

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/2)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/3) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

***Altar Flowers Donated in Memory of Catherine Barrs
Floyd by Carol and Steve Ham***

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

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First
Sacraments Preparation

11 AM: MASS

12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation
Preparation

12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (2/4)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

5:15 PM: Schola Rehearsals

TUESDAY (2/5)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (2/6)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

6:30 PM: Sung Vespers

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (2/7)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (2/8)

8 AM: MASS

8:30 AM-12 PM: Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

2/3	St. Blaise
2/4	St. Joseph of Leonessa
2/5	St. Agatha
2/6	St. Paul Miki and Companions
2/7	St. Colette of Corbie
2/8	St. Jerome Emiliani
2/9	Bl. Marianus Scotus

SATURDAY (2/9)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/10) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated by Pat and Richard Fagan

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

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First
Sacraments Preparation

11 AM: MASS

12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 2

5 PM Personal Intentions of Rev. Gerald Fogarty
(Sharon and Chuck McCurdy)

Sunday, February 3

8:30 AM †Johanna Mickiewicz (The Mickiewicz
Family)

11 AM Thi Thanh (Vu Nguyen)

1:30 PM Members of and Visitor to Our Parish

Friday, February 1

8 AM Birthday of Anna Witkowski (The Witkowski
Family)

Saturday, February 9

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, February 10

8:30 AM †John Henry Percival, in honor of his
military service (The Mickiewicz Family)

11 AM Member of the Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 138:1-5, 7-8

A song of thanks to God who saves us

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he
announced to them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their
fishing boats and follow Jesus.

GIFTS FROM GOD

JANUARY 26 AND 27, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$3,492
Offertory (other)	\$1,525
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,483)</i>

ONLINE GIVING

When the weather conditions make it difficult for you to travel to Mass, you can make your weekly contribution online. By scheduling your tithe online, our parish knows when to expect your support which creates a safer flow of cash to meet our operating expenses. Look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

HELP NEEDED

Offertory Collection Consider joining our collection counter team! We love our parish and are dedicated to our service. Plenty of street parking is available when we meet at 8 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly office@holycomforterparish.org or 434.295.7185 with questions or to volunteer.

Sacristy

We are in need of Sacristans to help with altar care, laundering of altar linens, and cleaning wax from brass candles. This is a rewarding ministry that can accommodate most schedules. Several tasks can be performed in your home. If interested, please contact Suzanne Bailey at (434) 296-5033 or slank@ntelos.net.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY

There is an immediate need for paper bags to distribute groceries in our Food Pantry. Please bring your donation to the Outreach Ministry.

HAITI

St. Michel's Pastor is preparing to welcome visitors from our twinning parishes in March. Please keep these travelers in your prayers.

St. Michel Clinic will soon have a skilled birth attendant monitoring the expectant mothers who will assist and mentor the traditional birth attendants on the clinic staff. If you can help with the salary for this new staff member, contributions will be gladly accepted. Kindly add "St. Michel Clinic" to the memo line of your check.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

The next meeting will be held on March 24. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com

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: Hank Rainville, 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: Christy Ackerman, Mary Caretti, Hallam Harper, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Marian Dolliver, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, 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, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, 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.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

Kara and Jonathan Peo
Ximena Velez
Nell and Matthew Weber

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Do you need time to reflect? Do you need peace in your heart? Do you need to find a welcoming place for prayer? Come join the Rosary Prayer group on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel at 6:15. All are welcomed!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Charlottesville area Holy Trinity Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is now forming and we invite you to join us at our first meeting. Please send your email address to Chuck McCurdy, cwm@virginia.edu to receive more information.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

VALLEY CURSILLO NEWS

Are you looking for a deeper dive into your spiritual journey as a Catholic Woman? Then, if so, we invite you to join us for the next **Women's Cursillo Weekend, May 16-19, 2019**, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown. Cursillo is a 3-day course in spirituality and teaches an awareness of Christ in every moment of our lives. The emphasis is on our Catholic sacraments and the richness they bring to our faith. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us!

Applications are available in the Commons and at www.valleycursillo.com. For more information, please contact Holy Comforter's Cursillo representative, Les Berlin lester_berlin@yahoo.com. And, save the date for the next **Men's Cursillo Weekend: October 3-6, 2019**.

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Clunky Car Cluttering your Driveway? Donate it to CCC!

Help those who are suffering and living in poverty by donating a car to Commonwealth Catholic Charities! Your donation will go towards programs that provide food, clothes, and support to those in need. You can make all the difference in some one's life. Just give us a call 804.545.5942 or email donald.miller@cccova.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Parents of children attending Christian Formation classes on Sunday are welcome and encouraged to grab a cup of coffee and a sweet treat and meet together in the open area outside the classrooms for informal conversation and fellowship. It is the perfect time to make connections and find support with other parents.

Catechist needed: Our K-1 catechist, Patti Sudendorf, will be moving back to her hometown of Chicago in March. A catechist is needed to partner with her assistant, Ashley Wright, to complete the school year from March 17 through May 5. If you can assist, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holyccomforterparish.org or 434-295-6559 as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Holy Communion: Students preparing for First Holy Communion will meet NEXT Sunday, Feb. 10, in the CRE office following the 8:30 Mass. Families should complete Chapter 5 at home this week.

Confirmation: Students preparing for Confirmation will meet with Jackson Kulick next Sunday, February 10 at 12:15.

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION

This week, ALL students will meet for a Soup Kitchen service project and to continue our discussion regarding the Catholic Social teaching on the Dignity of Human Life.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Short Stories Every Catholic Should Read: This discussion group continues this Sunday through next Sunday, Feb. 10 at 9:45 in the chapel. You are welcome to join for the last two short stories. Please contact Susan Neale at susansneale@embarqmail.com, or Sue Dougherty at cre@holyccomforterparish.org for details.

TO HOPE! A CELEBRATION: Please join parishioner Ed Murray for this 5-part series beginning **next Sunday, Feb. 10 following the 11:00 Mass** to explore together this musical composition composed by renowned jazz pianist and composer, Dave Brubeck. Listening to Brubeck's masterful composition as the centerpiece, participants will explore the order of Catholic worship to appreciate its significance and beauty. Discover more about "The Mass" as not only an obligation, but also a gift given to us both individually and communally. Please sign up at the Christian Formation table in the Commons or contact Sue Dougherty.

MUSIC MINISTRY

As we enter into the second month of the new year and see our resolutions come to naught, I invite parishioners to consider an alternative way of sanctifying your year: to resolve to glorify God through participation in music ministry. This invitation is also extended to instrumentalists. Christmas and Epiphany were extra special by virtue of the added instrumentation (harp, strings, trumpet.) I'd like to see more of that at Holy Comforter regularly. On the choral side, please consider adding your voice as a cantor (5pm or 8:30am), a choir member (11 AM), or a schola member (1:30 PM). I wish to reiterate that one of my favorite aspects of music ministry is the satisfaction in seeing those with little or no musical background succeed in learning to worship God through music. **DON'T LET YOUR LACK OF ABILITY STOP YOU!** I will help you discover the wonderful world where prayer is doubled (St. Augustine on chant and singing) and words find a beauty of expression of which speech is incapable. Look for me after Mass or e-mail me. GOD bless you all.





From Our Pastor

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

TIME FOR NEW LIFE IN JESUS IS NOW (Part 3)

"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

If you received a special letter or email from Jesus telling how much he loves you and giving you the guidance you need for your daily issues, would you read it? Of course you would!

That's what the Bible is — "God's love letter to you." The Bible is God's words for you and to you. It is the source of truth about your new life in Christ. Like reading a love letter increases your love for the author, reading and studying the Bible will help you to know your God better and your life in Him. You will discover many treasures in your new relationship with Christ. It is important therefore for any person taking on this journey of renewal in the life of Christ, to at least have some Bible basics to live by.

The Bible is one book containing a collection of 73 books combined together for our benefit. The Bible is divided into two main parts: **the Old Testament and the New Testament**. The Old Testament tells the story of the beginning of the world and God's promises given through the nation of Israel. It tells how the people of Israel obeyed and disobeyed God over many, many years. All the stories and messages in the Old Testament lead up to Jesus Christ's coming to the earth. The New Testament tells the story of Jesus Christ, the early Christians, and God's promises to all those who believe in Jesus. You can think of the Old Testament as "before Christ" and the New Testament as "after Christ." Each book of the Bible is divided into chapters and verses within those chapters to make it easier to study. Bible references include the book name, chapter number and verse number(s). For example, Matthew 2:2, refers to the book of Matthew, the 2nd chapter, and verse 2 within that 2nd chapter. And all the books in the Bible have been numbered that way for easy reference.

We all want to be spiritually and relationally healthy, but we fail to realize the power of this one habit – filling our minds daily with truth from our Creator. James 1:25 says, ***"The truly happy people are those who carefully study God's perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it. They do not forget what they heard, but they obey what God's teaching says."***

We tend to believe a lot of lies – about God, about ourselves, about our world – and the result of believing those lies and repeating negative, untruthful thoughts is that we wind up depressed. We wind up dependent on things other than God. The way to change that mental pattern is to fill your mind with the Word of God. For emotional and spiritual stability and for mental health, I need to soak up all of the truth I possibly can from God's Word so that my focus will be on the right things. And the Bible emphasizes at least three things I can focus on that can change the way I think. First the scriptures offer me Jesus as the designer of my life. When our character begins to line up with the character of Jesus, you know you're changing in the right ways. Two, scripture teaches me that life is not all about me, but that it's only in giving your life away that you'll understand what it means to live. Philippians 2:4 says ***"Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing."*** Three, the Bible paints a big eternal picture of life. There's more to life than just here and now, but we fall into the trap of short-term thinking. Colossians 3:2 says, ***"Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth."*** My problems always seem smaller, and always shorter term against the backdrop of heaven and eternity.

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