

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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5 PM
8 AM + 11 AM
2 PM
12 PM
7 AM
6:30 PM
8 AM
7 PM

#### CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday <sup>^</sup>	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-7 PM
∼First Friday & Holy Hour	7 PM-8 PM

#### Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM

For those in a vulnerable category or who feel insecure, we invite you to attend Saturdays at 5 PM or to take advantage of the opportunity to view the 11 AM Sunday Mass via livestream on our Facebook page: facebook.com/holycomfortercville

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<b>OUR MISSION STATEMENT</b> : 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 commu	nities, and all those in ne	ed.

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### **PRAYER & WORSHIP**



### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY (2/26)

8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) SUNDAY (2/27) EIGHTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** 8 AM Mass RCIA Rite of Sending 9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation 9:45 AM RCIA 11 AM Mass (Livestream) 12:30-1:30 PM Reading Group-Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist (LL) 1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass MONDAY (2/28) 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (3/1) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 7 PM-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL) WEDNESDAY (3/2) ASH WEDNESDAY 7 AM Latin Mass 12 PM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 6 PM Mass 7:00-8:00 PM Confession THURSDAY (3/3) 7 AM Mass 12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch 6:30 PM-7 PM Confession 7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (3/4) FIRST FRIDAY 9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary of Reparation 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Mass 7:00-8:00 PM Confession/Adoration SATURDAY (3/5) 8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration 10:30 AM-12:00 PM First Penance 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) SUNDAY (3/6) FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 8 AM Mass 9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation 9:45 AM RCIA 11 AM Mass (Livestream)

### SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

- 2/26 Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin
- 2/27 Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
- 2/28 Blessed Daniel Brottier

12:30-1:30 PM Reading Group-Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist (LL) 1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass

#### **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 SATURDAY (2/26) 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, Oglorious and blessed Virgin. Hail Mary (x3) Adopted from 8 AM Members of the Parish 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 vou. Amen.

#### Rosary of Reparation

Join us at Holy Comforter every Friday. The Penitential Psalms begins at 2:45 PM 7 AM Martha Cassell (LaDean Barnes) with Rosary of Reparation at 3 PM. For more information, please email Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com

3/1 Saint David of Wales

- 3/2 Saint Agnes of Bohemia
- 3/3 Saint Katharine Drexel
- 3/4 Saint Casimir
- 3/5 Saint John Joseph of the Cross
- 3/6 Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

### Welcome **New Parishioners**

Christopher Gill Wendí Betting

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration forms in the office and on the Commons Credenza.

#### TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185 reception@holycomforterparish.org

#### MASS INTENTIONS

8 AM Matthew Schnur **5 PM** Stephanie Clark (Dotty and George Lilly)

#### SUNDAY (2/27)

**11 AM** Coby Savona Jr. (Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek) **2 PM** John Smith and Family

#### MONDAY (2/28)

12 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

#### TUESDAY(3/1)

7 AM † Antonia and † Divo Costa (Lucy Brudner)

#### Wednesday (3/2)

7 AM Lisa Schneider (LaDeane Barnes) 12 PM Intentions of Karafa Family 6 PM Steve Owens, for Healing

#### Thursday (3/3)

FRIDAY (3/4) 12 PM Pam Messina (LaDean Barnes)

#### SATURDAY (3/5)

8 AM † Paul Marsh (Margaret Marsh) 5 PM Members of the Parish

#### SUNDAY (3/6)

8 AM Outreach Volunteers, Especially Those with Health Concerns (Outreach Staff) **11 AM** † Jane Till Danilek 2 PM Special Intentions (Melinda Wells)

### PARISH NEWS



### **GIFTS FROM GOD**

#### WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 2022

OFFERTORY	\$7,367
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	(\$8,300)
BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET	(\$933)

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

2/13/2022 Outreach

How do we know someone loves us? Is it through the sweet words they say to us, the grand promises they make? While these things can

be part of the equation, we come to learn that love can only prove itself through deeds. We know someone loves us not when they *say* they love us, but when they *show* they love us—by prioritizing us, caring for us, and seeking our good, even when it might mean making a sacrifice.

if this applies to us determining if someone loves us, it can also help us reflect on whether we truly love others. Do the things we say we believe about love, giving generously, and serving others lead to concrete deeds in our lives—the "good fruit" Christ talks about in today's Gospel—or do they tend to not translate into action?

It can be difficult to tell! But the Lord gives us opportunities to put love into action each and every day—in our family, our workplace, and our wider community. As a parish, we actually have one of those opportunities before us today: the chance to contribute to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. This is a concrete opportunity to not only give generously, but also to contribute to the "good fruit" that our diocese is producing today, sharing the love of the Lord with so many

> who desire to receive it. Ask Him how He's inviting you to put your love into action today. Please scan the QR Code to donate today. Thank you and God bless!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The Lord has become my protector; he has brought me forth into free and open spaces; he delivered me because he was well pleased with me. Offertory: Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul; save me for the sake of your love. Communion: I will sing unto the Lord who has dealt bountifully with me; I will praise the name of the Lord, the Most High.

The passage from Sirach in the first reading is pithy and sets the stage nicely for the Gospel, which treats of much the same content. In short, avoid hypocrisy and cherish self-knowledge, the grace that is the beginning of spiritual growth. It is in light of these themes that we join our prayer to the Offertory Antiphon, begging the Lord to save our souls "for the sake of your love." As always, the Psalmist uses just the right words – we do not deserve mercy, yet it is God's very nature to show mercy as an expression of His omnipotent love. Those who are contrite and appeal to His love may expect His mercy with confidence. Receiving the excellent aift of self-knowledge humbles us and truly should lead us to "sing unto the Lord who has dealt bountifully with [us]", no true growth can occur without knowing our weaknesses. All this is a perfect preparation for Lent, which starts this week! Pray for this knowledge of self, give thanks to the Lord for it, and then do the work that needs to be done to remove the plank from your eye. Let the Epistle from Paul about the "sting of death" being lost in the victory of immortality spur us on to persevere through our Lenten penances and life's crosses, knowing that the victor of self will find eternal rest and never again fear the loss of God's friendship through sin. Miserere nobis Domine!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Melínda Wells,, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

#### <u>CALENDAR</u>

- February 27, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation/Sacraments
- February 27, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- February 27, Sunday, 8 AM Mass: RCIA Rite of Sending
- February 27, Sunday, 12:30-1:30 PM: Lenten Reading Group,
   "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Super by Brant Pitre. (LL)
- March 1, Tuesday, 7 PM-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group
- March 5, Saturday, 10:30 AM-12 PM: First Penance (First Sacraments)
- March 5, Saturday, 3:00 PM: RCIA Rite of Election Location: Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Richmond
- March 6, Sunday, 4:30-5:30 PM: Zoom Presentation; "Rooted in Prayer: The Life and Spirituality of Dorothy Day" Laura Brown, Casa Alma

#### First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** 

*Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15* A prayer for God's protection Second Reading Romans 10:8-13 Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

#### Gospel

*Luke 4:1-13* In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Emmett Dudley, Dominique Faust, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Pam Heron, Barbara Isaac, Victoria Lannon, Michael Ludgate, Scarlett Makielski, Kitty Moore, Mary Mullen, Mary Nguyen, Marian Ortmann, Mary Polce, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and their two children.

#### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Christine Benteejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Joe Ferguson, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Dave Ibbeken, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Frank McClendon, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, Randall Saathoff, Julia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, David Shrank, Jonathan Shrank, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, B. Waugh Crigler, Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala, Andrew Wood, and Carol Wood.

#### MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Joey Smith, Matthew Schrank, Benjamin Schrank, Jonathan 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: If you would like a name added or removed, please call the Office 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

Holy Comforter Parishioners, Francis & Erminia Olimpio-Poni Janabio are fundraising to adopt their orphaned niece, Sarafina, in South Sudan. *Please use this link for more information;* 

https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-better-life-for-sarafina

#### MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH</u>: We appreciate your continued contributions and donations to Outreach! Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place by the 3rd Street door. Please leave any food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. Thank you for helping those in need. God Bless!

<u>HAITI:</u> Bi Parish Haiti Committee: Dan Wassilchalk 434 852-6126 or <u>dmw9v@virginia.edu</u>. Ginny Zeller ginnyannZeller@gmail.com. New members are welcome! Haiti Committee website:

hhtps://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news A word from Fr. Petina,"The Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) has sent us our new Residential Doctor for her year of Social Service (first year of practice under medical supervision).

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY along with the Prison Ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul, would like to invite parishioners to participate in a Sunday prison ministry to the women's prison in Fluvanna Co. Please email Will Kulick <u>wkulick@vt.edu</u> or cell: 540-308-5152

THE SACRISTAN MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS to maintain the beauty of our church altar by caring for the altar cloths and altar linens. Service as a sacristan is a lovely way to quietly serve the parish. <u>Parent/Teen teams are welcome and encouraged to</u>

volunteer! Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Suzanne Bailey at <a href="mailto:slank@ntelos.net">slank@ntelos.net</a> or (434) 326-3166.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is the Synod on Synodality? This is an initiative of our Church to hear from every Catholic worldwide on "Communion, Participation, and Mission". Please review the "Participant's Guide" which is on the Diocesan website or in Flocknote. Hard copies are available in the Commons. Please use the Guide to formulate & record your thoughts. Parish "facilitators" are looking forward to hearing your thoughts. An in-person meeting & a Zoom meeting are planned. Additional details are in Flocknote.

Interested in reading and discussing a book for Lent? "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Brant Pitre.Sundays, 12:30-1:30PM Feb. 27, Mar 6, 20, and April 3. Sign up on the RE Table in the Commons, For more information; Patricia McAdams, pamcadams@yahoo.com

**Brown Scapular Enrollment** Enrollment in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 8:00AM, First Saturday Mass, March 5. Email Patricia McAdams at <u>pamcadams@yahoo.com</u> or see RE Table in Commons. Enter into Lent prayerfully with inspiration from Servant of God, Dorothy Day. On Sunday, March 6 from 4:30-5:30pm Laura Brown, co-founder of the Charlottesville Catholic Worker, will give a Zoom presentation, "Rooted in Prayer: the Life and Spirituality of Dorothy Day." Please email <u>cvillecw@gmail.com</u> to register.

Holy Comforter Parishioner, Lydia Ward a 17 year old homeschooled senior who loves to organize and declutter, would like to offer 1-hour intervals, FOR FREE, helping Holy Comforter families to organize in exchange for a positive reviews if they feel she has done a good job. Please email <u>lg.ward@outlook.com</u> or 786-761-2593

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time-February 27, 2022** "Therefore...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord," Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

### FROM THE PASTOR



PREPARING FOR LENT

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

#### AND

"An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules." 2 Timothy 2:5

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2022). Are you ready? Lent is considered the Catholic's favorite season of the year! Even many non-Catholics take the time to get ashes. But this ancient practice is often misunderstood by non-Catholics. Have you ever had a helpful person say, "You have something on your forehead", thinking you picked up some dirt somewhere?

Ash Wednesday is a great start to Lent, but have you prepared enough to take on that journey? We are creatures of our senses. We experience the world, and in fact, we experience God through our senses. Holy water fonts remind us of our baptism; genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament reminds us of the Real Presence of Jesus; the bread and wine become Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—the Catholic Faith uses physical reminders of theological truths seriously, and we can do something like that in our own daily lives and even at our homes to remind us of the season of Lent. Don't you think that can be included in your planning? Besides preparing your home with daily physical reminders, prepare your heart with daily spiritual reminders. The Church recommends prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent. What is your schedule for these three pillars? *If you don't have a daily prayer habit,* Lent is the perfect time to begin! If you do, you can add a devotion or practice that will improve your Lenten preparations and help you remain attentive to the spirit of Lent. Keep it simple or you will feel overwhelmed and be less likely to keep it up. Many people find a Lenten booklet especially helpful in persevering without feeling overwhelmed. Besides daily prayer, consider going to confession more frequently and adding a daily Mass, if you are able. The sacraments are the greatest gifts the Lord gave us for growing in grace, and we should utilize them as often as possible.

An aspect of Lent that is often forgotten is fasting – very few like to fast! With our American culture that provides abundance, surrounded by so many comforts and pleasures, and instant gratification, it can be so difficult to allow ourselves to experience any form of detachment! The Church only requires that we abstain from meat every Friday in Lent and on Ash Wednesday, and that we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, eating only one full meal and two snacks that only add up to another meal. That's not too harsh. But fasting can be much broader than that. Think outside the box. The goal of "offering something up for Lent" is to turn our minds to God.

The third pillar is Almsgiving. This traditionally refers to helping the poor financially, but by extension, we can help anyone in need by our actions, as well. How? Create a "giving jar" or use the baby bottles from the pregnancy center. Make a practice of putting in your loose change every day. On days that you fast from your morning coffee or some other item, put in what it might have cost you, so you give to the poor instead. Go through your things and see what you can give away, clean your closet! Pick someone you know who needs to know the love of Jesus. We must witness by our lives as much as by our words.

There are many ways to apply prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our own lives and experiences. Take some time before Lent to really think about to how utilize the season to prepare your soul to grow in faith. Come on –let's go! **"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** 

