

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

MARCH 20, 2022

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📃 MASS TIMES

| Saturday Vigil* *Masks Required | 5 PM |
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| Sunday | 8 AM + 11 AM |
| Traditional Latin | 2 PM |
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| Monday + Friday | 12 PM |
| (except First Friday) | |
| Tuesday-Thursday | 7 AM |
| First Friday | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday | 8 AM |
| Thursday Holy Hour | 7 PM |
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CONFESSION

| Monday, Wednesday, Friday [^] | 6:30-7:30 PM |
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| 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

> Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays <u>dre@holycomforterparish.org</u>



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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| OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, | | |
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| 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. | | |

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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/



SATURDAY (3/19) SAINT JOSEPH FEAST DAY

8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration 8 AM-3:00 PM RCIA Retreat 5 PM Vigil Mass RCIA 2nd Scrutiny (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 MONDAY (3/21) 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (3/22) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 7 PM-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL) WEDNESDAY (3/23) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession THURSDAY (3/24) 7 AM Mass 12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch 6:30 PM-7 PM Confession 7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (3/25) 9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 12 PM Mass 2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary of Reparation 5:30-8 PM RCIA Retreat 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Soup Dinner) 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (3/26) 8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration 8 AM-3 PM RCIA Retreat 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) SUNDAY (3/27) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8 AM Mass 9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation 9:45 AM RCIA 11 AM Mass RCIA 3rd Scrutiny (Livestream) 1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

3/19 Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary3/20 Saint Salvator of Horta3/21 Blessed John of Parma

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*. For more information, please email Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com

3/22 Saint Nicholas Owen
3/23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
3/24 Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero
3/25 Annunciation of the Lord
3/26 Saint Catherine of Genoa
3/27 Saint Gregory of Narek

Welcome New Parishioners

Keith and Michelle Haynes & children Matthew and Renata Henriksen

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 (3/19)

8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary5 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

MONDAY (3/21)

12 PM † Betty Jane Prufer and † Mary Prufer (Michael Santori Family)
<u>TUESDAY(3/22)</u>
7 AM † Sarah Neathery (Eleanor and Ed Shaffrey)

Wednesday (3/23) 7 AM Kisi Thompson (Jill Paitsel)

Thursday (3/24) 7 AM Special Intentions (Jill Paitsel)

FRIDAY (3/25) 12 PM III and Homebound † Jane Till Danilek

<u>SATURDAY (3/26)</u>

8 AM † Gene Cadman (Christine Morrison)5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (3/27)

8 AM † Ron Lavis (Eileen Lavis)
11 AM Lane Embrey
2 PM † Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 2022

| Offertory | \$15,060 |
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| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$8,300) |
| Above Weekly Budget | \$6,760 |

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Easter Flowers + Justice and Peace

3/2/2022 Ash Wednesday (For St. Vincent De Paul)

3/13/2022 Outreach

3/20/2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal (Make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Richmond and include your address for proper credit.) 3/27/2022 Catholic Relief Services (Catholic Relief Services is partnering with CARITAS in providing relief on the ground in Ukraine.)



In today's Gospel, Jesus calls out an uncomfortable truth about our fallen human nature: we like to locate fault and blame outside ourselves. Jesus corrects this tendency, which is too

often an excuse for ignoring our own need for conversion — our own need to produce good fruit.

Lent is a season dedicated to overcoming this "blame-shifting" tendency. It's a season of self-reflection, repentance, and growth in our relationship with God. Our Lenten disciplines and practices give us a concrete opportunities to stop focusing on the perceived shortcomings of others, and to focus on making concrete acts of love and producing good fruit.

One discipline we've been focusing on this Lent is the practice of almsgiving. Being challenged to give to others doesn't allow us to point fingers and highlight their shortcomings. It forces us to reflect on our own generosity and trust in the Lord. Rather than something scary, this should be a welcomed opportunity to be more fully converted to Christ. We have many concrete opportunities for almsgiving, including giving to our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Reread Christ's parable about the fig tree and see what kind of good fruit he might be asking you to produce.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Joshua 5:9a,10-12 The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-7 A prayer of praise to God.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for he shall release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute.

Offertory: The ordinances of the Lord are right, bringing joy to all hearts,

sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. Therefore your servant will observe them.

Communion: The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in your house, they shall praise you for ever and ever.

It is striking how eschatological (end-times related) the Mass gets this week! The call for repentance rings like a clarion call in the Gospel, reminding us that destruction awaits those who obstinately refuse to turn away from evil. St. Paul provides us with the example of the Israelites in the desert, who offended God by their faithlessness and "grumbling" after everything He had done for them. As we know, most of them died wandering in the desert and never made it to the Promised Land. He described them as a "warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come." The "end of the ages" – more eschatological

language! Against this backdrop of "Repent!" and "time is running out", the Propers offer us a fitting response to the Gospel message. By acknowledging our weakness ("I am abandoned and destitute"), we open the door into our souls to let God transform us so that we learn to love the things of God and not merely respond in a robotic manner. Obeying the laws of God ultimately brings "joy to all hearts" because there is peace in relying solely on God instead of trying to carve out our own paths, fraught with the dangers of our tendency towards

self-centeredness. The laws of God direct our gaze heavenward and to our neighbor, i.e., outside of ourselves, enabling us to "forget ourselves", so to speak, and freeing us from the fear that arises from self-concern. God is in charge, and if we are faithful to Him and call out to Him in our need, He will surely not abandon us! "The sparrow [our soul] herself a home[...]at your altars, O Lord of hosts." Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Calendar

- March 19, Saturday, 5 PM Mass: RCIA Second Scrutiny
- March 20, Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation
- March 20, 27, Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
 - March 20, Sunday, 12:30-1:30 PM: Lenten Reading Group
- March 22, 29, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group Meeting
- March 25, Friday, 5:30-8 PM and March 26, Saturday, 8 AM-3 PM: RCIA Retreat
- March 27, Sunday, 11 AM Mass: RCIA Third Scrutiny

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel *Luke* 15:1-3,11-32 Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Emmett Dudley, Dominique Faust, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Pam Heron, Barbara Isak, Victoria Lannon, Eileen Lavis, 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, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Matthew 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 served 212 individuals in Soup Kitchen. 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

The internet/phone system is bad in the village and deteriorating. School is in session, but frequently cancels mid-day because of these conditions and Father Petina said it is the reason we are not getting reports or hearing from him. Hence, the Haiti committee decided to investigate increasing the solar power and battery backup at the church and rectory. This will eliminate using a generator, except for extreme emergency situations. Cost of diesel fuel has become very costly, at times exceeding \$10 per gallon.

NEW EVANGELISM: The acclaimed *Sharing Christ* program is being offered by Incarnation Parish Wednesday April 20 for seven weeks. For details & to register visit the Incarnation website. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" Matthew 28:19-20.*

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! 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.

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, <u>pamcadams@yahoo.com</u>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 20, 2022 "I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOURNEY OF RENEWAL—LENT 2022 Part III Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

The Second Vatican Council Document, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #109 says: "The season of Lent has a twofold character: primarily by recalling or preparing for baptism and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery. This twofold character is to be brought into greater prominence both in the liturgy and by liturgical catechesis." From such a statement we can say that Lent has two equally important aspects: A baptismal one and a penitential one. Often, we tend to over-emphasize the penitential one. Traditionally those preparing to be baptized or received in the Church do their final preparations during Lent. They are called Catechumens, and we do see a special emphasis on baptism for them during Lent, but all of us should be recalling our Baptism. At the Easter Vigil we will all be renewing our Baptismal promises.

What really happens at Baptism? By going through the waters of Baptism, literally plunging into the waters (the word baptism comes from the Greek baptizein, which means "to plunge") just as the people in the time of Noah went through the flood, we die to sin; all sin is buried in the waters, and we come up on the other side, reborn into a new life of Christ. Baptism is a death and a resurrection. St. Paul says that all who are baptized are baptized into the death of Christ, we are buried with him, so that as Christ is raised, we too can walk in the newness of life (Rm 6:3-4; Col 2:12). We can say that the renewal of our baptismal promises is the goal of Lent. All our Lenten activities should move us toward this goal. For example, when we go to Confession during Lent, it has an added significance. *Our Lenten Confessions should prepare us to reject Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises and to make a deep act of faith in the Father, Son, and Spirit.*

When we give alms, pray, and fast during Lent, we should do so secretly and sacrificially (Mt 6:1-18). We should let the Lord put us in a position where we need help, when only our heavenly Father knows our need. Then, when our Father provides, we will know that He did it, for He was the only One Who knew our need. Thus, we will have a greater faith in our Father. This will encourage us to simplify our lifestyle, which will give God the Father more opportunities to father us. We will then be in a lifestyle of ever-increasing faith. This kind of lifestyle is the best context for renewing our baptismal promises.

When we read, pray, and study God's word during Lent, we are not merely reading for information or inspiration. We are reading to grow in faith, for faith comes through hearing and hearing through the Word of God (Rm 10:17). With our faith growing deeper, we are preparing to make the greatest act of faith: the renewal of our baptismal promises. When we see that all the roads of Lent lead to the renewal of our baptismal promises, we understand that a "good Lent" does not merely mean that we've gone to Confession and have been faithful to our Lenten practices. This is a necessary start, but a good Lent also means that I have repented of all sin in my life and have gone to Confession. Despite my weakness, by God's grace, I have committed myself to obeying the Lord. Therefore, I can renounce Satan and be protected from his retaliation (Acts 19:13 ff). I can use my authority over him and bring down his strongholds (2 Cor 10:4). The extent of my penitential practices has put me in a position where I obviously needed God's practical help immediately. My heavenly Father has fathered me, and I now have a deeper faith than ever before.

If the Lord has His way, the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday will be the greatest act of faith of our lives. Even if we previously have totally committed our lives to the Father, Son, and Spirit, this Easter's renewal of our baptismal promises should not be a re-run, but especially a new life in God.

To be continued...

