURDAY (11/17)

8 AM: MASS
11 AM-NOON: Eucharistic Minister Training (*Sanctuary*)
2 PM: WEDDING: *Colleen Curley and Gerald Heddy*
3:30-4:30 PM: Dante Reading Group
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (11/18) THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (*Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation*)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: First Sacraments (*Chapel*)
11 AM: MASS
12:15 PM: High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation (*Lower Level*)
12:15 PM: Way of Perfection Book Study (*Lower Level*)
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 10

8 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, November 11

8:30 AM †Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)
11 AM †Angie Morrisard (Sue Dougherty)
1:30 PM †Cecil Davis (Holli Traud)

Monday, November 12

NOON †Lydia Lucille Eichenlaub (The Blumenfeld Family)

Tuesday, November 13

NOON †Catherine Colo †Peter M. Colo

Wednesday, November 14

NOON †Peadar Little (Niall Little)

Thursday, November 15

8 AM Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, November 16

8 AM Deceased Members of the Parish

Saturday, November 17

8 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, November 18

8:30 AM †Rose Anna Jones (Petroni-Conaway Family)
11 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
1:30 PM †Deceased Members of the Smith-Savino Family (Patricia McAdams)

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

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

God protects us and shows us the path of life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

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| 11/11 | St. Martin of Tours |
| 11/12 | St. Josaphat |
| 11/13 | St. Francis Xavier Cabrini |
| 11/14 | St. Lawrence O'Toole |
| 11/15 | St. Albert the Great |
| 11/16 | St. Margaret of Scotland |
| 11/17 | St. Elizabeth of Hungary |

GIFTS FROM GOD

NOVEMBER 3 and 4, 2018

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| Offertory (plate) | \$5,175 |
| Offertory (online) | 4,518 |
| Weekly Offertory Budget | <u>(7,500)</u> |
| Above Weekly Budget | \$2,193 |

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend is the monthly parish collection for **Outreach**, and next weekend is the annual Diocesan collection for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services**. Donations to all Parish Ministries may be made at any time: Christian Formation, Haiti, Justice and Peace, as well as for altar flowers and The Catholic Virginian.

To establish an eGiving account, please use the Online Giving link found on our website: holycomforterparish.org.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS



Kindly notify us at office@holycomforterparish.org if you would like a name added to or removed from this list.

To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker.

Friends and Relatives: Ann Ramsey, Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Marsha Yost, Richard Yost, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, John Putalik, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Dominicus, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Rev. Gerald Fogarty, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Residents of Albemarle County Regional Jail and 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.

PARISHIONER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/18/1967: Annie and Tom Trome
11/20: Susan and Jim Neale
11/23/1972: Regina and Stephen Grammatico
11/26/1953: Margaret and Walt McMahon
11/27: Jane Dittmar and Frank Squillace

HAITI

St. Michel School Student Sponsorship

Please visit the display in the Commons to participate.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

The next meeting will be announced. For more information, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyanzeller@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT RESOURCES

Many resources are available to deepen your faith and enhance your spiritual growth during the holy season of Advent. Plan to meet with Sue Dougherty on **Sunday, December 2 at 9:45** to learn about an at home retreat called "*Theotokos*," which offers daily meditation through the eyes of the Mary, the Blessed Mother, as well as other daily reflections. Please be sure to visit the Christian Formation table in the Commons as well as the website in the coming weeks to find material and information about these resources.

"SHORT STORIES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ"

The Big Read discussion group will meet beginning in January. These quick reads shared with Catholic brothers and sisters are sure to deepen your faith walk. Please email Sue Dougherty *now* if you are interested.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

This Sunday at 12:15 PM:

We will have a special speaker! Parishioner and PVCC adjunct professor, Dr. Ed Walendowski, will talk to us about "Faith and Science." Come to hear how these two concepts, contrary to common understanding, are not mutually exclusive!

Next Sunday at 12:15 PM:

The Confirmation class and all other students will meet together for a discussion about the Incarnation and an Advent prayer service. The discussion portion will be led by Confirmation catechist Jackson Kulick, and the prayer service will be given by a guest youth minister, John Kronstain. All high school students are asked to join us.

Wednesday, November 14:

Parents and students are invited and *strongly encouraged* to join us at Incarnation for Jason Evert's presentation on chastity (please see below!)

PURIFIED:

A LIFE CHANGING EVENT FOR PARENTS AND TEENS (AGES 13+)

Jason Evert, bestselling author and founder of "Chastity Project" will offer a presentation for teens and parents on this topic at the Church of the Incarnation on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The parent presentation is at 6:00pm followed by the student presentation at 7:30. Following the presentation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration will be available. The event is free!

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 8-10

All high school students are invited to join us **Friday-Sunday, February 8-10** for the Diocese of Richmond's annual Diocesan Youth Conference in downtown Richmond. The weekend is an awesome experience of faith, growing closer to God, and having tons of fun with 1200 other students from throughout the state of Virginia. The cost is \$155 per person for the entire weekend if you register by **Sunday, December 16**. The registration form can be found at <https://evangelizerichmond.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Diocesan-Youth-Conference-2019-YOUTH-Application.pdf>.

The form should be submitted to Sue by Friday, December 14. Please contact her ASAP if you plan to attend.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K-8

Sacramental Preparation

This Sunday: First Sacraments children will meet with Tina Blumenfeld in the Chapel for First Reconciliation preparation.

Saturday, 11/17 is the First Reconciliation Retreat. Details have been sent via email. Contact Tina Blumenfeld or Sue Dougherty for more information.

Next Sunday, 11/18 the children will be in their regular class with Ms. Louisa.

Upcoming Events

All parents, please plan to attend the presentation **next Sunday, November 18**, on "**Family Advent Activities and Resources**" given by several parishioners during the religious education hour from **9:45-10:45**.

Mark your calendars for the following!

Sunday, December 2 - St. Nicholas Celebration

Saturday, December 15 - Practice for the Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Family Mass and Nativity Play

Please see the flyer on the table in the Commons for details.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th grade. **We are anticipating waitlists for some grades so apply early!** If you haven't visited CCS, please call us to schedule a tour or drop by at your convenience. For more information, visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions or contact us: 434-964-0400 or admissions@cvillecatholic.org.

From Our Pastor
Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

CHARITY COMPELS US TO PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
(Part 2)



***"..It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."
 (2 Maccabees 12:46)***

From the book of Revelation we find the following words; ***"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."*** (Rev 21:27) So if only the very good and holy go straight to heaven and the very bad deserve hell, then most people fall into a "somewhere in-between" category and this state is called purgatory. The word purgatory was originally a Latin adjective "cleansing" and it must be stated that nowhere does church teaching mention any length of time that Holy Souls must spend in purgatory. We believe that God is all merciful and that Jesus' passion, death and resurrection saved us but that does not excuse us from being purified. Jesus has saved us but we still need to make amends for sin committed and we need to be purified. So those who believe and are open to God, but are still in some way imperfect require purification and this is what the faith of the Church teaches in the doctrine of "Purgatory." St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians points to the fact that "the fire will test the quality of each man's work," therefore a person who has built up a good structure on a firm foundation of Jesus Christ will be saved but if a person's life's work is burnt down they will be the losers but St. Paul affirms that even the loser ***"though he is saved himself, it will be as one who has gone through fire."*** (1 Cor 3:14-15) Purification means that every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated and all imperfections of the soul corrected and although the thought of fire may sound distressing we must remember that in sacred scripture fire also represents the Holy Spirit and the fire which both burns and saves can be seen as Christ himself as part of the Blessed Trinity who is both Judge and Saviour. Pope Benedict XVI in his *Encyclical Spe Salvi* **describes this encounter with Christ as it burns us, transforms us and frees us, so then allowing us to become truly ourselves ... and that His gaze, the touch of His heart heals us through an undeniable painful transformation "as through fire" but it is a blessed pain ... and the pain of love becomes our salvation and joy.**

We can help the souls in Purgatory in many ways: Having Mass offered for the soul of a departed loved one is the greatest help we can give them because Mass, being the sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father, is the greatest prayer. We can pray the rosary and other prayers for the souls in Purgatory. We can offer our fasting, almsgiving, pilgrimages for the glory of God, in atonement for sins of those in Purgatory. Although they can no longer pray for themselves, they can and do pray for us as well out of gratitude! Speaking of charity, this prayer below, known as the Heroic Act of Charity is especially powerful, calling to mind as it does provide powerful intercessor with our Lord, and His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary: ***"Heavenly Father, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer to you for the sake of the poor souls all the satisfactory value of my works during life, as well as all that will be done for me after death. I give you my all through the hands of the Immaculate Virgin Mary that she may set free whatever souls she pleases, according to her heavenly wisdom and mother's love for them. Receive this offering, O God, and grant me in return an increase of your grace. Amen."*** (To be continued...)