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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

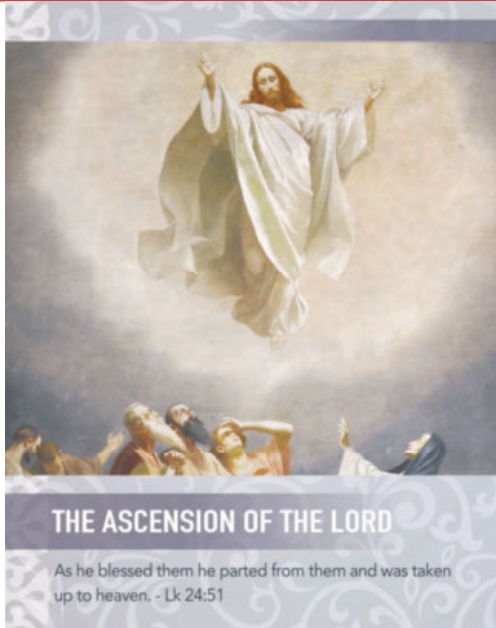
Thursday 7 PM
First Friday 7:15 PM
First Saturday 8:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday 6:30-8 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/holycomforterville



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

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Uganda Theresa Lynch

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

That Christ, from his seat in heaven, will bless and guide all those called to serve the Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

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 (5/28)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks required)

SUNDAY (5/29) ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SECOND COLLECTION DIOCESAN HOME MISSIONS

8 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (5/30) Memorial Day

Office Closed

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/31)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

7-8:30 PM HS Youth Group

WEDNESDAY (6/1)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 Confession

THURSDAY (6/2)

7 AM NO MASS

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

6:00 PM Opening Mass for 40 hours

Adoration Devotion

7 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

9 PM Compline

FRIDAY (6/3)

7 AM Morning Prayer

9 AM Midmorning Prayer

12 PM Mass

3 PM Divine Mercy & Office of Readings

6 PM Solemn Vespers and Benediction

9 PM Compline

SATURDAY (6/4)

7 AM Morning Prayer

8 AM Mass w/ Exposition

12 PM Midday Prayer

3 PM Divine Mercy & Office of Readings

5 PM Mass of Reposition (Vigil)

Fr. Capuano, Guest Preacher

SUNDAY (6/5) PENTECOST

8 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

3:45 PM Annual Pentecost Parish Picnic
at Forest Hills Park

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, O glorious 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.

5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6/1 Saints Marcellinus and Peter

6/2 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

6/3 Blessed Angelina Marsciano

6/4 Saint Boniface

6/5 Saint Norbert

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 (5/28)

8 AM Families in Ukraine

5 PM † David W. Prewitt
(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

SUNDAY (5/29)

8 AM † Patricia Conaway
(Petrone and Conaway Family)

11 AM † Jane Till Danilek

2 PM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (5/30)

12 PM Engaged Couples Preparing for the Vocation of Marriage at Holy Comforter Parish

TUESDAY (5/31)

7 AM Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, in Honor of the 41st Anniversary of His Ordination
(Diane Auger Smith)

WEDNESDAY (6/1)

7 AM † Anonia and † Divo Costa (Lucy Brudner)

THURSDAY (6/2)

6 PM Protection of Christian Family Life

FRIDAY (6/3)

12 PM For Peace

SATURDAY (6/4)

8 AM † Pamela Heron (Colette Hall)

5 PM The Elderly and Disabled

SUNDAY (6/5)

8 AM † Jeff Mullen (Petrone and Conaway Family)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Thomas Bondor

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

5/28 Venerable Pierre Toussaint

5/29 Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

5/30 Saint Joan of Arc

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2022

Offertory	\$13,213
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,300)
Above Weekly Budget	\$4,913

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 calls us to be His witnesses. One important way that we carry this mission forward today is by supporting our local Church. Please prayerfully consider contributing to our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Pledge Cards can be found in the Commons and returned during the Offertory collection or mailed directly. To contribute online simply scan the QR code. We have met 98% of our \$26,170 parish goal so far! Thank you!!



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LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Men of Galilee, why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? alleluia; just as you have seen him ascend into heaven, so, in like manner, shall he return, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: Men of Galilee, why do you gaze at the sky in astonishment? This same Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come by the very way in which you saw him go into heaven, alleluia.

Communion: Sing to the Lord who has ascended the highest heavens, towards the East, alleluia.

It is interesting how the accounts of the Ascension in Acts and Luke differ, which we find reflected in the Antiphons for Mass as well. In the Acts of the Apostles, which the Entrance and Offertory echo, the agnel exhorts the Apostles to stop looking heavenward and trust in Christ's promise that He would return. There is a sense of longing in their heavenward gaze, similar to saying farewell a child moving out of the house or a beloved friend moving away, or even the death of someone dear to us. The Communion Antiphon, on the other hand, reflects Luke's telling of the Ascension where the Apostles returned to Jerusalem rejoicing after our Lord's departure. Having received the angel's message, the Apostles find renewed hope in Christ's promise of the Advocate coming to aid them in all things. Bittersweetness melts away into anticipation. We have in these texts, then, a model for prayer. Turning our gaze to God, our hearts cry out in prayer begging that He come to us in our need. In an act of faith, we then believe that He hears our prayers and can rejoice in knowing that the Creator of all things knows our wants and will not leave us orphaned. Every time we go to Mass, this promise is confirmed in the reception of Holy Communion; Jesus Christ comes down to us, accompanied by His Father and the Spirit, and dwells with us. Give thanks to God when you receive Communion today for the gift of His Son, whose ascension led to the outpouring of the Spirit. We are not alone! "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord, alleluia."

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

PARISH LIFE

HOLY COMFORTER ANNUAL PENTECOST PARISH PICNIC

Everyone welcome!

Bring your own picnic & meats to grill!

Join us at Forest Hills Park for our Annual Pentecost Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 5! We'll begin the celebration of our patronal feast around 3:45 PM. Please see the fliers in the Commons and Flocknote for more information! See you there!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS PENTECOST SUNDAY

First

Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

May 29, 2022 Ascension Sunday

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Dominique Faust, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Victoria Lannon, Kitty Moore, Mary Nguyen, Marian Ortmann, Mary Polce, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and their two children.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, 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 Schrank, 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

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. 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.

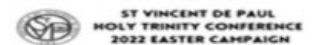
SACRISTAN MINISTRY: Altar Cloth Sacristans are needed. They are responsible for maintaining the altar cloths and for changing the altar colors at appropriate times. Please contact Suzanne Bailey slank@ntelos.net or 434-326-3166) for details.

WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: A parishioner who lives at Westminster Canterbury, would like a ride to the 5PM Saturday or the 11AM Sunday Mass once a month. For more information, please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org Thank you so much!

HAITI MINISTRY: Work on the rectory cookhouse roof should finish this week and DigitalKap will start the solar panel installation soon. Prayers for good weather appreciated. **Terri Powers, a long-term member, and founder of the Haiti Ministry at St. Thomas and Holy Comforter Churches passed away peacefully in upstate New York. A Mass, to celebrate Terri's life, will be at St. Thomas on Saturday, June 23, at 8:30am. All members of the ministry, and friends of the Powers, are welcome.** The "Hope for Haiti" golf tournament next meeting is June 13 at 7:00pm via Webex. Weekly Monday evening meetings afterwards. Please contact Dan Wassilchak, dmw9V@virginia.edu, or contact Dawn Johnson at 434-982-1576



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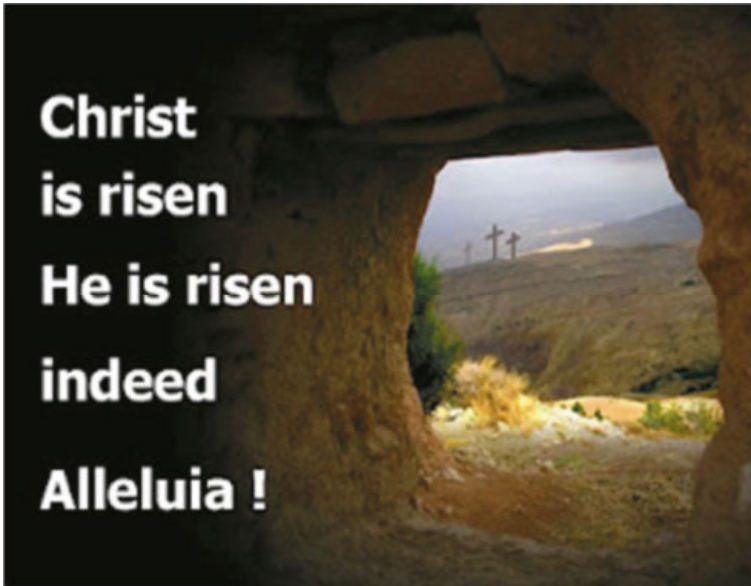
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THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITE COMMUNITY of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis in Staunton, the 2nd Sunday each month from 11:30-4:00PM. Please see the flyers in the Commons or contact Patricia McAdams 286-4055 or email pamcadams@yahoo.com.

The Ascension of the Lord-May 29, 2022 "Go and teach all nations, says the Lord." Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? 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 VII

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh provides no benefit; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life”

John 6:63

One of Jesus’ greatest promises is that He came to give us abundant life John 10:10. When we consider His teachings, we learn that abundant life is Spirit-filled resurrection life. Sadly, I think many believers would describe their lives as anything but abundant. Often, we wander through life, wondering what it all means. When we feel this way, the resurrection of Christ speaks to our deepest longings. We can begin where we are, right now, and experience abundant life. Jesus has given us everything we need to live for Him today. **But what does that look like?**

We will never enjoy our union with Christ or experience the abundant life He promised if we do not become students of the Good News He left in the Gospels. As Psalm 119 says: **“The Word of God is a priceless treasure” Psalm 119:162.** If we can take time and explore what has been written down for us and begin to read it in a posture of humility and prayer, resurrection life begins to pour forth from its pages. However, we won’t get a spiritual high every time we read it. We will have seasons when we don’t feel a thing when reading it; still, the resurrection life is inevitably

connected with faithfully reading the Bible. That is to say, even when we don’t perceive it to be “working”, God’s Word is always changing us every time we read it, just as He promised us in the prophecy of Isaiah; **“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose...” Isaiah 55:10-11.**

Life is flowing even if we don’t see it while we read the word of God. Our part is to keep reading, keep praying, and keep thinking about the Word of God. As we engage in this time-honored practice of meditating on the word of God, we will begin to experience abundant life. Our hearts will overflow with God’s Word, and our lives will overflow with resurrection life! We will never enjoy our union with Christ or experience the abundant life He promised if we do not become students of the Word.

We live out our resurrection life in union with Christ as we serve in the power that Jesus supplies through His Spirit: **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” John. 15:5.** With so many activities and good things competing for our attention, we face the constant threat of burnout in our lives, while overlooking the most important thing in life: union with Christ in the work of bringing souls to salvation! Jesus gave us an amazing gift to work in and with us. *Jesus calls the Holy Spirit a “gift” who will guide us, lead us, and empower us.* The central role of the Spirit is to reveal Christ and to unite us to Him and to all those who are part of His Mystical Body. What we have to remember is that what Christ accomplished for us in the power of the Spirit is being worked out for us and in us by the same Spirit who by indwelling us, unites us to the Person and saving work of Christ. Let us then be open to the Holy Spirit as we look forward to the great day of PENTECOST. **“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.”**

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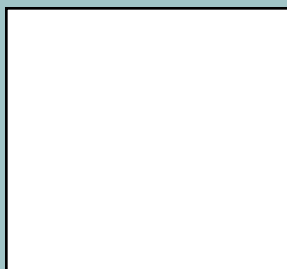
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