

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

MARCH 13, 2022

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil* *Masks Required	5 PM
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
Thursday Holy Hour	7 PM

CONFESSION

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

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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hile he was still spe aking, a cloud car er them, and they becar This is my chosen Son: listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late, take time for your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 25-27, 2022 in Warrenton, VA and May 6-8, 2022 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https:/renewmarriagevasouth.org/

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 9:15-10:15AM RCIA 11 AM Mass (Livestream) 1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass MONDAY (3/14) 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (3/15) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 7 PM-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL) WEDNESDAY (3/16) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession THURSDAY (3/17) 7 AM Mass 12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch 6:30 PM-7 PM Confession 7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (3/18) 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 Dinner) 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (3/19) 8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) 6:30-8:30 PM St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner SUNDAY (3/20) THIRD 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

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

3/12 Blessed Angela Salawa 3/13 Saint Leander of Seville 3/14 Saint Maximillian Kolbe

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 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. The Penitential Psalms begins at 2:45 PM with Rosary of Reparation at 3 PM. 12 PM Anne Marie Gaglio For more information, please email Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com

3/15 Saint Louise de Marillac 3/16 Saint Clement Mary Hobauer 3/17 Saint Patrick 3/18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem 3/19 Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary 3/20 Saint Salvator of Horta

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 (3/12)

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

MONDAY (3/14)

12 PM Roxie Hayett (Scarlett Makielski)

TUESDAY(3/15)

7 AM Michael MacFarland and Family (Scarlett Makielski)

Wednesday (3/16) 7 AM Stanley Makielski (Scarlett Makielski)

Thursday (3/17) 7 AM Special Intentions (Melinda Well)

FRIDAY (3/18) (Mary Frances Lilly)

SATURDAY (3/19)

8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary **5 PM** Anne Marie Gaglio (Dotty and George Lilly)

SUNDAY (3/20)

8 AM † Jane Till Danilek 11 AM Members of the Parish 2 PM Sarah

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 2022

Offertory	\$3,762
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,300)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$4,538)

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 (Catholic Relief Services is

partnering with CARITAS in providing relief on the ground in Ukraine.)



The Transfiguration reveals Jesus as the Son of God—but this isn't for Jesus's sake.

the conviction that He is the Son of God that will sustain these apostles at their darkest hour—in John's case, at the foot of the Cross, and for Peter, in the aftermath of his denial of Christ.

The Transfiguration is a gift for us as well. We're on our own journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem, as we move into the second week of Lent. Jesus reminds of His glory, and His power over death, just as the going can get a little tough for us—when the Lenten practices and penances we committed to so eagerly just over a week ago can begin to shows us that He isn't a prize we'll receive on the other side of Easter, but He's a presence that will be with us throughout the journey-including in our Lenten "darkest hours!"

One practice we're emphasizing as a parish this Lent is • almsgiving - especially giving to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Transfiguration helps us see that when we pick \blacklozenge up our cross through our giving -especially when it involves some sacrifice on our part - we are not alone. We're with Jesus, the Lord of Life. Let's meditate upon the Transfiguration and see how we might be moved to give in ٠

light of the truth of who Jesus is and His closeness to us.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15 God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

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salm 103:1-4,6-7,8,11 A prayer in praise of God's mercy

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Remember your mercies, Lord, and your love which is from all eternity. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations.

Offertory: I shall meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands towards your commandments which I love.

Communion: Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

Jesus reveals to Peter, James, and John today His double nature of the God-Man. This was meant to confirm that everything He taught was true and to give them strength to endure His imminent Passion. Alas, that we could receive such a grace! Now, not only does He hide His Divinity from us but also His Humanity. Our lives of faith are guite incredible in this regard! In the hymn Adoro Te Devote there is a nice turn of phrase about the Eucharist: "On the cross the Godhead alone lay hidden, but here likewise lies hidden the manhood". We are called to stake our lives on hidden truths, a superhuman E He already knows his identity. Instead, the feat that is impossible without heavenly aid. This why the virtue of Faith is Transfiguration is a gift for His apostles. supernatural; it is a gift, unlike, say, prudence, which can be acquired through Just before the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, practice. God does not ask of us that which we cannot handle, and if it is bewhere He will suffer His passion and death, yond our natural abilities, He supplies grace. Hence, our Lord reveals Himself He gives Peter, John, and James a glimpse of His glory and to His closest apostles in order to prepare them for trials that would likely the truth of who He is. It is this experience of His glory and break even the most loyal of disciples. Let us receive the prayer of the Entrance Antiphon into our hearts, trusting in God to deliver us "from all our tribulations". When the Scriptures speak of trials, they are often spiritual in addition to temporal, including the temptation to doubt what has been handed down to us and thereby despair of God's mercy and even His very existence. We must learn to meditate on His commandments and see the joy and peace they bring to the soul, which should compel us to "greatly love" them because in them we see a merciful God showing us how to navigate the troubled waters of this life. May we find the strength with God's help to persevere unto the end so that we can truly say with Peter, "Lord, it is good to feel like burdens. By revealing His power and glory, Jesus be here [in heaven]". Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells,, Dírector of Religious Education

- Calendar
- March 13, 20, 27, Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation
 - March 13, Sunday, 9:15-10:15: RCIA
- March 15, 22, 29, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group Meeting
- March 20, 27, Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- March 20, Sunday 10:15-11:45 AM: St. Patrick Presentation, All Welcome!
- March 20, Sunday, 12:30-1:30 PM: Lenten Reading Group
- March 22, 29, Sundays, 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- March 25, Friday, 5:30-8 PM & March 26, Saturday, 8 AM-4 PM: RCIA Retreat

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9 Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

March 13, 2022 Second Sunday of Lent



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, Kathy Robinson, 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

OUTREACH: We appreciate your continued contributions and donations to Outreach! Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place by the 3rd Street door. During February we provided 66 households with 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:

https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee website: hhtps://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news Inflation has been estimated at 25%. This has been felt in the village, but not as dramatic as in the cities. Port-au-Prince, in the south, is still having dramatic civil unrest. In the north, Cap Haitian area, has had severe flooding. So far, our Central Department has seen neither.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH LIFE IS HOSTING A SPAGHETTI DINNER on Saturday, March 19, 6:30 PM in honor of St. Joseph! We will provide the spaghetti. Please bring salads and drinks. *Don't forget to bring bread for the St. Joseph Table!* Please RSVP through Flocknote so we have a numbers estimate. You are invited...St Patrick Presentation: Sunday, 10:15-10:45 AM (LL) Catechist Sherry Schemmel will be presenting a video on the life of St. Patrick! Everyone is welcome!

<u>What is the Synod on Synodality?</u> 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; Please email Patricia McAdams, pamcadams@yahoo.com

Holy Comforter Parishioner, Lydia Ward is 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.
Second Sunday of Lent-March 13, 2022 "This is my beloved Son, hear him." Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian Capuano; or write tovocations@richmonddiocese.org.
IMPACT friends at Holy Comforter: The rally is on Tuesday, March 15. We'll Zoom at 5:30 pm for a parish meeting, then join the rally (also on Zoom). Rally will inform us on questions that we'll be asking officials at

the Nehemiah Action. Our issues this year are affordable housing, childcare, and transportation (care for creation). The Nehemiah Action is on Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 via ZOOM. To obtain Zoom link for rally and Nehemiah Action, please email denise.zito@gmail.com.

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FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOURNEY OF RENEWAL—LENT 2022

Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down, and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful...So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will." Isaiah 55:10-11

During this time of Lent, we are encouraged to listen more to the word of God with the view of renewing of our lives. We know that rain and snow are part of a cyclical water process. Rain comes upon the earth, drains into the land, and produces the growth of crops, achieving the refreshment and sustenance of human life. Rain and snow come from above and do not return above without accomplishing their purpose. God compares His Word to the rain and snow because, like the rainfall, God's Word always fulfills His good purposes.

When God says that His Word will not return to Him void, we can know that He has an intention for His Word. God's Word is from above. He "breathed" His words to us, and they were recorded in the scriptures: **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" 2 Timothy 3:16.** Every word He gave humanity is purposeful and was given for a reason. Like the rain and snow, God's words bring forth life and produce good fruit in our lives, as the Lord said: **"The words I have spoken to** you—they are full of the Spirit and life" (Jn. 6:36). Through His Word, we know that God loves us and that Jesus died to free us from sin and death; we also learn how to live in light of those truths.

When God says that His Word will not return to Him void, we are encouraged to abide in His Word, allowing it to seep into our lives and soaking it up as the ground soaks up the rain and snow. The truth will not return void as our hearts are changed. God's Word rebukes us and corrects us when we are wrong, and it trains us in godly living. His Word is a light guiding us in this dark world: **"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" Psalm 119:105.** It is relevant to every pressing and practical problem. God's Word will always accomplish what He desires, whether it is teaching, correcting, training, leading us to Him, revealing our sin, or some other good and profitable end.

When God says that His Word will not return to Him void, we are also made to understand that God is sovereign. The promise is that God's Word will accomplish what He wants it to, not necessarily what we want it to. We may share the Word with the purpose of changing someone's mind—and the person's mind doesn't change. Was God's Word void? No, but our personal goals may have been different from God's. Like the wind that "blows wherever it pleases," the Holy Spirit moves in mysterious ways. God may use His Word in surprising ways, at surprising times, and in surprising people. We can't predict exactly how God will use His Word any more than meteorologists can predict with certitude the rainfall and snowfall.

God's Word will not return void. It is too powerful. When God said, **"Let there be light"**, the immediate result was that **"there was light" Genesis 1:3**. When Jesus said, **"Peace! Be still!" Mark 4:39**, the wind ceased, and the sea calmed. God's Word will always prevail; God will succeed, and those who receive His Word will succeed as well, 1 John 5:4.

During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes, and decisions of the followers of Christ.

To be continued...

