

Prayer List for March 15, 2026

We Pray for those who are sick, in need, preparing for or recovering from surgery, especially the following:

PARISHIONERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY

- All youth who are struggling in this uncertain time
- All those looking for work
- Barbara's healing
- Glen Rosenthal's successful recovery from heart surgery
- Dorothy Doty's healing
- Bill Lloyd's healing
- Melissa Fauci's healing
- Christine Brooks' healing
- Gretchen Willis's healing
- Sue van der Veer's peace and comfort
- Drew Harrison's healing
- Katie Peterson's healing
- Wesley Harrison's healing

EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FORMER PARISHIONERS

Prayers for Healing:

Uncle Tom; Pamela Wright; Larry Boltz; Carolyn Thompson; Brink Miller; Paul Kimmel; Anne Brooks; Susan Spencer-Ray; Jill Halloran; Kitty Procaccini; Doug Wigner; Daniel Stephan; Kristin Eggleston; Susan Graceson; Fred Bruger; Karen; Heidi Ross; Eva B.; Chantel Winkfield; Rossana Carney; Abby.

Prayers for Comfort:

Regina Boyle

Other Prayers:

- Parina Jahid and Rukhsar Mehrzad as they mourn their mother's death
- Sandra's and her family's safety and well-being living in Israel

We Pray for parishioners and family members, military and civilian, serving our country away from home:

Jesuit Volunteer Corps member Elena Harmann (daughter of Kate Beddall and Carlos Hamann); Wallace Brown, Recruit, US Marine Corps (son of Robert and Treeby Brown); Navy Command Master Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Bertera (son of Bill and Nancy Bertera); Army Captain Kyle Coker (son of Elys McLean and Chris Coker); Air Force Senior Airman Princess Ann Cordero (daughter-in-law of Barbara Kiser); Army Captain Richard Gannon (son of Rich and Sarah Gannon); Navy Lieutenant Commander Curtis Khol (son of Curtis and Michele Khol); Army Major Erik Kiser (nephew of Barbara Kiser); Navy Lieutenant Commanders Lillian and Jack Montana (daughter and son-in-law of Philene and Paul Ware Dunn); Army Captain Josh Smithers (great-nephew of Ann Buxton); and Navy Midshipman Third Class Andrew Turner (son of David Turner and Liz Williams). We also remember in prayer everyone affected by war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Haiti, and Sudan.

We Pray for Expectant Mothers:

Enma (May), Muzhgan (June), Rukhsar (July), beloved friends of many parishioners.

We Pray in Thanksgiving for the Birth of:

Callahan Richard McGruder, grandson of Rich and Dawn McGruder;

Halle Joan Murray, granddaughter of Bill and Linda Murray.

To place names on the Prayer List, please contact Shelia Creswell at screswell@verizon.net. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless directed otherwise.

Honor a Loved One at Easter

Help the Altar Guild create a vibrant display for our Easter Sunday worship! Donors and their dedications (Memorial or Thanksgiving) will be featured in the Easter service bulletin.

How to Contribute (\$50 per dedication):

- **Online:** Visit bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline. Under "Fund," select "Flowers." After donating, please email your dedication details to Lolly Mixter at lollymix@gmail.com.
- **By Check:** Download an Easter Altar Flowers Form at bit.ly/HoCo-ef26. Place the completed form along with your check (payable to "Holy Comforter" with "Easter flowers" in the memo) in an envelope. Drop your envelope in the offering plate, mail it, or bring it to the Church Office.

Deadline: Monday, March 30 at noon. **Questions?** Please contact Lolly Mixter at 703-408-6018 or lollymix@gmail.com.

Visitors and Newcomers

Thank you for joining us. We hope you'll return often.

- **Saturday Church at 5 p.m.** includes readings, prayers, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available).
- **Sunday Church at 10 a.m.** includes hymns, readings, prayers, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available). Livestreamed on YouTube.
- **The Nursery** for children through age 4 is open Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–noon. It is located downstairs; accessed by the stairwell next to the entry to the Sanctuary.
- **Children's Chapel:** At the 10 a.m. service our younger parishioners meet together in the Chapel during the Gospel and sermon to read a book together and worship using simple prayers and songs. As the year progresses we also include some age-appropriate hands-on learning about our worship and liturgy. Our books and sharing are oriented towards kids ages 3 through 2nd grade, but all ages (and older helpers) are always welcome.
- **Sunday School for Children 4 years old–6th Grade:** We invite all kids Pre-K to 6th grade to join us as we learn and share ministry together in engaging programs that meet all children where they are on their faith journeys. We hope you'll join us this Sunday from 11:15 to noon. Registering for your first class at bit.ly/HoCo-Children-Register-25-26 is helpful but not necessary, and you are welcome to bring a friend to check out our programs. We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Contact Keith Joseph, Director of Children's Formation and Family Ministries, at kjoseph@holycorforter.com.
- **Sunday School and Activities for Youth 7th–12th Grade:** All parents of youth 7th–12th grade—please register at bit.ly/HoCo-Youth-Register-25-26 to receive notifications and to allow us to plan activities for the church year (even if your youth has been active in Youth Ministries in previous years). The form allows you to register your youth for multiple offerings such as Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, Mission Trip, and Reading Team. If you would like us to include other offerings or you have suggestions on how we can help foster fellowship or provide support to your youth in any way, please contact Denis McMullan, Director of Youth Ministries, at dmcmullan@holycorforter.com.
- **Visit our Welcome Center** at holycorforter.com or complete a newcomer card found in the pews.
- **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.**

March Outreach Grant Spotlight: Fairfax Diapers and Women Giving Back

DID YOU KNOW? On average, a baby goes through 2,500 to 3,000 diapers within their first year. SNAP can't be used to purchase diapers, leaving one in two U.S. families with young children struggling to afford clean diapers.

This month we are highlighting two local nonprofits working to support women, children, and families facing crisis by providing essential items, including diapers: **Fairfax Diapers** and **Women Giving Back (WGB)**.

Fairfax Diapers is a Vienna-based, all-volunteer organization addressing diaper insecurity in Fairfax County. Since 2019, it has distributed more than 1.7 million diapers. Operating entirely through volunteers, every donated dollar goes directly toward purchasing diapers for families in need. Questions? Contact christinek@fairfaxdiapers.com.

Women Giving Back (WGB) prioritizes meeting this urgent need through its expanded Diaper Pantry, serving more than 530 infants monthly across NOVA and DC. This program is part of WGB's broader mission to support women and children with free, high-quality clothing and essentials delivered through a dignified boutique experience. Questions? Call 703-554-9386.

Please see the table in the church narthex for more information. To donate to our grant fund, which will be allocated to over 20 charities at the end of the year, scan the Giving QR code and select "Outreach Grants" in the Fund menu, or place a check or cash in the green envelopes in your pew.



LENTEN SUNDAY FORUM

How to Talk about Jesus on the Cross with Children and Youth

This Sunday, Mar. 15; 11:15 a.m.–Noon; Community Hall
Presenter: Wallace Benton, Associate Director of Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary

Jesus' life before the Cross can be hard to talk about with young people, but Jesus' death on the Cross can be even harder. What do we need to do to feel empowered to have these conversations with our children and youth? This Sunday, we are going to learn from one another how to engage with children and youth on Jesus on the Cross.

Sunday Bible Study

This Sunday, Mar. 15; 11:15 a.m.–Noon; Chapel

Do you leave church on Sunday wishing you could discuss the sermon or the Gospel or one of the other readings with someone? If so, join us for Sunday Bible Study. This is a drop-in class. All are welcome!

Choral Evensong for Lent

This Sunday, Mar. 15; 5 p.m.

Holy Comforter's choirs will present a brief and music-filled service of Lenten evensong followed by an elegant reception. Featured compositions will include Pachelbel's hauntingly beautiful Chaconne in F minor and Brahms's masterful and heartwarming "Geistliches Lied," along with Charles Wood's classic evening canticles in E-flat. Join us for this brief and deeply spiritual service, and bring a friend!

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Shelter Volunteers & Supporters

The Holy Comforter Hypothermia Relief Shelter (March 1–8) provided crucial warmth, safety, and fellowship, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and supporters. Learn more at conta.cc/46WBHvg.

Lent Program: Centering Prayer

Mondays: 1:30 p.m.; Fridays: 2 p.m.; Zoom

Looking for a quiet space to center yourself this Lent? Join our virtual community for 20 minutes of silence and reflection. We start with a warm welcome and end with the Lord's Prayer. The Zoom link can be found on our website Church Calendar for that specific day and time, or please call the Church Office.

Conversations On Faith

Tuesdays thru Mar. 31; 7 p.m.; Zoom

Join our Lenten discussion on *Conversations on Faith* by Martin Scorsese and Antonio Spadaro. Hosted by Matt Barazia, these one-hour sessions require no reading or book purchase—drop in when you can! Sign up at ttsu.me/g8ysrh. Discussion points are emailed in advance.

Lent Program: Noonday Prayer

Thursdays thru Apr. 2; 12:10–12:25 p.m.; Zoom

Connect for a brief, peaceful mid-day reflection.—an intentional time of prayer which will last 10 to 15 minutes. Whether you're at home or on a lunch break, this brief gathering is a perfect way to refocus during the Lenten season. The Zoom link can be found on our website Church Calendar for that specific day and time, or call the Church Office.

3rd Saturday Workday

Saturday, Mar. 21; 9 a.m.–Noon

The Creation Care Ministry invites you to join us as we begin to remove invasive plants from a new area, a space we call the "Old Forest." We are starting work at the highest point of the campus—near to Beulah Rd., along the property line nearest to Maple Ave. Please wear sturdy shoes and gloves. And bring with you any gardening tools that will cut: pruners, loppers, hand saw, etc. There is a great variety of work to be done—we need people of varying sizes and strengths. Canceled if the weather is unpleasant. Questions? Contact Margaret Bain at MargaretHBain@gmail.com or Kerry Gilpin at kerrydeb@gmail.com.

Monthly Health Coaching

Wednesday, Apr. 8; Noon–2 p.m.; 3rd Floor Lounge AND via Zoom

Parishioner and certified health coach Nicole Seevers hosts a monthly health and wellness coaching event on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. In addition, there are slots for private, confidential Wellness Coaching (in the lounge or via Zoom). To learn more, please contact Nicole at nicoleseevers@wellnessfeast.com.

Women's Retreat

Apr. 24–26; Shrine Mont

Join Holy Comforter women at this year's Women's Retreat at Shrine Mont. We'll explore the real Mary Magdalene, through Scripture, history, and art. Registration forms are available at bit.ly/HoCo-WR2026 and in the Church Office. Pay by check, or online at bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline. Questions? Please contact Jeanna Spielmann at jeanna@spielmannstudio.com.

Men's Retreat

May 1–3; Shrine Mont

Join Holy Comforter men at this year's Men's Retreat at Shrine Mont. The cost this year is \$210 for double occupancy, \$285 for a single. Pay by check or online at bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline. Questions? Please contact Randy McGuire at rlmav8r@gmail.com or Dan Harris at pharris@me.com.

Summer Camp Opportunities at Holy Comforter

- **Hogwarts VBS (June 22–26; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.):** A Harry Potter-themed Christian camp based on *The Deathly Hallows*. Open to all! Register at holycomforter.com/children or via Church Office.
- **Choir Camp (July 27–31; 9 a.m.–1 p.m.):** Free camp for rising 2nd–8th graders (singing, chimes, leadership). Includes a camp T-shirt! Register at holycomforter.com/music or via Church Office.

PENNYWISE Thrift Shop

Created as a fund raising endeavor of Church of the Holy Comforter in 1961, Pennywise is located at 214 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna, VA.

Spring is here and Pennywise has beautiful decor items for your home! We are currently collecting spring clothing plus Easter and spring decor. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We can always use that third person on busy Saturday and Sunday afternoons! Interested? Reach out to Lisa Feibelman at lgfeibelman@aol.com if you can help. Thank you for your continued support!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Crosses

Explore over 50 unique crosses by The Rev. Roy Hills, featuring traditional and bold designs in various materials. Now open to the public—enter through Main Door #1 for guided access.

Saturday, March 21: 2–4 p.m.

Sunday, March 22: 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28: 2–4 p.m.

Sunday, March 29: 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 (Easter Saturday): Noon–4 p.m.



Who Stands Fast?

On March 8, 30 parishioners joined Dan Harris for a Sunday Forum exploring Dietrich Bonhoeffer's 1942 essay on navigating "the great masquerade of evil." The session focused on discerning God's call and standing firm amid political polarization. Dan is convening further conversations to find practical ways to remain engaged and be "light in the darkness." If you're interested in exploring these ideas, please share your name and email at ttsu.me/djjesp. Copies of Bonhoeffer's complete essay are available on request to Dan Harris at pharris@me.com.

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