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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil*	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM
Traditional Latin	2 PM
DAILY	
Monday* + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
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

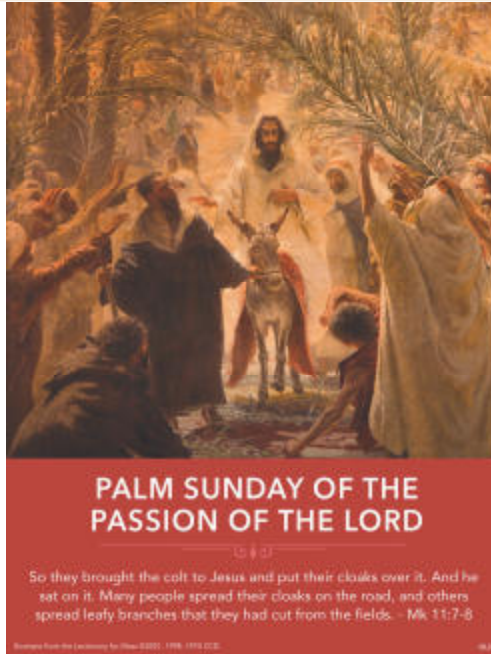
Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM

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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3/21/2021 Catholic Relief Services

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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 (3/27)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population)
(livestream)

SUNDAY (3/28) PALM SUNDAY

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 (3/29)

12 PM Mass (Vulnerable Population)

TUESDAY (3/30)

7 AM Mass (livestream)

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

Wednesday (3/31)

7 AM Mass (livestream)

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

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

THURSDAY (4/1) HOLY THURSDAY

12 PM-1 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag Lunch

7 PM Mass with Adoration until
Midnight

FRIDAY (4/2) GOOD FRIDAY

Office Closed

Abstinence & Fasting

3 PM Stations of the Cross

5 PM Communion Service

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

SATURDAY (4/3) HOLY SATURDAY

Fasting and Abstinence

8 PM Easter Vigil Mass (livestream)

RCIA Initiation for Catechumens and
Candidates

SUNDAY (4/4) EASTER SUNDAY

7 AM Latin Mass

9:30 AM Mass (livestream)

12 PM Mass

3:30 PM Mass (Vulnerable
Population)

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(x3) 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

Rosary of Reparation Join us at Holy Comforter every Friday. *Penitential Psalms at 2:45 PM* with the powerful *20-decade Rosary of Reparation at 3 PM*. Please contact Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com for more info.

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

3/27 Lazarus

3/28 Blessed Catherine of Bologna

3/29 Saint Ludovico of Casoria

3/30 Saint Peter Regalado

3/31 Saint Stephen of Mar Saba

4/1 Saint Hugh of Grenoble

4/2 Saint Francis of Paola

4/3 Saint Benedict the African

4/4 Saint Isadore of Seville

Welcome New Parishioners

*Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp,
Denise Mastro, Jamie Chitwood,
Tara Conklin*

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 (3/27)

8 AM Coby Savona

5 PM George Lilly (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (3/28)

8 AM † Philomena Marsh
(Margaret Marsh)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM † Beulah Yearout

MONDAY (3/29)

12 PM Anne Marie and Perry Gaglio
(Mary Frances Lilly)

TUESDAY (3/30)

7 AM † Betty Jane Prufer
(Outreach Staff and Volunteers)

WEDNESDAY (4/31)

7 AM † Kay Russo
(Outreach Staff and Volunteers)

THURSDAY (4/1)

7 PM † Patricia Conaway
(Petroni and Conaway Family)

FRIDAY (4/2)

5 PM

SATURDAY (4/3)

8 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (4/4)

7 AM Lauren O'Neill

9:30 AM Heather Burns
(Deacon and Mrs. Henry Vinklarek)

12 PM † Renzo Petroni
(Petroni and Conaway Family)

3:30 PM Neil and Lia Price

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

Due to publication deadlines, the offertory report for Week Ending March 21, 2021 will appear next weekend.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Building Our Family of Faith



Thank you for responding to the Bishop's Appeal! We have raised 37% of our \$24,610 goal so far!!

All contributions are being made online this year to the Catholic Community Foundation at the Diocese <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

Please scan this QR code to get Started.



EASTER We will gladly accept your contributions toward the cost of adorning our altar for Easter! Donations can be made in honor or memory of your loved one (s) and will be published on Easter Sunday. Please go online to holycorforterparish.org or make checks payable to Holy Comforter indicating *Easter Flowers* on the memo line. Thank you!

SEMI ANNUAL REPORT Please take home a copy and thank you for your generous support.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Palm Sunday provides us with an abundance of subjects to contemplate! The liturgical texts for today are considerably varied, ranging from the jubilant "Hosanna to the Son of David" antiphon opening the blessing of the palms to the sublime meditations of St. Paul on Christ's humility to the care-laden psalm 22. Of particular note is the emphasis on abandonment in the Responsorial Psalm, the Tract Psalm before the Gospel (both the aforementioned psalm 22), and the Offertory Antiphon. The Offertory is particularly touching; one can almost hear the sobbing of the Sacred Heart: "My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none." Jesus, the Son of man suffered abandonment of the worst kind by taking on our sins, feeling in His soul the separation from His Father and the Holy Spirit, His heavenly family. This is the dreadful and frightening effect of mortal sin on the soul: separation from God. Our Lord suffered this horrendous abandonment so that we would never be truly abandoned. He ventured into this awful realm to save those who have fallen into the slavery of sin then, now, and in times to come. We are not alone! This abandonment is also a call to all souls pursuing holiness to console the Sacred Heart. Come spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, especially during our Thursday holy hours (7-8pm). This is traditionally the time of the week when our Lord went into the garden to weep over the trials to come and the souls that would be lost despite everything. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The RCIA rites pause and our focus this Palm Sunday weekend will be on giving honor to our Lord as THE King. We honor Christ while knowing the ultimate rejection and sacrifice that were soon to follow only a few days after His triumphant welcome in Jerusalem.

Christ was able to walk the path set before Him because He kept His focus on His Heavenly Father and looked to Him for strength and guidance with a heart devoted to the Divine Will of God. Through our knowing that He greatly suffered, we are able to look to Him for our strength and guidance, trusting in His Divine Will. May this last week of the Lenten Season bring us all into a deeper trust of Christ who loves us so passionately. Hosannah to our King!

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4*

Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel *John 20:1-9*

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

OUR ILL & HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS

Eileen Bracuti, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Pam Heron, Barbara Isaac, Kitty Moore, Marie and Joe Murray, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Scarlett Makielski, James Leitch, Marian Ortmann, Michael Ludgate, Mary Wheeler

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Julie Kajihara, Steve Kirchmeyer, Melodie Mougeolle, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, , Randall Saathoff, Elizabeth Scott, David Shrank, Jonathan Shrank, Aiden Smith, Maria Sol Montel, Alice Stavicksey, Susan Steeby, Ben Tensley, Lisa Wells, Neil Price.

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PLEASE NOTE: We are updating the prayer list for family and friends. If you would like a name added or removed, please call 434.295.7185 or email reception@holycomforterparish.org



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

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Outreach: We appreciate your support of contributions and donations to the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, especially during this past year. We continue to safely have Food Pantry on Tues & Wed, 10:30am-1:30pm. and Soup Kitchen, 12-1pm, both outside the 3rd Street door. Please leave the food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless!

Haiti: St. Michel School: St. Michel Parish: Thanks to all who support our twin parish, its school and the clinic for the village. Keep our friends in Saltadere in prayer as we complete the last week in the holy season of Lent in communion with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. God bless all for your prayers and donations.

Haiti Ministry Needs: Plans for an Autumn charity golf outing are underway. See contacts below for how you can help.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee Contacts: Anne Knasel

anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller

ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: [https://](https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Alpha & ChristLife Programs on Zoom: Church of the Incarnation is once again generously inviting Holy Comforter parishioners to join their upcoming program beginning in April the "Spring Alpha" course which will begin Wednesday, April 21. Here is a link to the Incarnation webpage with additional information & links to the Alpha program & to register:

<https://incarnationparish.org/en/christian-formation/adults/alpha/> The "Sharing Christ" segment of ChristLife will begin Tuesday, April 27. Here is a link to the Incarnation webpage with additional info & links to ChristLife and registration:

<https://incarnationparish.org/en/christian-formation/adults/christ-life/> These programs have enriched the spiritual lives of hundreds of thousands of Christians around the globe.

Contact: Steve Ham at steven_ham@comcast.net or call (434) 466-9820

Altar Linen Sacristans Needed: Volunteers needed to launder and iron the altar linens used during Holy Communion. If you feel called to this ministry or just want to learn more, please contact Suzanne Bailey at slank@ntelos.net or (434) 326-3166.

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FROM THE PASTOR



WORKING FOR THE FOOD WHICH DOES NOT PERISH--

Our Salvation. Part VI

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20b.

As we continue our journey through these days of Lent, we are now approaching the critical moments in Jesus' mission- **"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."** John 23:23. We walk with our eyes fixed on the love of God for us as demonstrated in the message of the Cross, where the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ was offered. What is the meaning of the cross for us? St. Paul remind us: **"For the Jews request a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified — to the Jews a stumbling-block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks — Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God."** 1 Corinthians 1:22-24. We find life, service, relationship, total self- giving to one another in love in the message of the cross. Before Christ, the cross was an instrument of the cruelest punishment and a symbol of horror. After His sufferings, it became the **sign of the victory** of good over evil and of life over death. It became the reminder of the limitless love of God and a source of happiness. The incarnate Son of God sanctified the cross with His blood and made it the carrier of His blessings and holiness. Because of these properties, the sign of the cross became an essential component of Christian life since apostolic times, used in all Church services and private

prayers. For instance, water is blessed and becomes holy with the sign of the cross, and bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ; in summary, all Sacraments acquire their spiritual power through the sign of the cross. As flies cannot tolerate flame, so demons cannot stand the presence of the cross. The sign of the cross protects a Christian from accidents and misfortunes and attracts God's help to us. That is why Catholic Christians revere the cross so much, bless themselves with the sign of the cross, wear a cross on their chest and adorn their homes and churches with crosses.

The cross reveals to us the character of God: His love for lost sinners and His perfect justice meet at the cross. If we want to grow in our love for God, which is the first and greatest commandment, then we must grow to understand and appreciate of the cross, which shows us His great love. If we want to grow in godliness, we must grow in understanding the significance of the cross, which confronts the most prevalent and deceptive of all sins, namely, pride.

The cross is the place where all the wounds of sin are healed and love cherished. If you suffer from emotional problems--guilt, anxiety, depression, anger, or whatever--there is healing in the cross of Christ. If you are going through tragedy or suffering, there is comfort in abundance as you contemplate the sufferings of the spotless Savior on your behalf. Peter wrote to the slaves who were suffering unjustly under cruel masters for the following words; **"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness for by His wounds you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls..."** 1 Peter 2: 24-25. The words about Christ's wound must have spoken to the hearts of these slaves who were whipped unjustly. Peter knew that meditating on the cross would produce in them a heart of overflowing gratitude to the One who bore so much on their behalf. Therefore, the centrality of the cross is crucial to our faith and to all sound doctrine. Satan hates the cross because it sealed his doom, and he is relentless in his attacks to undermine and hinder anybody who promotes the message of the cross. If he can convince Christians that they are not sinners continually in need of daily repentance and the cleansing blood of Jesus, then the world will be plunged into hatred and love disappear from the face of the earth.

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