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**JANUARY 1,
2023**

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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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* Please see Christmas Schedule

**We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:
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Food Pantry: Mon, Tue & Wed 10:30AM - 12:30PM and Soup Kitchen: Thursday 12 PM

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Uganda	Theresa Lynch
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2023

That Mary, the Mother of God and patroness of Vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Please Send Bulletin Submissions
by 3 PM Mondays to
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 (12/31)

8 AM Mass

1 PM-3:30 PM Wedding

5 PM Vigil Mass followed by
Confessions

SUNDAY (1/1) MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

MONDAY (1/2)

Parish Office Closed Today

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (1/3)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY (1/4)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

THURSDAY (1/5)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour And Adoration

FRIDAY (1/6) FIRST FRIDAY

6:00 PM Mass

6:45 PM Confession and First Friday
Adoration Begins

SATURDAY (1/7) FIRST SATURDAY

7:45 AM First Friday Adoration Ends

8 AM Mass Blessing of Objects
following the Rosary.

5 PM Vigil Mass followed by
Confessions

SUNDAY (1/8) EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:00 PM RCIA

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.

1/3 Most Holy Name of Jesus

1/4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1/5 Saint John Neumann

1/6 Saint Andre Bessette

1/7 Saint Raymond of Penafort

1/8 Saint Angela of Foligno

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 (12/31)

8 AM Elijah Schrank In Honor of His Birthday

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/1)

8:30 AM American Families

11 AM † Jane Till Danilek

MONDAY (1/2)

12 PM Lia Thoms

TUESDAY (1/3)

7 AM † Maureen Corbally
(Jim Benedict and Kate Burke)
Alfonso Villamizze (Martha Ospina)

WEDNESDAY (1/4)

7 AM John Francis Rush (Emma Trist)

THURSDAY (1/5)

7 AM James Trist (Emma Trist)

FRIDAY (1/6)

6:30 PM Leonard Mayotte (Emma Trist)

SATURDAY (1/7)

8 AM Columbine Mayotte (Emma Trist)

5 PM Grayson Young (Emma Trist)

SUNDAY (1/8)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Joseph Augustus Zarelli

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

12/31 Saint Sylvester I

1/1 Mary Mother of God

1/2 Saint Basil the Great

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18, 2022

Offertory	\$31,204
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$22,704

**DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINES,
THE OFFERTORY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING
DECEMBER 25, 2022, WILL APPEAR IN NEXT
WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY ALL MONTH

Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation +
Justice and Peace

1/8/2023 Outreach

1/22/2023 Respect Life

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

This year, we encourage you to make a New Year's resolution that will make a big difference for you and Holy Comforter Parish: commit to consistent giving. This can be difficult, but we have a tool that will make it just a bit easier. Through our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory and for our parish ministries, as well as all Diocesan and National collections. Those who give online tend to give more and give consistently. Please visit <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link. Thank you for your support!

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When you shop, sign in with smile.amazon.com and designate your support to "Holy Comforter Catholic Church." **AMAZON SMILE** works with your Amazon, Amazon Prime and Business Prime accounts (even in the App!) and donates to Holy Comforter at **no cost to you**. Every little bit helps us! Thank you!!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Hail holy Mother, the Child-Bearer who has brought forth the King, the ruler of heaven and earth for ever.

Offertory: Blessed are you, O holy Virgin Mary, and worthy of all praise; for from you has come forth the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Communion: Exult, O daughter of Zion, sing praises, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King is coming, the Holy One, the Savior of the world.

We celebrate the Octave (eighth) day of Christmas today, which traditionally commemorated the circumcision of Christ as prescribed by Jewish law. The passage remains in today's Gospel, but the Church has added the preceding verses, which highlight Mary's motherhood of the Messiah and her contemplation of the mysteries unfolding. It is fitting that we crown the sacred Christmas Octave by proclaiming Mary's divine maternity since it is so intimately tied up with Christ's identity. If she is not the mother of God, then it follows that Christ is not God. Contrariwise, if Christ is God, then Mary is the mother of God. This is an honor like no other in all creation, so we praise her for her "yes" to the messenger Gabriel in choosing to accept the privilege of giving flesh to the invisible God and the responsibility of raising the "Savior of the world". With Mary, let us keep all these things in our hearts and reflect on the stunning beauty of God's humility in choosing to subject Himself to time, space, and all manner of limitations for our sake.

Happy New Year!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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DON'T FORGET! Children's and HS Christian Formation

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY

9:45 AM-10:45 AM (AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS)

*Wishing everyone a very
Blessed & Happy New Year!*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

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, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, 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, Lisa Wells, Sara Winter, 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



Our Vincentian family shares with you, your loved ones, and neighbors the good news of God's Love in Christ Jesus. May God's Peace and Joy be with you. Happy New Year! Please join us in this new year by helping the needy in our community. We meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org **Give the Gift of Light this Christmas!** 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 Christmas Blessings!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We wish you all a very Happy New Year! We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations this year! Please leave your donations in the basket in the Commons. God Bless you! (This USDA food pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

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: May every day be Christmas in your New Year. Thank you and God bless from your Tri-Parish Haiti committee and twin parish of St. Michel. Thank you Haiti committee for all the work and effort. This is the season of giving and joy, I know the effort of giving you put into this ministry all year long and it is not seasonal.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD -- JANUARY 1, 2023:

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." Do you feel the Spirit of Jesus prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. 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 info, see: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

FROM THE PASTOR



“JOY TO THE WORLD”

Part 1

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.”**

Psalms 65:8

Every year at this season of Christmas, we hear “Joy to the World” played in many places and we sing it ourselves at Church. But a skeptic might rightly ask, “How can you sing ‘Joy to the World’ when the world is so messed up? When some bad guys are competing to see who can murder the greatest number of innocent people. Think of all devastation in the Ukraine. Also, there are natural disasters around the world, such as earthquakes and floods. Our inner cities are overrun with drug trafficking and gang violence. Sex trafficking of children and the vulnerable women is a thriving industry. And we are singing ‘Joy to the World’ and wish each other a Merry Christmas?

My suggestion is to take some moments to meditate on Psalm 98. Then you will have the reason to truly sing “Joy to the world”. This psalm portrays God as the victorious warrior, bringing salvation for the whole world, but conquering and judging all who oppose Him. *The coming of Jesus Christ as Savior, King, and Judge is a cause of great*

joy for all the earth. God’s people should rejoice because God has revealed His salvation through Israel in the sight of the nations. God’s victory in bringing salvation should cause us to sing a new song.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in fulfillment of prophecy of Micah; “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2) And the angel proclaimed to the shepherds “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” When the psalmist tells us to sing “a new song,” it isn’t restricted to composing a new song or singing the new song that he has just composed, although those options are included. But beyond that, it refers to singing to the Lord when He does something new in our lives or when we have a new experience of His grace. And there is no greater experience of God’s grace than the new birth that brings salvation to those who were in spiritual darkness and death. Zechariah prophesied regarding his promised son, John the Baptist, who would prepare the way of the Lord, that his role would be the Messiah...To give to His people the knowledge of salvation, by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

So, the point is, when God works the miracle of salvation in your heart, forgiving all your sins, and shining His light into your darkness, He gives His eternal life to your dead soul. All because of His tender mercy, you should sing a new song to Him, praising Him for His great salvation! (Luke 1: 76) God’s holy arm saved us, then He is sufficiently powerful to keep us and to provide all that we need for life and godliness.

To be continued...

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