

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## APRIL 24, 2022

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## MASS TIMES

| Saturday Vigil*<br>*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 <sup>^</sup> | 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 dre@holycomforterparish.org



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

### **STAFF**

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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.  |  |  |  |

| 1 | MINISTRIES                            |                                    |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
|   | Finance Council                       | Gary Krutul                        |  |  |
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| 2 | St. Vincent de Paul                   | (434) 226-8022                     |  |  |
|   | Holy Trinity Conference               | <u>info@svdp-ht.org</u>            |  |  |
|   | Works of Mercy (and Funerals          | • •                                |  |  |
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|   |                                       | Heather Burns                      |  |  |
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### PARISH VOLUNTEERS

| Building and Grounds         | Ed Mickiewicz    |
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| Extraordinary Ministers of t | he Eucharist     |
|                              | Heather Burns    |
| Haiti                        | Ginny Zeller     |
| Lectors                      | Matt Freeman     |
| Offertory Counters           | Lee Faust        |
| Sacristans                   | Suzanne Bailey   |
| Uganda                       | Theresa Lynch    |
| Ushers                       | Dennis Dougherty |
| Director of Information and  |                  |
| Webmaster                    | Matt Blumenfeld  |

### **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 May 6-8, 2022 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https:/renewmarriagevasouth.org/

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (4/23)

8 AM Mass 8 AM-2 PM Confirmation/HS Retreat 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks required) SUNDAY (4/24) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 8 AM Mass 9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass 1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass 3:15 PM Holy Hour MONDAY (4/25) 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession **TUESDAY (4/26)** 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 7-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL) WEDNESDAY (4/27) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession THURSDAY (4/28) 7 AM Mass 12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch 6:30-7 PM Confession 7 PM - 8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (4/29) 9-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 12 PM Mass 2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms and Rosary 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (4/30) 8 AM Mass 8 AM-1:30 PM 1st Communion Retreat 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks required) SUNDAY (5/1) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8 AM Mass 9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation 9:30 AM 1st Communion Practice 11 AM Mass 1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass

## SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

4/23 Saint George 4/24 Saint Fidelis of Singmaringen 4/25 Saint Mark

### **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 2 PM Ellie Bahirai 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 TUESDAY(4/26) embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from WEDNESDAY (4/27) 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 SATURDAY (4/30)

4/26 Saint Pedro de San Jose Betencur 4/27 Saint Louis Mary Gignion de Monfort 4/28 Saint Peter Chanel 4/29 Saint Catherine of Siena 4/30 Saint Pius V 5/1 Saint Joseph the Worker

## Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration forms are 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 (4/23)

8 AM In Honor of the Holy Family of Nazareth 5 PM Thomas Bondor

### SUNDAY (4/24)

**8 AM** MEMBERS OF THE PARISH 11 AM † Anne O'Neill

### MONDAY (4/25)

12 PM Deacon Henry Vinklarek (Alicia Vinklarek)

7 AM The Endress Family

7 AM The Elderly and Disabled

THURSDAY (4/28) 7 AM The Elderly and Disabled

FRIDAY (4/29) 12 PM III and Homebound Parishioners

8 AM The Elderly and Disabled 5 PM Members of the Parish

### SUNDAY (5/1))

**8 AM** † Robert Boone (Allen Family) 11 AM † Sarah Neathery (Parish Friends and Staff of Holy Comforter) 2 PM † Michael Echaniz (Peter Zinman)

## PARISH NEWS

## **GIFTS FROM GOD**

### WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 2022

| Offertory               | \$9,331   |   |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$8,300) | 1 |
| Above Weekly Budget     | \$1,031   | 1 |

LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** As newborn babes, alleluia, long for pure spiritual milk, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: The Angel of the Lord came down from heaven and said to the women: "The One whom you seek has risen, as he said he would", alleluia. **Communion:** Stretch forth your hand, and feel the place where the nails were, alleluia; and be not doubtful but believing, alleluia, alleluia. Today is "Quasmodo Sunday" because the first two words of the Entrance Antiphon are...wait for it...Quasi modo ("in a similar way" to newborn babes...)! St. Peter, our first Holy Father, is exhorting us to long to be fed that we might grow in strength and maturity in our faith. We are brought back to the time of the Resurrection when the apostles and disciples were just beginning to understand everything Jesus taught them. The Church is presenting us the central mystery of our Faith anew and calling us to go back to the essentials. We sinned, Christ chose to die to save us, and now He wants His saving message made known to the world. This begins with us turning to God like little children and encountering His infinite Mercy, letting it touch the deepest, darkest parts of our souls and transforming us. The Offertory and Communion Antiphons highlight the virtue of hope or trust, which, interestingly, is one of the central tenets of the Divine Merсy

message, which we also commemorate today. Our Lord said to St. Faustina (the visionary recipient of the Divine Mercy messages) the degree of trust with which we approach the "fount of mercy" corresponds to the degree of mercy shown to us. The more we open ourselves to the Love of God, the greater the transformation that takes place in our souls. Come join us for the Holy Hour in honor of Divine Mercy today circa 3:15pm (after Latin Mass) to receive from the abundance of Sacred Heart. Jesus, I trust in You!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

- April 23, Saturday, 8 AM-2 PM: Confirmation/HS Retreat
- April 24, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation
- April 24, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- April 26, Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM: HS Youth Group Meeting (LL)

**First Reading** *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32,40b-41* The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name. .

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13* A song of praise to God who rescues us. **Second Reading** *Revelation 5:11-14* John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

**Gospel** John 21:1-19 Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

**Annual Diocesan Appeal** (Make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Richmond and include your address for proper credit)

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace 4/10/2022 Outreach 4/15/2022 Good Friday (for Holy Land) 4/17/2022 Seminarians

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

### 4/24/2022 Ukraine Relief

Bishop Knestout has asked all parishes to lend financial support to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe who have opened their doors refugees from Ukraine. Contributions will be accepted in church or online

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Christ desires to remove our doubts and to give us His peace. His peace helps us to follow Him more fully and freely in all areas of life—including our support of the Church and of our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Ask for



Christ's peace and see how He moves you to give today. Contributions can be made at the Parish or by scanning the QR Code. (Please make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Richmond and include your address for proper credit.) We have met

64% of our \$26,170 parish goal so far! Thank you!!

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Dominique Faust, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Pam Heron, Barbara Isak, Victoria Lannon, Scarlett Makielski, Kitty Moore, 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, Grant Foley, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Dave Ibbeken, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Frank McClendon, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Joseph Schrank, Julia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, 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, Jonathan Shrank, 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! During the first quarter of 2022, Soup Kitchen distributed 650 bagged lunches. 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 and have a blessed Easter season!

SACRISTAN MINISTRY: Altar Cloth Sacristans are needed. They are responsible for maintaining the altar cloths and for changing the altar colors at appropriate times. Please contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net or 434-326-3166) for details.



This Easter, how many of your neighbors will struggle to afford rent and utilities?

VISIT US & DONATE AT SYDP-HT.ORG



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUPPORT CENTRAL VA THRIVE WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE: This is Holy Comforter's Lenten Family Project. The faith based, pro-life work helps women with unplanned pregnancies by providing pregnancy testing, sonograms and more. Return bottles to the church by this Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> where there will be a box for their deposit. Thank you! 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 JOIN FATHER DAVID MOTT. OP AND PILGRIMS from Saint Thomas

Aquinas University Parish on pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain this Oct. 3-17, 2022! This trip begins in Fátima, followed by six days walking nearly 100 kilometers along the Portuguese Way of Saint James and 2 days in Santiago de Compostela ending in Portugal for a tour through Porto, Lisbon and Coimbra. The cost is \$3740.00 and is roundtrip from Dulles. See https://prorometours.com/portugal-camino/ or contact ProRome Tours at office@prorome.com/434-953 1112.

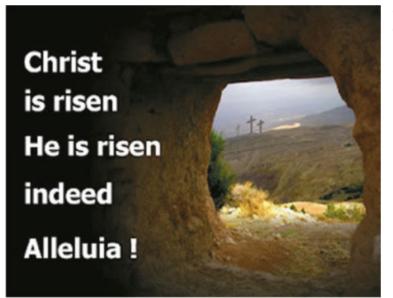
THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITE COMMUNITY of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis in Staunton on the 2nd Sunday each month from 11:30-4:00PM. If you are interested in learning more or feel called to a Carmelite way of life, please consider visiting us Sunday, November 12, 2017. Pick up a flyer in the vestibule or contact Patricia McAdams 286-4055/pamcadams@yahoo.com.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-APRIL 24, 2022-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have an interest to share the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

HOLY COMFORTER PARISHIONER, LYDIA WARD is a 17 year old homeschooled senior who loves to organize and declutter, is offering 1hourintervals, 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 lg.ward@outlook.com or call 786-761-2593.

## FROM THE PASTOR



THE POWER IN HIS RESURRECTION Part II Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

### I want to know Christ. I want to know the power of his

**resurrection.** This is Paul's primary desire; this is what Paul wants more than anything else in this life: To know the living, the resurrected Christ, and to know the power associated with that resurrection. If we agree with St. Paul that the life we live now is because of Christ and that the peace, freedom, and joy we hold on to is because of Christ's resurrection, then we need to join St. Paul in seeking the purpose for which Christ rose from the dead and the power made available to us through His resurrection.

It is therefore reasonable to think that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then he has no power today. He is dead. His words might have some influence -- but he himself has no power. As Catholic Christians, however, we hold the resurrection as central to a Christian's life. Christianity is not a religion based on abstract principles. Christianity is a relationship with a living Savior – a Savior we can know, a Savior who infuses our life and empowers us, a Savior who transforms us into his likeness.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 says: **"Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise** man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let the one who boasts, boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me." So. knowing God is more important than wisdom, or strength, or riches. Think about the people who are most admired in this world. They are admired for those three qualities. We tend to admire those who are bright, intelligent, and knowledgeable, or those who are physically gifted in strength, talent, or beauty, or those who have amassed great wealth. The Lord says through Jeremiah, though, that none of these things are of great importance. What matters more than anything else is understanding and knowing the Lord, the covenantal God who delights in kindness, justice, and righteousness. This prominence of knowing God even carries over into the gospels. Jesus himself, on the night prior to his death, prays for his followers, saying: "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John. 17:3

Peter also emphasizes this point, saying that "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3. So, our knowledge of him leads to his empowering us with everything we need for life and godliness. St. John makes a similar point in his first letter, saying: "We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life." 1 John 5:20. The very purpose of the Incarnation was to know him – *Emmanuel*, or *God with us*. So, both in the Old and New Testaments, all agree that knowing God, knowing Jesus, is central to the relationship we can have with him. But what does knowing Jesus mean? Surely, knowing God or Jesus is much more than knowing facts about God or Jesus.

We need to cultivate a deep, personal relationship with Him. The first step is putting your faith in him, believing that He is the Son of God, believing that the event we celebrate today, the resurrection, really did take place, and wanting Him to make you into a new creation. A second step is spending time in prayer. Pray alone, and with others. In prayer, you can share all your joys, frustrations, and sorrows with the God of the universe, the God who cares. Talking to God builds your relationship with him. The third step is following. Listen as you pray and read the Bible. Be willing to follow, even when his commands don't seem to make sense. Depend on God when his requirements seem unreasonable. When you do this – when you step out in faith – He will be there to support you, and you will see Jesus as a living, risen Savior and enjoy the power of his RESURRECTION. **To be continued...** 

