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NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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Sunday	8:30 AM & 11 AM
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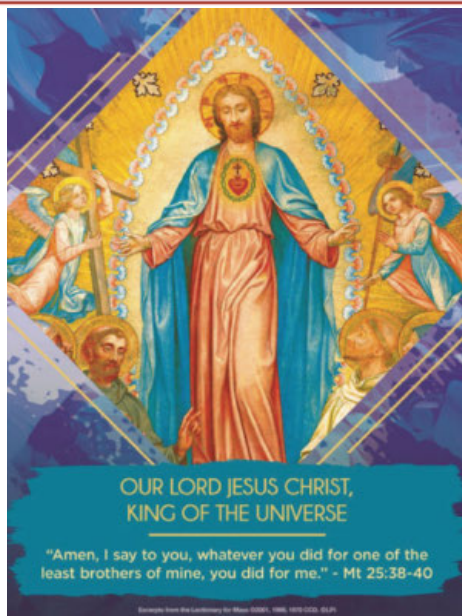
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Solemnity of Christ the King

November 26, 2023

That Christ the King, who brought peace through his death on the cross, will choose many men and women to preach His love as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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 (11/25)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/26) Solemnity of Christ the King

Altar Flowers donated by Jeanne Mickiewicz in Memory of her Mother.

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-11AM Walking with Moms LL

11 AM Mass

12:15-1:15PM Walking with Moms LL

MONDAY (11/27)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (11/28)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/29)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (11/30)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7-8 PM Confession and Adoration

FRIDAY (12/1) FIRST FRIDAY

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Confession

SATURDAY (12/2)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/3) First Sunday of Advent

Altar Flowers donated by Melinda Crews in Memory of Her Sister, Deborah Okada

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass RCIA Rite of Acceptance

Catechumens Brian Hess and Sydney Tapscott

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the American People, and all people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Hail Mary (3x) 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.

11/27 Saint Francesco Antonio Fasani

11/28 Saint James of Marche

11/29 Saint Clement

11/30 Saint Andrew

12/1 Saint Charles de Foucauld

12/2 Blessed Rafal Chylinski

12/3 Saint Francis Xavier

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration Forms are in the Office and on the Commons Credenza.

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185

Reception@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (11/25)

8 AM Ill and Homebound

Kevin Haag, Jennifer Strong and

Raoul & Solange Agbati-Agbotounou

5 PM † Jane Till Danilek

Deceased Friends and Family (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (11/26)

8:30 AM † Gerard and † Helen Zink
(Jeanne Mickiewicz)

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (11/27)

12 PM Heather Burns, in Honor of Her Birthday
Deceased Friends & Family (James Stewart)

TUESDAY (11/28)

7 AM Fr. James Matthews (Mary Voigt)

Deceased Friends & Family (Peter Zinman)

WEDNESDAY (11/29)

7 AM In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
(Mary Tatum)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nordin, Jr.

THURSDAY (11/30)

7 AM Deceased Friends & Family (James Stewart)

FRIDAY (12/1)

6 PM Norma and Renzo Petroni

(Gina Petroni and Mark Conaway) Ask Fr

SATURDAY (12/2)

8 AM Pat and John Conaway, Jeff McMullen
(Gina Petroni and Mark Conaway)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (12/3)

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for all Blessings

11 AM RCIA Catechumens Brian Hess and
Sydney Tapscott

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

11/25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria

11/26 Saint Columban

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Due to an early publication deadline, the Offertory Report for the Week Ending November 19, 2023 will appear in next week's Bulletin.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Just as Holy Comforter is grateful for our parishioners and visitors, we invite you to **GIVE THANKS** to Holy Comforter. Special gold envelopes can be found at the end of the pews and in the Commons. **THANK YOU** for your support!

EGIVING

Through our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory, our parish ministries, and for all Diocesan and National collections. Please **click or scan the Online Giving QR code** to be directed to our giving portal. Thank you for your support of Holy Comforter!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

11/01/2023 All Saints Day

11/02/2023 All Souls Day

11/12/2023 Outreach

11/19/2023 Archdiocese for the Military Services

11/26/2023 Maintenance Fund

ANNUAL REPORT Please pick up a copy of our Parish Annual Report in the Commons or read it on our website or in Flocknote.

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

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Account Number: 2162-7521

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS If you have an IRA and are 72 years of age, you can make a tax-free charitable gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account to our parish of up to \$100,000. **It helps you and it helps us.**

- **How it helps you:** it can lower your taxable income and count towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- **How it helps us:** we can put your gift to use right away to support our parish operations and the good works of our ministries.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor; let glory and dominion be his for ever and ever.

Offertory: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth as your possession.

Communion: Amen I say to you: in as much as you have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it to me. Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. *The Entrance and Offertory Antiphons touch on the two aspects of Christ's kingship: eschatological and social. His eschatological kingship is elaborated in the Entrance Antiphon where He will come at the end of time to subject all creation to Himself, fully realizing what has already begun in the hearts of believers. Christ's kingship over all creation is the focus of the today's feast day, which was moved to the end of liturgical year in the calendar that was promulgated with the New Mass in 1970, which is fully named, "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe". In the pre-1970 calendar, Christ the King was celebrated on the last Sunday of October, and the Offertory Antiphon captures the essence of this feast day, which emphasized Christ's social kingship. "I will give you the nations as your inheritance" is a reminder that Jesus must be the king of all hearts NOW. We must strive to live in such a way that it is clear to those around us that Jesus has the final word over everything we do or say, and we must strive within our own circles to extend that reign to other hearts. This kingship over our lives extends to everything, including the books we read, the TV we watch, the votes we cast in various elections, the way we treat others, etc. Jesus speaks to us through our consciences, which are to be well formed by the teachings of the Church. May the glorious reign of our Lord and Savior take its rightful place at the center of our society and dispel the darkness of error and sin. Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat! May Christ conquer all, reign over all, and rule all!*

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

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ADVENT IS COMING!!! SAVE THE DATES!!!

- ♦ Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:45AM-10:45AM: Advent Presentation by Brian and Darlene Beard
- ♦ Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, 4:00PM: Saint Nicholas Celebration/Potluck
- ♦ Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023, 10:15AM: Children's Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
- ♦ Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:45AM: Children's Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
- ♦ Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:30PM: Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

Posada event to be announced...Everyone is invited!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Sunday Of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

A prayer for the Lord's protection

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.) Eileen Bracuti, Stephanie Crews, Kelton Flinn, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Ann Jackson, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Leroy Anderson and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, B. Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Hung Dinh, Arthur Eddleston, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Julie Kajihara & Family, Betty and Tony Kapeluch, Teena and Raymond Klein, Chris Irwin Krupka, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Karen Allison Monger, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Sally Paget-Brown, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, David Rathburn, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala.

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To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, or to add or remove a name, please contact the office 434.295.7185 or reception@holycomforterparish.org



I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1

As members of the Society, we seek to bring personally, in a truly brotherly or sisterly and self-less spirit, some moral and material help to our neighbors in affliction, whether from destitution, sickness, unemployment, or imprisonment. No difference of religion, nationality, race, or political opinion matters when one is in need. For Vincentians, every person in need is a brother or sister, and an image of the suffering Jesus. "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison?... He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'" (Mt 25: 44-45). If you would like to help, please join us at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Church of the Incarnation. Please join us! For more information about our ministry, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Thank you!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of October, we handed out 203 food bags to 539 individuals in Food Pantry and served 439 lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your donations and contributions, especially as the need is increasing. Thank you and God Bless. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

ADVENT TOY DRIVE: This year we will be collecting donated unwrapped toys for children newborn to 12 years old for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. And for ages 13 to 17 years old for the Stocking Stuffer Program. Please place your donations for in the collection box near the doors in the Commons. Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas with a child!

WORKS OF MERCY: Our mission is to strengthen our parish community through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Email Sharon Dudley at mercy@holycomforterparish.org for more info about joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, and parish homebound.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: The Walking With Moms In Need ministry will hold two meetings on each of November 26 and December 10 at 10:00 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. in the stairwell library below the Commons. For information about our ministry, please contact Garrett Smith gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com or call (434) 960-7775. General info; visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

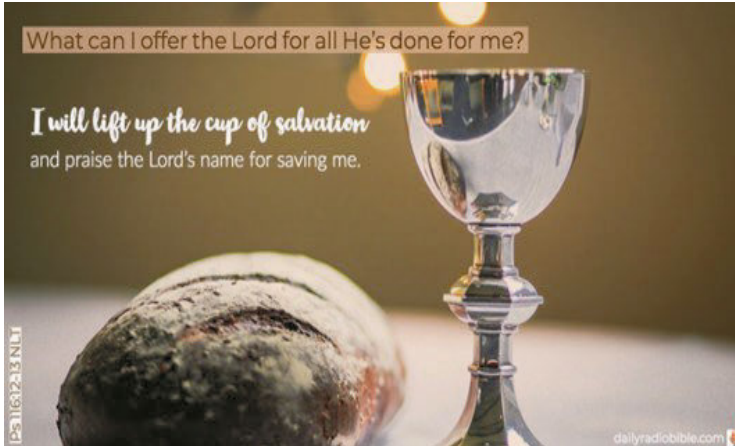
HAITI: Hopefully, everyone had a pleasant and Happy Thanksgiving. Father Asmith wanted me to pass on his thanks for the warm welcome received at last week's Sunday Masses. Also thank you for supporting the St. Michel students by providing their sponsorships. We have many things to be thankful for, that is not the case in Haiti. Sponsorship, helping feed and educate a child, does give a ray of hope to the child and family. We have been at this ministry for forty years and we have seen vast improvements in our twin parish, physically, and in the medical system, clinic, and educational, St. Michels. This is through the kindness and caring of Holy Comforter. Thank you and please pray for Haiti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: CCS has an immediate opening for a **full-time teacher's assistant** in Kindergarten. Please send resume, Diocesan application, 3 letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

Boy Scout Troop 17 invites young men ages 10-18 and their parents/guardians, to our upcoming open house Tuesday December 5th, 7:00 -8:30, in the Stone Chapel at Church of the Incarnation Are you interested in facilitating outdoor skills, STEM skills, adventure, launching 6-foot rockets, citizenship, and preparing your boys to be become independent and mature young men? If the answer is **YES**, then the Boy Scouts of America has just the program you are seeking. Troop 17 is one of the oldest troops in Charlottesville and chartered by the Church of the Incarnation. Please visit our website: <http://www.troop17bsa.org/>. For more information, contact John Gilday, corriganwolfe@gmail.com.

FROM THE PASTOR



"IT IS THE LIVING WHO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD..."

Isaiah 38:19

Part V

THE MONTH OF THANKSGIVING

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**"It is the living who give thanks to You, as I do today;
a father tells his sons about Your faithfulness"**

Isaiah 38:19

God is good! The goodness of God keeps us alive to see another day. He heals our sicknesses and diseases. He daily loads us with benefits. God is not only good, but He is also full of wonders – He is called Wonderful. Let us give thanks to God for all His goodness to and great wonders for us and our families, our Church, and our friends.

Remember, it is only the living – I mean the living in Christ – that render acceptable praise and thanksgiving to God. **The living, the living—they shall thank and praise You, as I do this day (Is. 38:19).** The living – the soul that loves God, that has genuinely received Jesus as a gift from God the Father and embraced the gospel values – shall thank and praise God. The soul that sins shall die spiritually or physically, so those who are dead in sin and wickedness can only render acceptable praises and thanksgiving to God when they turn away from their sins and wickedness. For God to accept our praises and thanksgiving, we must turn away from all appearances of

evil. I am sure every wise fellow should desire that God accepts his or her praises and thanksgiving.

In Genesis we have the two brothers Cain and Abel bringing to God their offering. God accepted only one of the offerings: **"And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gn. 4:4-5).** When we continue with the story of Cain and Abel, we discover that Cain was angry, and the Lord asked: **"Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it"**. I wish Cain would have known that a life of repentance is the fountain of thanksgiving. A life of repentance is hearing God's holy law, taking it to heart, recognizing and being sorry for that sin, and in faith receiving the forgiveness of sin Jesus won for us on the cross and His holy, perfect righteousness.

The story above serves us as a warning and a call for us to examine honestly our own hearts and lives as we give thanks to God. Are we giving thanks to the Lord what He is rightly due—proper thanksgiving and praise, shown not by lip service, a few words that mean nothing, but truly from the heart? Do we think that because God is gracious and merciful that we can live a life of sin, serve self, show up at church or throw up what we think is a prayer and then continue in that same sin without fighting it? Unless we hear God's holy law and take it to heart, applying it to ourselves, we will never live a life of repentance and give God the fear, love, thanksgiving He is rightly due. Let us live a life of thanks to God from our hearts and give glory to his name by our gifts.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY TO YOU ALL.

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, at dre@holycomforterparish.org.

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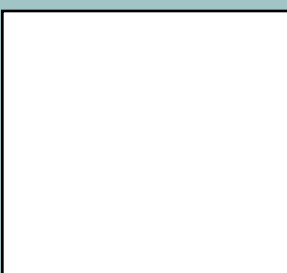
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