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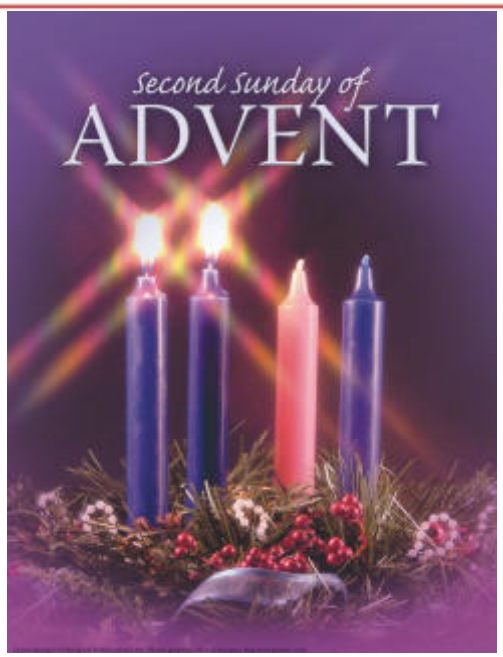

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil*	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM
Traditional Latin	2 PM
DAILY	
Monday* + Friday	12 PM
(except First Friday)	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6:30 PM
Saturday	8 AM

**Mass for the Vulnerable Population*

Thursday Holy Hour	7 PM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday * 6:30-7:30 PM

**First Friday & Holy hour 7:00-8:00 PM*

Thursday 6:30-7PM *and by appointment*

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM

The Bishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect.
For those in a vulnerable category or who feel insecure, we invite you to
attend Saturdays at 5 PM and Mondays at Noon, or to take advantage of the opportunity to view the Mass via livestream on our Facebook page
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Send Bulletin submissions by 3 PM Mondays
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Please do not open or reply to emails from Fr. Joseph Mary asking for gift cards. He will never ask you for gifts and never via email. **Thank you!**

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1880-2020

OUR MISSION STATEMENT -We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service and evangelization within our parish, our local communities and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (12/5)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass *for Vulnerable Population (livestream)*
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/6)
Altar Flowers donated by Harold and Christine Smith in Memory of Brian McHugh
8 AM Mass
9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation
9:45-10:45 AM RCIA
11 AM Mass *(livestream)*
2 PM Latin Mass
MONDAY (12/7)
10:30-1:30 PM Food Pantry
12 PM Mass *Vulnerable Population*
6:30-7:30 PM Confession *(Chapel)*
TUESDAY (12/8) SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
7 AM Mass *(livestream)*
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
6 PM Latin Mass
WEDNESDAY (12/9
7 AM Mass *(livestream)*
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession *(Chapel)*
THURSDAY (12/10)
7 AM MASS
6:30-7 PM Confession
7-8 PM Holy Hour
FRIDAY (12/11)
12 PM Mass
2:45-4 PM Rosary of Reparation
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
SATURDAY (11/12)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass *Vulnerable Population (livestream)*
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/13)
Altar Flowers donated by Normand and Therese Auger in Memory of the Auger and Riendeau Families
8 AM Mass
9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation
9:45-10:45 AM RCIA
11 AM Mass *(livestream)*
2 PM Latin Mass
4:30 PM Lessons & Carols

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the American People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Adopted from Pope Francis.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Reparation Rosary *Join us at Holy Comforter every Friday from 3-4PM* for the 20-decade Rosary of Reparation with Penitential Psalms at 2:45 PM. It's a very powerful rosary for our world today. For more information, please contact Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com.

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration forms are available in the office and on the Commons Credenza.

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS
Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185
reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (12/5)
8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (12/6)
8 AM † Margaret Parker
11 AM † Arthur Stein
2 PM † Amy Wilson

MONDAY (12/7)
12 PM † Margarite Rogers (Mary Frances Lilly)

TUESDAY (12/8)
7 AM Intentions of Lauren O'Neill
6 PM Intentions of Tina Blumenfeld

WEDNESDAY (12/9)
7 AM † Phyllis Lane (Heide Seward)

THURSDAY (12/10)
7 AM William Yearout

FRIDAY (12/11)
12:00 PM † Matthew Brady (Mary Frances Lilly)

SATURDAY (12/12)
8 AM Intentions of Lauren O'Neill
5 PM † Beverly Shrank

SUNDAY (12/13)
8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM Intentions of Lauren O'Neill
2 PM Michael McAdams

SAINTS OF GOD
Blessed are You

12/5 Saint Sabas
12/6 Saint Nicholas
12/7 Saint Ambrose
12/8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12/9 Saint Juan Diego
12/10 Blessed Adolph Kolping
12/11 Saint Damascus I
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/13 Saint Lucy

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 2020	
OFFERTORY	$7,335
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	($8,000)
BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET	(*$665*)
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2020	
OFFERTORY	$3,175
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	($8,000)
BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET	(*$4,825*)

Due to early publication deadlines, offertory reports for the week ending December 6 will be made next weekend.

2ND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH: Christmas Flowers + Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

12/13/2020 Outreach

12/25/2020 Catholic Charities

Donations may be made at Mass, in the office, by mail and online. Please follow the link on our website: holycomforteparish.org

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:
Schwab's DTC number: 0164
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Account Number: 2162-7521

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE ILL & HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS

Colette Hall, Eileen and Al Bracuti, John Eros, Richard Fagan, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Ruth Henahan, Pam Heron, Kitty Moore, Marie and Joe Murray, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Scarlett Makielski, James Leitch.

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Kindly notify us if you would like a name added. Also, please contact us to remove a name(s) so we can condense the list:
dre@holycomforterparish.org

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading
Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11
The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

Responsorial Psalm
Luke 1:46-50,53-54
Mary sings praise to God.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

Gospel Reading *John 1:6-8,19-28*
John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Holy Comforter's RCIA Rites This Weekend

The following RCIA Candidates and Catechumens will be participating in the Rite of Welcoming and the Rite of Acceptance during the Sunday 8 AM Mass. Please remember to pray for them as they continue their spiritual journey into our Glorious Church!

Rite of Welcoming

Candidate Fiona Huillier
Candidate Ian Barteis
Candidate Lauren Jones

Rite of Acceptance

Catechumen Ayesha Yousuf
Catechumen Shane Farrell

HOLY COMFORTER ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION 4PM Sunday **THIS SUNDAY!** Our Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration in the Church Nave.

"A very big thank you to the **Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op**, ***Works of Mercy Club*** and **Tina Blumenfeld, their teacher** who created blessing bags for our homebound parishioners. The office has been getting phone calls of thanks from the folks who received them. Great job! " Office Receptionist, Jill Paitsel

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

LITURGICAL NOTES

The Baptist's cry wakes us from our sleep and resounds through all time, exhorting us to repent and prepare. Last week the Liturgy focused on Our Lord's apocalyptic coming, reminding us to be ready for the Bridegroom since we don't know when He is coming. Now we turn our gaze inward to prepare the soul for His coming both in time (Nativity) and at the end of time (Parousia). Already the warnings are softening with the accompanying warmth of the beautiful and consoling words from the Antiphons. "People of Zion behold, the Lord is coming to save all nations", "You will turn toward us, O God, and restore our life again", and – my favorite – "Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high; and behold the joy that shall come to you from your God." The readings echo this spirit of mercy; Isaiah speaks the famous words immortalized in Handel's Messiah, "Comfort ye, my people." The language of the readings and psalms speak of release from bondage, firstly from the Babylonian exile and now from the shackles of sin and death. Repent, renew, and rejoice!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH Thank you for your contributions and donations to the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. (Tues and Wed 10:30 AM-1:30 PM) and Soup Kitchen (Thurs). Please leave your food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. God Bless you!

ANGEL TREE at HOLY COMFORTER Due to the pandemic, the ways to give this year have been modified for safety. Holy Comforter's on line Angel Tree still has 19 tags left, here's the link: https://www.tsamm.org/angeltree/adopt.dpi?c=B246C7491A540D40DA2BFE4E6780620F4F926797&aid=3129539DB6498ABA If you just want to buy gifts, the Salvation Army has a "Walmart Registry for Good", please use this link: https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood/E195AC2A-03CB-4F4E-B5F8-8851CE378127/view
Gifts can be mailed directly from online vendors, mailed locally, or dropped off at The Salvation Army, 207 Ridge Street Cville 22902. All unwrapped gifts are due to The Salvation Army by **Dec 7th!**
Either way you Choose to participate, will bring joy to a child on Christmas Day! Thank you for those who have already bought for a child. God Bless You!

HOLY COMFORTER'S WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY would appreciate more volunteers. The ministry is praying for our ill and homebound parishioners, sending birthday and holiday cards to elderly and homebound, editing the prayer lists in the bulletin, and when possible, visiting and making deliveries to the homebound. The ministry is also sending cards at various times of the year cards of caring to the elderly; some homemade with the creativity of our Religious Ed children. Sympathy cards are being sent to those families who's loved one passed during this year. As a new ministry, the prayerful desire is to eventually assist the Bereavement Committee by attending funerals at HC Parish. Please prayerfully consider if your organizational skills might help us with the prayer list; right now this is the greatest need. However, anyone who might have time to simply send cards is also needed. If interested, please call the office or email mercy@holycomforterparish.org. Thank you.

ST. MICHEL PARISH Sadly, as we entered this Fall, our sponsorship and other donations were 50% below last year's amount, resulting in a 50% decrease in the amount we could send to Father Petina for school and clinic. A big **Thank you** to current student sponsors. If you wish to sponsor a student, now is the perfect time to give the gift of a student sponsorship. Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com. **If you missed the craft sale, online purchasing can be accessed at** http://bidpal.net/haitimission**.** Options for pick up are on the site. Please keep the St. Michel students in your prayers. Thank you!

Haiti Ministry Needs: Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com online https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news

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Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR

TIME TO EMBRACE THE LIGHT FROM THE MESSIAH
Part II
Second Sunday of Advent 2020

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14

When we think of the birth of Christ in terms of the fullness of the mystery of the Incarnation, Christmas becomes more meaningful for us because in a very real sense, Christ is being born in each one of us. And he will continue to be born in us until his Incarnation attains absolute fullness, and we reach our full status as God's children. The Incarnation remains a great mystery because it is an act of pure selfless love, just like the Crucifixion, just like our continuing to exist. **It is love,** God's limitless love fleshing that love into the form of a human being, Jesus, the Christ, fully human and fully divine.

How does the Infinite Being who made all, who needs nothing, enter our condition? **The Incarnation should shock us, should astonish us, and should puzzle us.** How could He love us that much? Who is this God to become something less by choice? C.S. Lewis talked about "The Eternal Being, who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (*before that*) a baby, and before that a *fetus* inside a Woman's body. If you want to get the hang of it, think how you would like to become a slug or a crab." We are the slugs. We are the crabs. God loved us that much. I do not know about you, but if I had the power, there is not a slug or a crab I would love enough to become one for, let alone, die for.

The New Testament affirms that the Incarnation itself was an essential element in the salvation of humanity—not merely as a prerequisite for other parts of Christ's work. The Incarnation is the means by which human nature is brought once again into fellowship with the Godhead. Christ is the eschatological first fruit of this restoration. As he is, so will all the saints be in glory: restored to unbroken fellowship between humanity and humanity's Creator. What we see in the Incarnation is God entering into the human story as the ground of all Christian hope. It is the central miracle of Christianity. Without the Incarnation, it would have been more difficult to conceive how God could understand our human condition. Not only would the other aspects of redemption (*Christ's life, teaching, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension*) not be possible, but parts of the restoration of humanity hinge on the Incarnation itself.

The Incarnation was a unique event in history, with unique theological significance. At no other time has God manifested himself as a human being. The Spirit's present indwelling of all believers is a direct result of and carries forward the reconciliation of divinity and humanity that occurred in the person of Jesus Christ. Someone noted to me that; "***A healthy church depends on a healthy Christology, for it is only in Christ and by Christ's Spirit that the church exists"***. And there can be no healthy Christology without a strong doctrine of the Incarnation. It is in the Incarnation that Jesus the Messiah must be understood. God in the person of Jesus has become for us a single person uniting all that it is to be God and all that it is to be human- two natures in one person. **IT IS REALLY AMAZING to know**; Because the Word became flesh, we have a high priest who is able to empathize with our weaknesses, one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Hebrews 4:15

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