

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

JANUARY 29, 2023

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📃 MASS TIMES

5 PM
8 :30 AM & 11 AM*
12 PM
7 AM
6 PM
8 AM

ADORATION

Thursday	7 PM-8 PM
First Friday	7 PM-8 AM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday6:30-7:30 PMThursday6:30-8 PMFirst Friday7:30 PMSunday1:30 PM

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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"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sacristans	Suzanne Bailey
Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/28)

8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (1/29) FOURTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** Altar Flowers donated in Memory of Nick Stiso (Tylka Family) 8:30 AM Mass 9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass 12:00 PM RCIA 4 PM Vespers MONDAY (1/30) 10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 6:30-8:30 PM Confession **TUESDAY (1/31)** 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry WEDNESDAY (2/1) 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 (2/2) CANDLEMAS 7 AM Mass and Blessings of the Candles 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Confession 7-8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (2/3) FIRST FRIDAY 9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Coop 6 PM Mass 7 PM All Night Adoration 7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (2/4) FIRST SATURDAY 8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (2/5) FIFTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** Altar Flowers donated in honor of Joaquin Perez 8:30 AM Mass 9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass 12:00 PM RCIA 4 PM Vesper

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

- 1/29 Servant of God Brother Juniper
- 1/30 Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska

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, WEDNESDAY (2/1) 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.

1/31 Saint John Bosco

- 2/1 Saint Ansgar
- 2/2 Presentation of the Lord
- 2/3 Saint Blaise
- 2/4 Saint Joseph of Leonissa
- 2/5 Saint Agatha

NEW PARISHIONERS

Charles and Katie Keller & Baby Charles

Ethan Savage

Aline Maciel

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 (1/28)

8 AM Mel Crews (Holy Comforter Staff) **5 PM** Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (1/29)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish **11 AM** The Schrank Children and their Families

MONDAY (1/30) 12 PM Helen James (Stelow Family)

TUESDAY (1/31) 7 AM Idette F. Charlie (Idette Charlie)

7 AM Special Intention of Heidi Hess

THURSDAY (1/2) **7 AM** † Emily Amburn (Heide Seward)

FRIDAY (2/3) 6 PM Blaise Erb (Stelow Family)

SATURDAY (2/4) 8 AM Adele Lavadia (Patricia Cuadros) 5 PM Sandy Owen

SUNDAY (2/5) 8:30 AM † James Swofford (Dan Swofford) **11 AM** Members of the Parish

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 22, 2023

Offertory	\$7,819
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$681)

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. In 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 ;

<u>https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/</u> for the **Online Giving** link. Thank you for your support!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore.

Offertory: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honor of your name, O Most High.

Communion: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God; blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

When the Entrance Antiphon exhorts the "hearts of those who seek the Lord to rejoice" and "be strengthened", we find ourselves asking what kind of heart is needed to find the Lord? All the readings point to humility as a key characteristic of the Christian heart. God promises through Zephaniah that the "remnant of Israel" shall be restored and despoil their enemies who gloated over their ruin. St. Paul reinforces the idea of lowliness in his letter to the Corinthians by encouraging them to rejoice in their generally impoverished background ("Not many of you were wise...powerful...of noble birth") because God uses the lowly to shame the wise that none might rejoice in their own abilities. Our biblical journey then reaches its climax with the sublime revelation of the happiness awarded to the humble of heart as described in the Beatitudes. Let us then "give thanks unto the Lord" for providing for us in our lowliness and rejoice in the triumph over all injustice that will take place at the end of all things.

"The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name."

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

January is the quiet month dedicated to the Holy Family. As the month comes to end, take the opportunity to devote yourself in prayer to the Holy Family and consider their humble obedience to God.

Save the date! February 2, at the Thursday 7 AM Mass. Candlemas will soon be here! Traditionalists will take down their Christmas Trees and candles will be blessed!

Bring your candles for Father Joseph Mary to bless for your domestic church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **First Reading** *Isaiah 58:7-10* In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 112:4-9* The just person will be a light in the darkness.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 2:1-5* Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified. .

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Ann Jackson, 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



January is the National Poverty in America Awareness month. We thank you for the gift of Hope your donations provide to our neighbors in need. The need for affordable housing is increasing. The many we assist live in situations

where their rent is around 80% (or more) of their income, leaving no financial coverage for illness, auto repairs, or sometimes even basic needs and incidentals. Pope Francis (2014) reminds us that the joy of the Gospel arises from a heart which, in its poverty, rejoices and marvels at the works of God, like the heart of Our Lady, whom all generations call "blessed" (cf.Lk 1:48). Please join us in our journey to help our neighbors in need. 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

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: For Outreach: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations this year! During 2022, we handed out bags of food to 1,001 families/2,626 individuals. And we served 3,033 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). **WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY:** A parishioner who lives at the Colonnades on Barracks Road needs a ride to Sunday's 11AM Mass. To help, please email <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u>

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

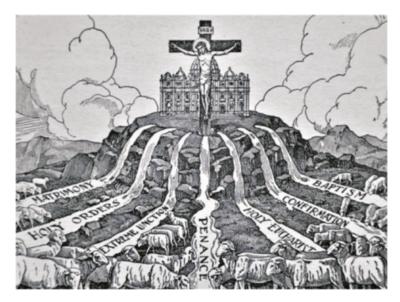
WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY would like to invite all Holy Comforter parishioners in praying the Our Lady of Lourdes Novena for our parish's sick and homebound along with our own private intentions, starting Feb. 2-Feb. 11. Find the Novena included inside this bulletin (flyer) or email: <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> to receive it by email. Extra copies will be available in the Commons. Thank you for your precious prayers on behalf of HolyComforter's sick and homebound and for others in need. God bless you!

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES. 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. CCS offers Jr K-8th grade Catholic education. For more information about Charlottesville Catholic School, please contact CCS Admissions Coordinator, Christine Fowlkes at ch.fowlkes@cvillecatholic.org We also invite you to join CCS for an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 5, 12PM-2PM.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is seeking a Director of Development. Responsible for overseeing the school's comprehensive fundraising efforts. CCS seeks an exceptional relationship builder who will passionately convey the mission and values of the school. For more information, please send a resume and Diocesan Application, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or email to <u>v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org</u>. **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. Please Contact Miriam (949-274-6075) / Mark Karafa (240-643-1249).

Mr. BLUE! at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish: *Saturday, Feb. 25 (7pm)* Based on Myles Connolly's novel, the inspiring new Catholic play by Mary Kay Williams will be staged by the St. Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought at UVA. About a *young man, who has everything and decides to live his faith dramatically in 1920s New York. Provides a joyful antidote to an age of indifference not so very unfamiliar today.* Staged reading with live jazz piano, directed by Kate Burke (UVA Theater). *Free tickets now available.*

FROM THE PASTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" John. 3:5

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life", the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us (1213). In other words, the Sacrament of Baptism is the foundation of a life of faith. The Church has always taught the necessity of Baptism for salvation (i.e., welcome into heaven). While the Sacrament of Baptism can be administered anytime during a person's life, the most common time to receive Baptism in the Catholic Church is during infancy.

It is the call and duty of Catholic parents to make every effort to aid their children in experiencing a relationship with Christ here on earth and for eternity in heaven. Baptism is the first step in this journey. We believe that Baptism is really a big deal; it changes who we are. It is not merely entering the Church and becoming a member of the body of Christ, but also an opening of the doors of faith, transforming us into children of God with Jesus now living in us. It is an opportunity of grace that must be given as soon as the child is born. In his dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. **"No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit"** (Jn. 3:5). After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, **"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved"** (Mk.16:16). The word baptism is Greek in origin and means "immersion" and "bath". Immersion in water is a sign of death, and emersion out of the water signifies new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. St. Paul sums up this truth when he says, **"You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead"** (Col. 2:12).

Further: "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4).

Baptism also places what we call an "indelible spiritual mark" on our soul. If I may use the language—one might say we are like animals who get branded. The physical mark is a permanent sign of who that animal's owner is. Similarly, in baptism our souls are marked with a permanent spiritual marking to reveal the fact that we forever remain children of God. Even if we seriously sin, this marking remains a constant source of grace calling us back to God. At the very beginning of the baptismal ceremony, the person to be baptized is marked on the forehead with the sign of the Cross by the minister, the parents, and the godparents. This symbolic gesture is an indication of what is soon to take place. The child will be marked by Baptism with an indelible spiritual marking from God on his or her soul.

To be continued...



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