CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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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

Sunday	1:30-2 PM
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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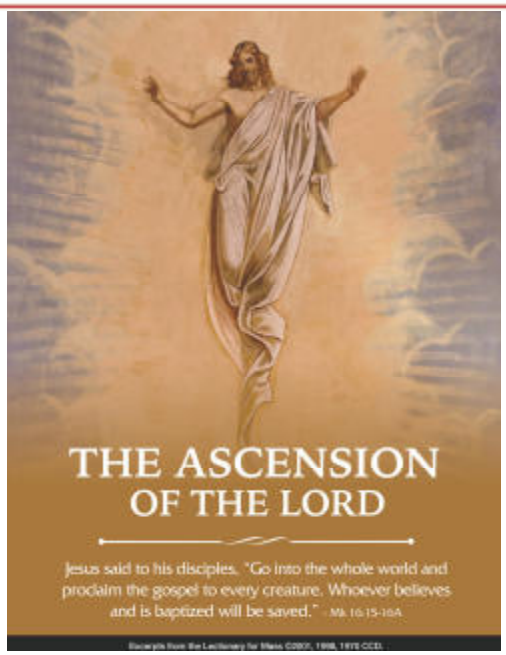

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Soup Kitchen Thursday 12 PM

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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 (5/15)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population)
SUNDAY (5/16) ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Altar Flowers donated by Greg & Maria Andrea and Lucas Gerling
8 AM Mass
9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass *(livestream)*
1:30-2 PM Confession
2 PM Latin Mass
MONDAY (5/17)
12 PM Mass *(livestream)*
6:30-7:30 PM Confession (Chapel)
TUESDAY (5/18)
7 AM Mass *(livestream)*
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday (5/19)
7 AM Mass *(livestream)*
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession *(Chapel)*
THURSDAY (5/20)
7 AM Mass *(livestream)*
12 PM-1 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch
6:30—7 PM Confession
7-8 PM Holy Hour
FRIDAY (5/21)
12 PM Mass *(livestream)*
2:45-4 PM Rosary of Reparation
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
SATURDAY (5/22)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population)
SUNDAY (5/23) PENTECOST SUNDAY
8 AM Mass
9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation (last day)
11 AM Mass *(livestream)*
1:30-2 PM Confession
2 PM Latin Mass
3:45 PM Holy Comforter Parish Picnic "Feast of Pentecost" (Belmont Park)

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.

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 (5/15)
8 AM Michael Chellis (Gabriella Chellis)
5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (5/16)
8 AM † Coby Savona, Sr. (Alicia Vinklarek)
11 AM Brian and Diana O'Neill
2 PM Lisa Schneider (Martha Cassell)

MONDAY (5/17)
12 AM † Edward Corbett (Deighan Family)

TUESDAY (5/18)
7 AM † Albert J. Lilly, Sr.
(Dotty and George Lilly)

WEDNESDAY (5/19)
7 AM † John J. Valloric (Sylvia Valloric)

THURSDAY (5/20)
7 † Mary Gallow (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (5/21)
12 PM † Damien Alphonso Bergman
(Bernie and Heide Seward)

SATURDAY (5/22)
8 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Martha Cassell)
5 PM Lucas Gerling Ospina (on the occasion of the 6th Anniversary of his Baptism)

SUNDAY (5/23)
8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM Kim Laudati
2 PM Anne and Brian O'Neill

SAINTS OF GOD
Blessed are You

5/15 Saint Isadore the Farmer
5/16 Saint Margaret of Cortona
5/17 Saint Paschal Baylon
5/18 Saint John I
5/19 Saint Theophilus of Corte
5/20 Saint Bernardine of Siena
5/21 Saint Cristobal Magallanes and Companions
5/22 Saint Rita of Cascia
5/23 Saint Gregory VII

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 2020	
OFFERTORY	$11,156.34
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	($8,000)
ABOVE WEEKLY BUDGET	*$3,156.34*

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Building Our Family of Faith

We've got quite a tall task ahead of us: going out into the world and proclaiming the Gospel to every living creature! We're reminded today, on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, that even though Christ's body and soul ascended into Heaven, He still aids the work of the Church today. And our mission is impossible without His grace! Christ wants us to rely upon Him. But this doesn't necessarily mean depending on miracles and signs. It also means trusting that He will bless our more practical efforts to build the Church and proclaim the Gospel. Here at Holy Comforter, we've discerned that supporting the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** assists us to live out our mission. We depend on God's grace, not only to see this important endeavor through to completion, but to inspire each of us to do our part. Let us pray as a parish community that we will all be moved by the Lord to contribute to this mission, the same one He originally entrusted to the Apostles.

Please scan this QR code to get started. **Thank you** to those who have already responded! We have raised 75% of our $24,610 goal so far!!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR May

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace
5/9/2021 Outreach
5/16/2021 Catholic Home Missions

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

LITURGICAL NOTES

As is the case for particularly solemn days in the Church year, certain psalms are featured prominently among the Propers. On the Solemnity of Our Lord's Ascension into heaven, we see Psalm 47 accompanying the Entrance and Offertory Antiphons. It is also the primary substance of the Responsorial Psalm. "God mounts his sounds to shouts of joy." The Church reminds us that Christ's departure is a joyful occasion because it begins the fulfillment of His promise to send the Comforter, enabling the Apostles to do unspeakably great things in the name of our Savior. We can hear the anticipation of the nascent Church in the angel's question: "Men of Galilee, why do you gaze at the sky in astonishment? This same Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come by the very way in which you saw him go into heaven, alleluia." *Astonishment.* The Apostles were astonished because suddenly it became clear that everything Jesus said was true! He will return and will send the Spirit in the meantime to prepare for His Parousia, the second coming when He will "judge the living and the dead." May we be found ready whenever this dreadful and awesome hour comes like the thief in the night. Come, Holy Ghost!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

HOLY COMFORTER PARISH PENTECOST PICNIC!

(SUNDAY, MAY 23, 3:45 PM AT BELMONT PARK)

Please join us for a Pentecost Picnic celebrating the Church's Birthday and our feast day! Cake and bottled water will be provided but bring your own picnic food.

Hope to see you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(MELINDA WELLS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

WONDERFUL THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT HOLY COMFORTER!

The past few weeks have brought fruit from many months of labor...*we have five new RCIA converts, five high schoolers who were confirmed and nine children in the First Sacraments Class received First Holy Communion!* We have much to give thanks for! Praise be to God for His Goodness and Divine Mercy!

For children who have completed First Sacraments, the opportunity to be an Altar Server is being offered. The Altar Servers consists of a wonderful group of boys led by Holy Comforter's Seminarian William Yearout.

"Altar Server training will be offered on Saturday, May 29 following the 8am Mass and Rosary. We will begin around 9am and end at 10:30am. Training will cover all the major roles of Altar Serving including Cross, Candles, Incense, and Offertory. This is a great opportunity to refresh on your current knowledge or to join the ranks of Holy Comforter's Altar Servers! For information, please contact Seminarian William at intern@holycomforterparish.org "

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel
John 20:19-23
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

OUR PARISHIONERS (Includes the ill and homebound)

Jolene Green, Deacon Henry, Pam Heron, Barbara Isaac, Kitty Moore, Marie and Joe Murray, Scarlett Makielski, James Leitch, Marian Ortmann, Michael Ludgate, Yulia Savona**,** Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mary Wheeler

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Attey Blandine, Christine Bentejac, Lisa Carnes, Kathleen Gough, Cooper Graham, Jay, Julie Kajihara, Lisa Karen, JoAnn Fox Klein, Steve Kirchmeyer, Chris Irwin Krupka, Sibylle Llewellyn, Sean & Martha MacGloin, Melodie Mougeolle, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Michaela Phillips, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Jonathan Shrank, Aiden Smith, Valerie Sprague, Alice Stavicksey, Lisa Wells, Kathy & Earl Whitaker, Henry Francis Wojtala

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

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 contributions and donations to Outreach! We are distributing food bags to those in need during Food Pantry on Tues & Wed, 10:30am-1:30pm. And giving bagged lunches to those needing a mid-day meal during Soup Kitchen on Thurs, 12-1pm. Both the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place outside the 3rd Street door. Please leave any food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless!

St. Michel Parish School: The Haiti Committee will be holding a **Sponsorship Fair before and after Masses in the courtyard at the Catholic Church of the Holy Comforter on June 12 and 13.** Some Haitian crafts will also be available for sale. Sponsorships are the basis of our support for the children of St. Michel, our twin parish in Saltadere, Haiti. Thanks to you, the students can now receive a fine education from pre-school through the 13th grade (the doorway to university education). As these beautiful children would say, *Mesi Anpil,* thank you!

Haiti Ministry Needs: Volunteer help with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. Plans for an Autumn charity golf outing are underway. See contacts below for how you can help. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee Meeting: May 23. Meeting room location: St. Thomas Rooms 2 and 4. Contact**: Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Posting: Incarnation Catholic Church seeks a full-time Music Coordinator. Responsibilities include three English Masses; parish choir; providing and/or scheduling music for other liturgical services; and works with Spanish language ensembles for three Spanish Masses. Required proficiency on piano or organ. Knowledge of Spanish helpful, but not required. Please see our website incarnationparish.org for more information.

Holy Comforter's Parish Life Committee is looking for committee members! If you're interested in making Holy Comforter THE happening place in town, please contact Emily Pierson parishlife@holycomforterparish.org

Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. To attend an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jul 16-18, 2021 in Beaufort, SC or Aug 27-29, 2021 in HICKORY, NC early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/ **.**

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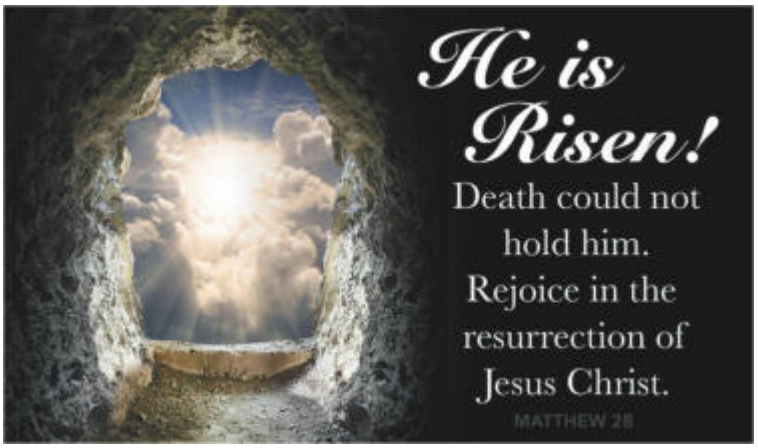

OUR EYES ON HEAVEN-IT TAKES FIFTY DAYS TO CELEBRATE EASTER.

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1

The Feast of the Ascension takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday. Forty days after Jesus had risen from the dead He appeared for the last time to the Apostles. Then He went up into heaven. We may wonder what impact the Ascension of Jesus had on his disciples. Usually, goodbyes are sad times! But for the Apostles, their farewell with Jesus was a moment of joy. Why? We need to remember that Jesus' ascension into heaven was the fulfillment of the prophecy that He made to the Jewish leaders during His trial: "**But from now on the son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" Luke 22:69.** There, having offered the one sacrifice for sins for all time, He awaits the time that the Father has ordained to make His enemies a footstool for His feet (Ps. 110:1). As the writer of Hebrews (1:13) states, God never told any of the angels that they should sit at His right hand until He made their enemies a footstool for their feet. But of Jesus, the Son of God, He says, "***Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of Your kingdom" Hebrews 1:8***

The ascension had a profound impact on the disciples. Up to the moment that Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples seemed to be puzzled, trying to figure it all out. But after the ascension, they worshiped Him. They traveled back to Jerusalem with great joy. They maintained a regular presence in the temple—worshiping God. At first, the disciples' reaction to Jesus' ascension may catch us off guard. Jesus had just "left them." And yet they were happy—filled with joy. Why this reaction? After all, when Jesus told them at the end of John 13 that He would soon leave them, they were deeply disturbed. Thus, He encouraged them by teaching them about the ministry of the Holy Spirit **(John 14–17).** He kept them from despair by saying, "***You are not losing Me, but I am going to be with you in a different way through My Spirit."*** It is amazing that the ascension of Jesus produced joy because the disciples realized what amazing benefits would come to them when Jesus returned to the Father. The disciples accepted His ascension, for they had accepted Jesus' word about the promised One to come. Their doubts and fears were gone. They were convinced of who He was. They knew that He died to forgive them of their sins. They knew He was alive from the dead.

In His resurrection, they had hope in victory over death. They trusted Him. For these reasons, Jesus' departure gave the disciples joy. They celebrated His departure. Theologians point out some benefits of the Ascension thus: "***When Jesus ascended and sat down at the Father's right hand, the Father verified the accomplishment of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and confirmed that the final payment for sin had been made (Heb. 10:11-14). When Jesus ascended, the intercessory work of Jesus on behalf of His people began. We are assured that we will always have access to the Father forever (1 John 2:1). When Jesus ascended, His eternal reign over all enemies began. As Peter wrote, "Now that He has gone into heaven, He is at God's right hand with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him" 1 Peter 3:22. When Jesus ascended, the church was empowered to accomplish its mission. In Ephesians 1:22-23, Paul said, "[God the Father] put everything under His feet and appointed Him as head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of the One who fills all things in every way."***

The Ascension is our celebration of letting go and letting the past bless us. We don't need to cling to the old; let us allow the past to ascend and give us its blessing. We have the assurance of the promise of the Lord that where he has gone, we will also go. His departure has a purpose: to prepare a place for each o us, that where the head is found so the body will be forever.

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