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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
11 AM*
Monday + Friday 12 PM
(except First Friday)
Tuesday-Thursday 7 AM
First Friday 6 PM

HOLY HOUR

Saturday

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

8 AM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM-4 PM

*We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page: facebook.com/holycomfortercville



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2023

Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully, 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 (1/14)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/15)

Christmas Flowers Donations

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass Followed by Blessing & Cake For Birthdays and Anniversaries.

12:00 PM RCIA

MONDAY (1/16)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-8:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (1/17)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (1/18)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (1/19)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (1/20)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (1/21)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/22)

Altar Flowers donated in Memory of Deborah Okada (Mel Crews)

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:00 PM RCIA

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

1/14 Saint Gregory Nazianzen

1/15 Saint Devasahayam Pillai

1/16 Saint Berard & Companions

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 FRIDAY (1/20) already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

1/17 Saint Anthony of Egypt

1/18 Saint Charles of Sezze

1/19 Saint Fabian

1/20 Saint Sabastian

1/21 Saint Agnes

1/22 Saint Vincent of Zaragossa

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 (1/14)

8 AM † Henry Vinklarek Sr

Deacon Henry Vinklarek Jr, In Honor of His Ordination Anniversary

5 PM † Joan Jacobsen (Charlie Francolini)

SUNDAY (1/15)

8:30 AM † Anne Stallard

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (1/16)

12 PM Alicia Vinklarek

TUESDAY (1/17)

7 AM † Mervin Ott

WEDNESDAY (1/18)

7 AM † Mirta Lapinell

THURSDAY (1/19)

7 AM † Dick and † Naomi Saathoff

12 PM † John Joseph Valloric (Sylvia Valloric)

SATURDAY (1/21)

8 AM Auria Rose Geary (Stelow Family)

† Catherine Martin

(Patricia McAdams)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/22)

8:30 AM † Helen and † Gerard Zink (Ed and Jean Mickiewicz)

11 AM † Al Bracuti (Jill and Steve Paitsel)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 8, 2023	
Offertory	\$13,497
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$4,997

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!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Let all the earth worship you and praise you, O God; may it sing in praise of your name, O Most High.

Offertory: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of his name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

Communion: We shall rejoice in your salvation; and in the name of the Lord our God shall we place our pride.

The Antiphons this weekend continue the exultation of Epiphany, calling on "all the earth" to worship the Lord, who has now revealed Himself "to the nations". God is now extending His salvation to all of us, whereas it had been extended only to the Jews in the Old Covenant. The baptized are the new Chosen People, the Church the new Israel. The Epiphany ("revelation") of God to the world is threefold: first to the Magi (the Gentiles), then to the Jews at the baptism in the Jordan (alluded to in today's Gospel), and to the apostles at the wedding at Cana. This triptych of epiphanies is ancient and can still be found in places like the Antiphon for the Canticle of Mary at Sunday Vespers of Epiphany, where all three of the aforementioned epiphanies are specifically named. Jesus is revealing Himself to us now; let us "rejoice in [His] salvation" and bring this good news to a world in sore need of glad tidings!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TREASURES OF THE TRADITION WITH JOHN BUGBEE returns with two reading groups for spring 2023:

- (1) **Dante's** *Purgatory* **and** *Paradise* come join us for the less known but more interesting parts of the *Divine Comedy*! Two options, Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings, starting Jan. 14-16.
- (2) Theology of the Trinity beginning in the extraordinarily creative period after the Council of Nicea with Sts. Augustine, Basil of Cesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and others. Discussing short passages of the original writers illuminates the ideas like nothing else! Likely alternate Wednesday evenings from Jan. 11 Participants may come as often or as seldom as they like, and everyone's first meeting is a free trial. For more details see https://thetreasures.org or email bugbee@thetreasures.org.

NEXT WEEK'S
READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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 and Alicia Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Benteejac, 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, Shannon and 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, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank, Joseph Schrank, 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, 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



Thank you for your generosity. In 2022, your donations provided ~\$143,500 for 347 households with 739 family members. We meet at 7 pm on the 1st & 3rd Tues. each month at Church of the

Incarnation. For information about the St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit ourwebsite at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org

ENTERING CANAAN IS A SUPPORT GROUP for women and men to promote healing from the pain, isolation, and silent suffering of abortion. With Sisters of Life resources, the group focuses on moving forward with freedom and peace through the love of Christ. We meet at St. Frances (Mary's House) in Staunton, 3rd Saturday of each month, 12-3PM. For information, please Contact Miriam (949-274-6075) / Mark Karafa (240-643-1249).

MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH:</u> We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations this year! In the fourth quarter of 2022, we handed out bags of food to 74 families/202 individuals. And we served 277 meals at Soup Kitchen. Please leave your food donations in the basket in the Commons. God Bless You! (This USDA pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

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.

WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: A parishioner who lives at the Colonnades on Barracks Road would like a ride to Sunday's 11AM Mass. To help, please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org
Parish Life Ministry: Join us after the 11 am Mass this Sunday (Jan. 15) as we celebrate this month's birthday and anniversaries.
HAITI: A kind family donated \$2000 for water cisterns for the school and rectory staff bathrooms. The situation in Haiti is deteriorating with gang violence and cholera. This has impacted the food supply for the country and malnutrition is now an issue in large cities. President Biden announced a new program to sponsor Haitian families, It will require the host family to be responsible for housing, medical care, and living expenses for two years.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are grateful for the support of parishioners during this winter's COATS FOR KIDS campaign. Money collected in 2021 was used to buy 96 new winter coats for children in need. Roughly 32 were given away at the Incarnation food pantry, 32 were distributed at the Holy Comforter food pantry, and 32 were donated to the City of Promise in downtown Charlottesville. The Knights also donated \$500 to WALK (the CHS program for struggling youth) for the purchase of coats for young adults in need. Parishioner support is the key to our success. We thank you!

SINCE 1974, NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2023 is January 29 – February 4. Join Charlottesville Catholic School in this celebration of the value Catholic education provides to young People, its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. Charlottesville Catholic offers the only Jr Kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic education in our area, educating many children of our parish. For more information on enrollment or how you can become involved with Charlottesville Catholic School, please contact Admissions Coordinator, Christine Fowlkes at (ch.fowlkes@cvillecatholic.org). We also invite you to join us for an Open House on Sunday, February 5 from 12:00PM-2:00PM.

FROM THE PASTOR





"JOY TO THE WORLD"

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" John 15:11

Jesus brought joy into the world in some very practical ways. Every time He healed a person, cast out a demon, or forgave a sinner, joy was the immediate result. Those who recognized Jesus as the promised Savior and Redeemer of the world were filled with joy (Jn.3:29). When the Gospel spread in the days of the early Church, joy followed the message as the Acts of the Apostles says: So there was great joy in that city (Acts. 8:8).

When the angel announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds in the field, his first words were, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Lk. 2:10). That "great joy" was the truth that the God who had seemed far off had come to them in human flesh. He was to be called "Immanuel", which means "God with us". Those who saw Him saw the face of God. He had come to rescue, to save, to heal, and to make mankind right with God. That was cause for great joy!

Because Jesus came, sinful human beings have an opportunity to come into the presence of a holy God and be pronounced "not guilty". When Jesus died on the cross, the veil in the temple was torn in two, symbolizing that the wall of separation between God

and man had been eliminated. From then on, all who placed their trust in Christ would be forgiven of their sins and inherit eternal life. When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered death for every person who trusts in Him. That is cause for great joy!

Jesus ascended back into heaven to "prepare a place" for all those who follow Him, but He promised that He will come again, a second time, to establish the fullness of God's Kingdom on earth. In His kingdom, righteousness and justice will reign, and God's people will have places of honor. So, the troubles of this life are not the end. Jesus told His followers, "Take heart! I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16: 33). The knowledge that soon we will live and reign forever with our Lord is cause for great joy!

The popular Christmas song "Joy to the World" by Isaac Watts celebrates the joyful occasion of the Lord's coming. But the lyrics were never intended to be a Christmas song anyway. They were a poem by Watts based on Psalm 98, which is a psalm of the second coming of the Lord who "comes to judge the earth". Jesus' purpose in His first coming was not to judge but to save and we are still enjoying that privilege. It is therefore essential to keep in mind that while we are still breathing, we have the duty to repent and be ready to receive the Lord at His second coming. From the gospel of Matthew, we have these words: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left" (Mt. 25:31-33).

Although our earthly life may be filled with troubles, we have reason for hope and to rejoice in the Lord. Because Jesus came the first time and is set to come the second time, we can sing with conviction, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king!" Rejoice! Jesus was born and died to establish a world of worship — sons and daughters from every people on earth — and we will live and sing and rejoice with God and one another forever.

THE END



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