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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil* Sunday 8 AM + 11 AM

Traditional Latin 2 PM

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Monday* + Friday 12 PM

(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Thursday 7 AM First Friday 6:30 PM 8 AM Saturday

*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

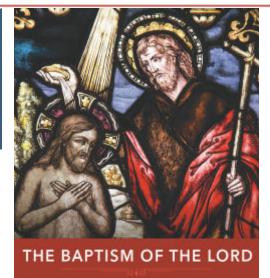
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For those in a vulnerable category or who feel insecure, we invite you to

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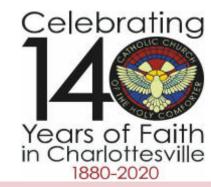
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Please do not open or reply to emails from Fr. Joseph Mary asking for gift cards. He will never ask you for gifts and never via email. Thank you!



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 (1/9)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population) (*livestream*)

SUNDAY (1/10) BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 (1/11)

12 PM Mass (Vulnerable Population)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession (Chapel)

TUESDAY (1/12)

7 AM Mass (livestream)

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (1/13)

7 AM Mass (livestream)

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession (Chapel)

THURSDAY (1/14)

7 AM Mass

12 PM-1 PM Bag Lunch Pick-Up

(3rd Street Entrance)

6:30-7 PM Confession

7PM-8 PM Holy Hour

Friday (1/15)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co

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12 PM Mass

2:45-4 PM Rosary of Reparation

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Confession (Chapel)

SATURDAY (1/16)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population)

(livestream)

SUNDAY (1/17) SECOND SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

9:45-10:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass (livestream)

12 PM Marian Procession

2 PM Latin Mass

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

1/9 Saint Adrian of Canterbury1/10 Saint Gregory of Nyssa1/11 Blessed William Carter

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 contact Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com.

1/12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeovs

1/13 Saint Hilary of Poitiers

1/14 Saint Gregory Nazianzen

1/15 Saint Paul the Hermit

1/16 Saint Berard and Companions

1/17 Saint Anthony of Egypt

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 (1/9)

8 AM Rush Limbaugh (Heide Seward) **5 PM** Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/10)

8 AM † Bruce Pearson (Heide Seward)

11 AM † Christopher Vatidis

(Chris Melnick)

2 PM † James Savino

(Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (1/11)

12 PM † Kathy Sharpe (Jim and Bobbie Hoskin)

TUESDAY (1/12)

7 AM Jennifer Hallquist

WEDNESDAY (1/13)

7 AM † Robina Nakazabwe

THURSDAY (1/14)

7 AM † Joseph Ssenlongo

FRIDAY (1/15)

12:00 PM All Who have died from COVID-19

SATURDAY (1/16)

8 AM † Mary and Ken Boren5 PM In Thanksgiving for Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek

SUNDAY (1/17)

8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM Eugene Robert Francolini
(Charlie Francolini)
2 PM Jonathan Schrank

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 27, 2020

OFFERTORY \$10,697
WEEKLY OFFERTORY
BUDGET (\$8,000)

ABOVE WEEKLY BUDGET \$2,697

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 3, 2021

| OFFERTORY | \$6,392 |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET | (\$8,000) |
| BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET | (\$1,608) |

Your financial support of our parish throughout 2020, especially during the pandemic, has enabled us to minimize disruption to our parish operations. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace
1/10/2021 Outreach
1/17/2021 Respect Life
Donations may be made at Mass, in the office, by mail and online. Please follow the link on our website:
holycomforterparish.org



NEXT WEEK'S

READINGS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE ILL & HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS

Eileen and Al Bracuti, Richard Fagan, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Pam Heron, Kitty Moore, Marie and Joe Murray, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Scarlett Makielski, James Leitch, Marian Ortmann, Michael Ludgate.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Aaron Charlie, Lisa Wells, Rev. Bonaventure Lussier, OCD, Joan Littley Clark, Virginia Cooper, Randall Saathoff, Steve Kirchmeyer, David Schrank, Jonathan and Melodie Schrank, Rachael Stewart, Julie Kajihara, Gordon Brookman, Lucien Garo, Felicia Anderson, Leroy Anderson, Maryjane Fuller, Gayle Christensen, Rayond Painley, Michelle Edwards, Fran Cannon Slayton, Barbara Lachance, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Gavin Ludwick and Family, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Gustavo Caceres, Kwasi Johnson, Ben Tensley, Randy T. Johnson, Christy Ackerman, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Mr. Kosh, Rev. John Abe, Jeremy Breedlove, Samantha Nelson, Christine Fitzgerald Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Joel Rivera, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley,

Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Brian Driscoll, Aimee Nyiramugisha., Aiden Smith, Linda Clark, The Morrisard Family, Chris Holet.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Joey Smith, Matthew Schrank, Benjamin Schrank, Joseph Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz

If you would like a name added, email dre@holycomforterparish.org
Also, please let us know to remove a name(s) so we can condense the list. Thank you!



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

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 The Lord calls Samuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10 A prayer of commitment to follow the will of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a,17–20 Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

John 1:35–42 John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Most people will be taking down their trees and decorations by January 10, the Baptism of the Lord, but some will wait until February 2, the Feast of the Purification or "Candlemas." This day notes the last Christmas Gospel. Traditionally, on Candlemas, parishioners bring their candles to Mass for a blessing. Holy Comforter offers the blessing of the candles by our Father Joseph Mary. So please mark your calendars! It's a wonderful opportunity to have your candles blessed for your domestic Church, to add that glorious bit of holiness to your home!

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

LITURGICAL NOTES

Christmas is a time of manifestations, and this weekend crowns them with Our Lord's entrance into public ministry. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan constitutes another Epiphany, the revelation of the Son of God to the Chosen People. We saw His beautiful face in the manger and now, having achieved the fullness of manhood, He emerges from His mysterious and hidden family life with Mary and Joseph to bring "justice to the nations," as Isaiah tells us. The Offertory Antiphon extols the coming of Our Lord with the blessing found in the angelic trisagion ("Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"), welcoming an end to the reign of Satan over creation. Our Lord's renewal begins with the regeneration of our souls through baptism ("As for all of you who have been baptized in Christ, you have put on Christ") and will find its completion in the general resurrection of the dead where Death itself will be no more. But do not put the Christmas trees away yet! We get one more manifestation on February 2, the Purification of Our Lady and the Presentation of the Christ Child in the temple (Candlemas). May the radiant countenance of Our Lord shine in your souls as we venture into a new year with new possibilities for grace. Peace be with you!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discuss classics of sacred literature online! Holy Comforter's *Treasures of the Tradition* series continues this spring. Join us for slow, thoughtful readings of these mind- and heart-opening works! (1) **New offering: Julian of Norwich**- We'll read straight through the 14th-century anchorite's *Revelations of Divine Love*, supplemented by a few other texts from the time. Wednesdays

from Jan. 13.

(2) **Dante's** *Divine Comedy* continues with the *Purgatorio*. Saturday afternoons from Jan. 16.

- (3) **"Salvation & Community"** from St. Maximus Confessor to St. Bernard of Clairvaux. Alternate Tuesday evenings from Jan. 19.
- (4) Dante's writings on politics ("On the Monarchy") and language ("On Eloquence in the Vernacular") fascinating glimpses! Alternate Wednesday evenings from Jan. 13.

For more info, see https://thetreasures.org or email organizer John Bugbee at bugbee@thetreasures.org as soon as possible!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH Thank you for all your contributions and donations to the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen! During the 4th quarter of 2020, we distributed food bags to 329 households/995 individuals in food pantry and we served 1,334 bagged lunches in Soup Kitchen. Food Pantry distributes food on Tues and Wed (10:30-2:00pm) and Soup Kitchen serves packed lunches on Thurs (12-1:00pm). Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are outside the 3rd Street door. Please leave your food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. God Bless! OUTREACH gratefully acknowledges receipt of a \$2,500 grant from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund to assist with operation of our Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the diocese.

ST. MICHEL PARISH AND SCHOOL: Thank you to all who have supported our twin parish over the past year. As they begin 2021, St. Michel students continue their studies. Our ministry continues to support school and clinic operations at a somewhat reduced level consistent with donations. Please keep the St. Michel students, teachers and all St. Michel parishioners in your prayers. Thank you to all who supported the Haiti craft sale and Haiti's artists. Haiti Ministry Needs: Volunteers needed. See contacts below. Plans for an Autumn charity golf outing are underway. See contacts below for how you can help. Bi-Parish Haiti Committee Contacts: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: https:// info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news HOLY COMFORTER'S WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY volunteers are needed. The ministry is praying for our ill and homebound parishioners and offering other works of Mercy. As a new ministry, Work's of Mercy will assist the Bereavement Committee by attending funerals at HC Parish. If interested, please call the office or email mercy@holycomforterparish.org. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of the Incarnation has graciously invited our parishioners to enroll in the online courses Alpha and/or Christ Life (Following Christ) beginning in January. For information & how to register, visit the Incarnation website at Adult Formation, or call 434.973.4381. Contact Steve Ham @ 434.466.9821 for assistance.

PHOTO DIRECTORY NEWS: The directory printing is delayed after February, due to the pandemic. If you would like to be included in the directory, call the office and you will be contacted and added to the photo sessions schedule when it opens. Only parishioners in the directory will receive a free copy. Shutterfly will charge by the number of orders. Send comments or questions to Flocknote or by emailing the receptionist, reception@holycomforterparish.org

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FROM THE PASTOR





THE MAGI WERE LED TO JESUS BY THE STAR. HOW ABOUT YOU?

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2

Let me ask a question—one that I wish I could have time to hear each of you answer it. Here it is: "What began your journey to Christ? What led you to Jesus?" I really would love to hear your replies because those kinds of testimonies are always inspiring to many. I am always inspired when I hear what got people started on their journey to Jesus. For the Magi it was the "STAR". We can observe how they journeyed in stages from the light of a star to the bright and glorious Light of Jesus Christ.

Can you find your star to Jesus? It could be a special pointer God has put on your journey to quench your thirst for him, a family member or a friend, a teacher, or a guide. It could be God's Word. The pointer could also be moments of consolation during our prayer, or even very tragic events, including accidents, sicknesses, disappointments, and broken relationships. Such could be your star. And, of course, to authentically encounter the Lord is to experience conversion, as the story of the

Magi goes that; "And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way." Matthew 2:12

These travelers from the east had come to Palestine with but one purpose: to find the One born King of the Jews and worship Him. The word worship is full of meaning, expressing the idea of prostrating oneself, and kissing the feet or the hem of the garment of the one honored. That truth in itself shows that they were true seekers after God, because when He spoke to them, in whatever way it was, they heard and responded. Despite their paganism, and superstition they recognized God's voice when He spoke. Though having had limited spiritual light, they immediately recognized God's light when it shone on them. They had genuinely seeking hearts, hearts that the Lord promises will never fail to find Him. Jeremiah 29:13

We see the great risk the Magi were willing to take, carrying valuables hundreds of miles across an international border to pay homage to the Messiah, and the value of the gifts they brought indicate how thankful they were for him. They remind us that living a godly life often involves risk, and that prayer, Bible study, worship, and financial support of the Church may not be easy or convenient, but the same Lord who was worthy of the sacrifice the Magi made is worthy of our sacrifice of time, treasure, and energy. The truth is we all go back "another way" after we have found the life-changing, life -saving power of Jesus Christ! The question is, when we stand before the manger this Christmas, will it change us so profoundly that when we leave, we will travel in a different direction? Might God be leading us on new paths that avoid the entanglements of our hostile political culture and avoid the desire for either reactionary anger or conceited triumphalism?



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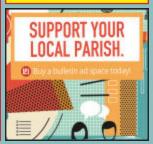
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