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**DECEMBER 11,
2022**

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM**
Monday + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

HOLY HOUR

Thursday	7 PM
First Friday	7 PM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM-4 PM
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****We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:**
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Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

That the Lord will call members from our flock to "bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the brokenhearted" as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays to
dre@holycorforterparish.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 (12/10)

8 AM Mass
Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal
10 AM-12 AM Stocking Stuffer Exchange
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/11) THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Altar Flowers donated in Honor of Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek's Wedding Anniversary.

8 AM Mass
9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12:00 PM RCIA
1:30 PM Confession
4:30 PM Lessons & Carols, Reception following (LL)

MONDAY (12/12)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Adoration and Confession

TUESDAY (12/13)

7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (12/14)

7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
6:30 PM-8:30 PM Youth Group (LL)

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (12/15)

7 AM Mass
12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM Confession
7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (12/16)

12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (12/17)

8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/18) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8 AM Mass
9:15 AM-10:15 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12:00 PM RCIA
1:30 PM Confession
4:00 PM Vespers

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.

12/13 Saint Lucy
12/14 Saint John of the Cross
12/15 Blessed Mary Frances Schervier
12/16 Blessed Honoratus Kozminski
12/17 Saint Hildegard of Bingen
12/18 Blessed Anthony Grassi

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 (12/10)

8 AM Reed Parkhust (Gerling Family)
5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (12/11)

8 AM †Catherine and † Peter Colo (Marlene Woods)
11 AM Unborn Children

MONDAY (12/12)

12 PM Unborn Children
Reed Parkhust (Gerling Family)
† Kevin O'Neill

TUESDAY (12/13)

7 AM Reed Parkhust (Gerling Family)
† Anne O'Neill
† Anne Houldin

WEDNESDAY (12/14)

7 AM Reed Parkhust (Gerling Family)
† Members of the O'Neill and Pryor Families

THURSDAY (12/15)

7 AM † Members of the Houldin and McManus Families

FRIDAY (12/16)

12 PM Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY (12/17)

8 AM Peter and Beth Frazier (Tom Frazier)
5 PM † Paul Kozemchak and † Liam Hennessy

SUNDAY (12/18)

8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM † Donald and † Beverly Shrank

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

12/10 Blessed Adolph Kolping
12/11 Saint Damasus I
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINES, THE OFFERTORY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4, 2022, WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

12/4/2022 Christmas Flowers

12/11/2022 Outreach

12/25/2022 Catholic Charities

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

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If you will be making a tax-deductible gift before the end of the year, contributions to our parish may be made in pew, by mail, or online. Consider using the "Quick Give" feature to make a one-time gift without creating a login. Contributions can be designated for our Offertory and for our parish ministries, as well as all Diocesan and National collections. Please visit the **online giving** link; <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/>

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God.

Offertory: O Lord, you have blessed your land, you have put an end to Jacob's captivity; you have forgiven the guilt of your people.

Communion: Say: Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us.

This is a day of rejoicing! The first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin is "Gaudete", which is the name the Church gives this Sunday. While it is still a time of penance, the sobriety of the season is tempered with the expectant joy of Mary, as she awaits her child, and the hopeful joy of the entire Church, as she awaits her Savior's return. Therefore, we are to "take courage" because "our God will come and he will save us" at His Second Coming when He shall judge the living and the dead, revealing all the happy consequences of the good works of the saints and uncovering all the secrets, misdeeds, and conspiracies of the damned to their condemnation. What will be remarkable about all this is that God's mercy will be plainly evident even in the case of the wicked. Jesus suffered and died that ALL might have the chance at salvation, and it is solemnly taught by the Church that God provides EVERYONE with the graces necessary for salvation. The choice is ours to respond to those graces. To quote from an old English carol, let us "foil [our] foe with joy" and choose to place our hope in the glorious resurrection of the dead that is to come, standing firm until then in the face of adversity. Rejoice and be glad! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: A Daily Reflection from the Church's Greatest Writers Each day the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer practice of priests, nuns, monks, and many laypersons worldwide, includes a short reading from a Church Father, pope, saint, or theologian. During Advent the readings are chosen to lead us to readiness for the gift of God's Incarnation, and Holy Comforter parishioners have the opportunity to be sent an electronic copy each day via email. Go to Flocknote, [Advent Office of Readings](#). **Also... "Holy Comforter's Advent Resources List" is on the RE Table in the Commons.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

Second Reading *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel *Matthew 1:18-24*

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Mary Polce, Hank Rainville, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and children.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Joseph Checkler, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, David Rathburn, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, B. Waugh Crigler, Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala, Andrew Wood.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Pete Bakke, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Michael Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Katharine Ernst, Jeffrey Jaeger, Trey Linebrink, Tom Logan, Matthew Mickiewicz, S. Proffitt, M. Rankin, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, Joseph 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

You are invited to join us in our journey to prepare the way of the Lord by helping the needy in our community. We meet at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. If you would like more information about our conference, please visit our website at www.svdpt.org or email us at info@svdpt.org. **Give the Gift of Light this Christmas!** As we enjoy the warmth and glow of our bright Christmas lights, many families are facing the possibility of not having electricity in their homes. A donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference will help us provide utility cost assistance. Please donate on our website or send a check to SVdP Holy Trinity Conference 401 Alderman Rd Cville 22903. Thank you and Advent Blessings!



MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Food Pantry is open Mon, Tues, and Wed from 10:30am-12:30pm. We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations! During November, we handed out food pantry bags to 90 families/206 individuals and served 206 individuals at Soup Kitchen. Food Pantry will be closed on Mon, Dec.26th. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Commons. God Bless you! (This USDA food pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

GIANT FOOD BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD PROGRAM: Thank you for your support of this program which benefitted Holy Comforter's Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen!

SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL TREE PROGRAM: A big thank you for taking a tag from the Angel Tree and purchasing a gift! Your generous giving provides a special Christmas for these children!

SACRISTAN MINISTRY is in need of volunteers to help maintain the beauty of the altar and to wash and iron altar linens used in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net or 434-326-3166) to volunteer or learn more.

HAITI: At this Joyous time of year our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters in our twin parish of St. Michel in Saltadare, Haiti. A thank you to our parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas, Holy Comforter and Our Lady of the Rosary for their generosity to this ministry. We have been truly fortunate this year with a wonderful new Pastor, Father Asmith Servil and Associate Pastor, Father Loud-en Marceus. Our St. Michel School now has 616 students in attendance, and Father Asmith has let us know the St. Michel clinic will have a new doctor from Hinche next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: *Every First Saturday, Father Joseph Mary will bless your holy objects following the Rosary after the First Saturday 8 AM Mass.*

ARE YOU CALLED TO BECOME A SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITE?

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) live their vocations "in the world" rather than in a monastery, sharing the same universal call to holiness and Teresian Carmelite charism and traditions as those in religious life. The OCDS Community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis Church in Staunton on the 2nd Sunday of each month. For information, please contact Patricia McAdams at 434 286-4055 or pamcadams@yahoo.com.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 11, 2022: Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO REDISCOVER THE SPARK that was there on your wedding day? Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

FROM THE PASTOR



A JOURNEY OF ADEVENT -TRAVELING FROM HOPE TO JOY Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

"Blessed are the peacemakers," the Lord taught us in the Sermon on the Mount, "for they will be called children of God" Matthew 5. So, seeking to grow in faithfulness to the Lord, we set about making peace, working for its fruition in every dark corner of the world. In our Advent series, we find out that Isaiah gave many prophecies about the Messiah bringing peace to the world. He tells us that not only will the Messiah save Israel but that people from among all nations would be drawn to his kingdom. Many people will desire to live according to God's righteousness, to receive God's judgments, and to live at peace with one another, Isaiah. 2:1-5. In the messianic kingdom, God will settle disputes between people and nations. Armed conflicts will cease. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Isaiah 2:4.

When the Messiah comes, he will heal people of their disease and afflictions: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy" Isaiah 35:5-6. The Messiah will save people from their sins, restoring peace with God. "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the

punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

In light of Isaiah's prophecy, we are called to confess how we have not been peaceful in various aspects of our lives. We take the time to confess because we need to acknowledge violence was never a part of God's ideal for the world, and yet it afflicts us. Isaiah uses other metaphors to illustrate just how foreign violence and death should be to our world. In Isaiah 11, he prophesies of the wolf living with the lamb, lions with calves, leopards with goats, and lions eating straw like the ox. He also prophesies a child leading these predatory animals—feeding bears and playing near cobra dens. Of course, right now, trying this might not be the best idea. But what a thought! Not only will peace reign in human affairs, but across the entirety of creation, including ALL God's creatures. I cannot help but wonder what the relationship between humanity and the animal kingdom will look like. If there are no more swords, no more violence, no more death, could there be no more killing between peoples from different nations too?

The reign of peace and flourishing across all creation—what Hebrews call "shalom"—seems to have been God's original intention for the created order. Christ entered this world to begin bringing that heavenly kingdom to bear on our broken, violent, sword-wielding, and war-torn world. I believe this peace will affect humans and animals alike. I see this in other places in Scripture that point to a future peace as well. Repeatedly, Scripture underscores how deeply God cares for creation: "In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety" Hosea 2:18.

We know that Christ came to establish this new Kingdom of God, yet it is something ongoing and not fully realized. This is the tension in which we now live. We celebrate Christ's first coming, yet we hope for Christ's second coming to bring fullness of joy, love, and peace. Even though we live in this tension, I believe we can still put into practice some of the aspects of the Kingdom of God. Even as we pray the Lord's prayer, we can remember that even now, we can begin living and acting in ways that cause small breakthroughs of peace into our world.

To be continued...

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