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MASS TIMES

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

HOLY HOUR

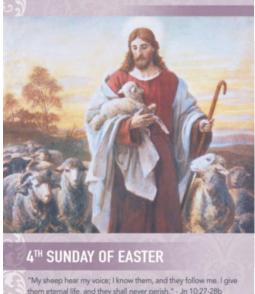
Thursday 7 PM
First Friday 7:15 PM
First Saturday 8:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-7:30 PM
First Friday 7:15 PM
First Saturday 8:45-10 AM
Sunday 1:30 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter-May 8, 2022 -World Day of Prayer for Vocations-

That the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into his harvest inspiring young men and women to accept vocations to the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays dre@holycomforterparish.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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/7) FIRST SATURDAY

8 AM Mass

9-10 AM Confession/Adoration

12 PM-2 PM Wedding

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks required)

SUNDAY (5/8) FOURTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER

8 AM Mass (First Communion)

11 AM Mass

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (5/9)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/10)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

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

WEDNESDAY (5/11)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (5/12)

7 AM Mass

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

4:30 PM-5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal

6:30 PM-7 PM Confession

7 PM -8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (5/13)

12 PM Mass

1:30 PM-3:30 PM Wedding

7 PM Confession

7:30 PM Dress Rehearsal Musica Sacra Virginia

SATURDAY (5/14)

8 AM Mass

2 PM Musica Sacra Virginia Concert

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks required)

SUNDAY (5/15) FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Last day of Christian Formation

9:45 Am-10:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

5/7 Saint Rose Venerini

5/8 Saint Peter of Tarentaise

5/9 Saint John of Avila

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 MONDAY (5/9) 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

5/10 Saint Damien de Veuster of Molokai

5/11 Saint Ignatius of Laconi

5/12 Saint Leopold Mandic

5/13 Our Lady of Fatima

5/14 Saint Matthias

5/15 Saint Isidore the Farmer

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 (5/7)

8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5 PM † Dr. Joseph Demendi (Anna Stelow)

SUNDAY (5/8)

8 AM † S. Barbara Davis, OCDS (Anna Stelow) 11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM † Earl Freese (Patricia McAdams)

12 PM Andreesen Family

TUESDAY(5/10)

7 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY (5/11)

7 AM † Dick Conaway (James and Roberta Hoskins)

THURSDAY (5/12)

7 AM Mary Frances Lilly (Dotty and George Lilly)

FRIDAY (5/13)

12 PM † Joseph Masci

(Food Pantry Volunteers and Staff)

SATURDAY (5/14)

8 AM † George Delon, OCDS (Anna Stelow) 5 PM † Rev. Msgr. John F. Porter (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (5/15)

8 AM Members of the Parish 11 AM † Nancy Masada (Nancy Vilar) 2 PM † Joseph and Maryann Masci (Melinda Wells)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2022	
Offertory	\$3,840
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,300)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$4,460)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

ALL MONTH Annual Diocesan Appeal + Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

5/8/2022 Outreach

5/29/2022 **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Christ speaks to us through the Church and one of the needs of our local Church is to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please take some time to discern Christ's voice in this request, and see how He moves you to give.



Pledge Cards can be found in the Commons and returned during the Offertory collection or mailed directly. To contribute online simply praise within thy house forever." scan the QR code.

We have met 73% of our \$26,170 parish goal so far! Thank you!!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia; by the word of the Lord, the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. Offertory: O God, my God, from daybreak do I watch for you; and in invocation of your name will I lift up my hands.

Communion: I am the good shepherd, alleluia; I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia, alleluia.

"The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord," – our entrance Antiphon for today – really captures the beauty and hopefulness of this particular Sunday, named "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel. Everything that is exists because God, in the depths of His mercy, so wills it. There is nothing He created that He does not will to exist, and this is good news! We see in the first reading that now the Gentiles (non-Jews), created in God's image and likeness yet excluded from salvation, are now receiving the Word. The message of salvation, once reserved for the Chosen People, is now universal. Israel was chosen to shine in the world as a light that would become a blessing to all peoples through the coming of the Messiah. Now we live in the age in which the designs of God are being realized: Christ, the Good Shepherd, through His Church, is seeking lost souls to restore them to the glory God intended for His creatures. Whether we will choose to "prefer the darkness" belongs to our free wills, but this does not take away from the fact that God created us out of pure love and wishes us to be with Him for all eternity. Let us strive to cultivate a longing in our souls for the Presence of God, that we might dispose ourselves to "know" the Shepherd's voice and live in accordance with way of life He has modeled for us in His own earthly existence. May we persevere in this life that we might "sing thy

(from "The King of Love My Shepherd Is")

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

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

- May 8, Sunday, 8 AM Mass: First Communion
- May 8, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM: NO Christian Formation
- May 8, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- May 3, Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM: HS Youth Group Meeting (LL)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF **EASTER**

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9,10-11,12-13 A song of praise to God.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5a John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel John 13:31-33a,34-35 Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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

Pete Bakke, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Michael Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Jeffrey Jaeger, Trey Linebrink, Tom Logan, Matthew Mickiewicz, Mark Rankin, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Shrank, Matthew Schrank, and Joey Smith.

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. Food Pantry days/times are: Tues and Wed from 10:30am-1:30pm. And Soup Kitchen is Thurs from Noon-1pm. 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.



HAITI MINISTRY: I have heard from Father Petina, and all is going well. We will also be having our monthly committee meeting; any interested parties are welcome to attend on 10 May at noon. It will be a zoom meeting that Janet Stack will host for us. The major discussion at the meeting will be the authorization to expend approximately \$20,000 The link for the meeting is: https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99530673842? https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99530673842? pwd=aFN5dUdjaURRc1RmcVpoaDM3ZkpiZz09 passcode (not needed) – 583474

Thank you to everyone who turned in their baby bottles for THRIVE! Please turn them in to the office or to an usher as soon as you can! Thank you for supporting unborn children.

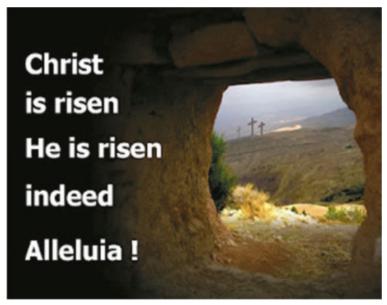
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or feel called to a Carmelite way of life, the next Carmelite meeting is May 15, 2022 at 11:30 at St. Francis of Assisi, Staunton. See the flyers in the Commons or contact Patricia McAdams 286-4055/pamcadams@yahoo.com. Fourth Sunday of Easter-May 8, 2022 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations "Sing joyfully to the LORD ...; serve the LORD with gladness." Are you discerning a vocation as priest? Please call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR





THE POWER IN HIS RESURRECTION
Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."

2 Corinthians 5:15

Some people believe that Jesus was the most surprised person about his own resurrection. I would say that His Incarnation was more surprising to Him since he is the Son of God, and becoming the Son of Man by taking on our human nature might have been a shock. As one reads the four gospels, one is struck by the fact that Jesus predicted, over and over again, His betrayal, death, and resurrection:

"So the Jews answered and said to him, 'What sign do you show to us, since you do these things?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' Then the Jews said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken." John 2:18-22

"From that time Jesus began to show to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." Matthew 16:21

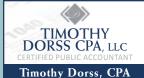
"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." Matthew 17:22-23

No doubt the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christianity and the Christian faith. The risen Christ is the reality of our faith and is a living hope. If Christ didn't rise from the dead, then our faith is futile, and we are still in our sins (see 1 Corinthians 15:14-19). Jesus proved that He wasn't a liar or a lunatic but showed that He is the Son of God by rising from the dead (Mark 9:31; Romans 1:4). Each member of the Godhead or Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in unity was involved in raising Jesus from the dead (Acts 2:24; Galatians 1:1; John 2:18-19; John 10:18; Romans 8:11; 1 Peter 3:18). His resurrection validates His death and finished work on the cross, certifying that the righteousness He came to work out was completed 2 Corinthians 5:21

How can we live out the Resurrection? That's an important question to ask during this Easter season. Well, maybe the first answer to that question is that to live out the Resurrection we first have to truly believe in Jesus's resurrection. Through His resurrection on that first Easter Sunday, Jesus shows us the way, thus empowering us. The Risen One shows us that life is stronger than death, that hope is stronger than despair, that love is stronger than hate, and that nothing is impossible with God. That should give us all hope in our lives not only because Jesus conquered death, but because he is showing us, revealing to us, a pattern for our own lives. He's showing us that we can always hope that suffering is not the last word, and that God always can bring new life out of what seems to be a dead situation.

Oftentimes we may feel a sense of despair, that nothing can ever change in our lives. Thomas Merton once said that sometimes that kind of despair can be a manifestation of pride. We sometimes think that God can't change anything and that we know better, but that's not what Easter tells us! So, one way to live out the Resurrection in your life is, first, to believe in Jesus's resurrection, which means that new life is possible for you too!

To be continued...



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