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Saturday Vigil* 5 PM

*Masks Required

Sunday 8 AM + 11 AM

Traditional Latin 2 PM

Monday + Friday 12 PM

(except First Friday)

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

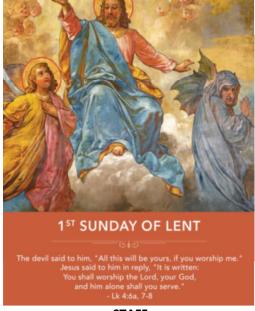
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday~ 6:30-7:30 PM Thursday 6:30-7 PM ~First Friday & Holy Hour 7 PM-8 PM

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 OF LENT

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

9:45 AM RCIA

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

11 AM Mass (Livestream)

1:30 PM Confession

2:00 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (3/7)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/8)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

7 PM-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL)

WEDNESDAY (3/9)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (3/10)

7 AM Mass

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

6:30 PM-7 PM Confession

7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (3/11)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary

of Reparation

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Soup following)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (3/12)

8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (3/13) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM Mass

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

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, Oglorious 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 TUESDAY(3/8) into my heart. I embrace You as if You 7 AM † Albert J. Lilly, Jr. 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. Thursday (3/10) The Penitential Psalms begins at 2:45 PM with Rosary of Reparation at 3 PM. For more information, please email Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com

3/8 Saint Frances of Rome

3/9 Saint Agnes of Bohemia

3/10 Saint Dominic Savio

3/11 Saint John Ogilvie

3/12 Blessed Angela Salawa

3/13 Saint Leander of Seville

Welcome **New Parishioners**

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

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)

MONDAY (3/7)

12 PM † Philip Albach (Jill & Steve Paitsel)

(Dotty and George Lilly)

Wednesday (3/9)

7 AM † Matthew Albach

7 AM † Vincent Kelly

FRIDAY (3/11)

12 PM † Joseph Demendi, Sr.

SATURDAY (3/12)

8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary **5 PM** † John Douglas

SUNDAY (3/13)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Mike Charlie (Idette Charlie)

2 PM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3/6 Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes 3/7 Saint John of God

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

3/5 Saint John Joseph of the Cross

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

LITURGICAL NOTES

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 2022 OFFERTORY \$16,609 WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET (\$8,300)

\$8,309

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace 3/2/2022 Ash Wednesday (For St. Vincent De Paul) 3/13/2022 Outreach 3/20/2022 Easter Flowers 3/27/2022 Catholic Relief Services



ABOVE WEEKLY BUDGET

It can be easy to read today's Gospel primarily as an account of Jesus saying "no." No to the devil's temptations of earthly comfort, no to idols of power and glory, and no to arrogantly manipulating God's will.

But this Gospel passage is as much about what Jesus is saying "yes" to as it is what he's saying "no" to. Each denial of the devil is really a profound affirmation of Christ's not because things like bread or even ruling are bad, but because they're being offered to him on the condition that He turns away from God the Father. In fact, Jesus' the devil's temptations. He isn't "going it alone." Instead, he's relying upon the strength of the Father to carry him through. It's relationship, not isolated "willpower," that is the source of His strength.

This is such an important lesson for us as we begin our Lenten season. Lenten disciplines are not about proving our "spiritual toughness." They're about abandoning ourselves more fully to the Father, so that we might not "live on bread alone." One way we do this during Lent is through the practice of *almsgiving*—giving to the poor or to some other worthy cause. One cause our parish is striving to support is the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. At the beginning of this Lenten season, let's embrace almsgiving as an opportunity to say "yes" to the Father and our relationship with Him.

Entrance: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and hon-or him; with long life will I satisfy him.

Offertory: The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a

Communion: He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield. Psalm 90 (91) is featured in all three of today's antiphons. We see a similar emphasis on particular psalms in the Sundays of Advent (Psalm 24) and Easter (Psalm 117). The Psalmist here speaks of God's solicitousness for those who live according to His will. Our Lord would have prayed this fervently during His ministry; all the psalms in fact were ultimately inspired by the Holy Spirit that Christ might offer in His humanity prayer to God in all situations of life, thereby providing an example to us in our lives of prayer. This psalm is fittingly prayed while Our Lord undergoes temptations in preparation for His public ministry, trusting in His Father's protection in all His endeavors. It is deeply moving to see all the sufferings He endured in order to provide us an example of living and to save us from our sins. The most beautiful passage in all of Lent is the Entrance Antiphon for Ash Wednesday, which praises God's mercy and declares that "you despise nothing you have made". All of creation, and humanity in particular, is loved by identity as the Son of God. Jesus rejects these temptations, God because it is the work of His hands. He will therefore give us every chance to turn our lives around and will repent, so to speak, of any punishment for our sins if we turn to Him. Truly, His mercy endures relationship with the Father is the source of his resistance to forever! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

CALENDAR

- 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: Holy Comforter Dorothy Day Guild Zoom Presentation; "Rooted in Prayer" The Life and Spirituality of Dorothy Day" by Laura Brown, Casa Alma
- March 8, Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF **LENT**

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14 A prayer to God who is our salvation Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1 Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

March 6, 2022 First Sunday in Lent

PARISH NEWS



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!

HAITI: Bi Parish Haiti Committee: Dan Wassilchalk 434 852-6126 or dmw9v@virginia.edu. 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 wkulick@vt.edu 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. Parent/Teen teams are welcome and encouraged to volunteer! Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Suzanne Bailey at slank@ntelos.net or (434) 326-3166.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is the Synod on Synodality? Parish listening sessions for the Synod on Synodality will take place on March 10 & 13. Please see Flocknote for details & to sign up.

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

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

<u>Holy Comforter Parishioner, Lydia Ward</u> a 17 year old homeschooled senior who loves to organize and declutter, is offering 1-hour intervals, FOR FREE! She is 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 call 786-761-2593.

Day." Please email cvillecw@gmail.com to register.

Save the Date! "27th"Annual Gala Auction" Charlottesville Catholic School Saturday, April 30, 2022. Sponsorships available, call 434-964-0400 or email c.smith@cvillecatholic.org

First Sunday of Lent-March 6, 2022 "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God." Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Job Openings are available Please see Jobs@richmonddiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR





THE JOURNEY OF RENEWAL—LENT 2022

Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Do not call to mind the former things; pay no attention to the things of old. Behold I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert."

Isaiah 43:18-19

Each year, many Christians from varying denominations welcome the new buds of spring with the celebration of Lent. The observation of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The word "Lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon term "lencten" (relating to the lengthening of days), which translates to "spring". Whatever tradition one belongs to, Lent is a period of the deepening and broadening of spiritual life – that is, a deepening of insight, self-discipline, and dedication, and a broadening of outlook, compassion, and vision. The leaders of the early church realized what this period of self-denial, self-discipline, and prayer meant in Jesus' life, so they established this period to help the early Christians realize that the fulfillment of Christian living came through these very acts. Today, people observe Lent in a variety of ways. Some observe it by giving up certain things, others by taking on certain things.

Whether some Christians fast from certain foods or others continue feasting, one thing should be made clear: in following Christ, all have a deep need to fast from sins which undermine our growth in Christ's way of life. It should also be remembered that

Lent is not only a season of giving up certain things but also doing certain positive things for the Love of God and Love of neighbor. Lent is designed to be a period of growth and advancement in Christian faith and practices. Self-denial just for the sake of giving up something means nothing. Each of us needs those times when we set out for ourselves to think of the primary concerns of our lives as God intended it. We need to put aside all unnecessary, unimportant activities and interests and center our thinking and actions on that which gives proper direction to our living a life that glorifies God. It will be a blessing if Lent becomes for us a season of real fasting and renewal in our way of thinking about more ways to work for our salvation.

Ever since I started to meditate on the Scriptures, I have always loved the text from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, which reads: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:20 The transformation mentioned here, in Greek, is a literal "metamorphosis", and the word for "mind" comes directly from the Greek word nous, the same root we see at play in the second component of the word metanoia. The Greek word metanoia in the New Testament is almost always rendered into English as "repentance". Repentance and metanoia together can help us open our eyes, drop the old, crushing weight of our guilt and shame, and unlock the doorway to freedom, trust, love, and a new way of living.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help us Catholics to renew our life in and with Christ, encourages each member to do at least the minimum during Lent. We are asked to FAST and ABSTAIN from meat on certain days. Fasting means to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. Abstinence means not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are required to observe all days of fasting and abstinence, which is one of precepts of the Church.

Those 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics between the ages of 16 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. They may eat one full meal on these days, and two small meals to maintain strength. The two small meals together must not equal the size of one full meal. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so. This includes mental health: Fasting may be harmful for someone who struggles with an eating disorder. Such a person might do an alternate penance on the days of fasting. Pregnant and nursing women are exempt from the fast.

To be continued...



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