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MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION

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

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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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12:30PM and Soup Kitchen: Thursday 12 PM

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Sacristans	Suzanne Bailey
Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

That all those called to follow Jesus
in the priesthood or consecrated life
will allow the Holy Spirit to
strengthen them daily in
their vocation,
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 (2/11)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/12) SIXTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated in Honor of
Holy Comforter Parish (Tylka Family)

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass (RCIA Rite of Sending)

12:00 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (2/13)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/14)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (2/15)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (2/16)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (2/17)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (2/18)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/19) SEVENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donations are Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:00 PM RCIA

4 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.

2/14 Sts Cyril and Methodius
2/15 Saint Claude de la Colombiere
2/16 Saint Gilbert of Sempringham
2/17 Seven Founders of the Servite Order
2/18 Saint John Fiesole
2/19 Saint Conrad of Piacenza

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 (2/11)

8 AM World Day of the Sick
(Diane Auger Smith)
Holy Comforter's Sick and Homebound

5 PM Daniel Lapinell
Roy Gaglio (Lilly Family)

SUNDAY (2/12)

8:30 AM † John and † Jadwiga Mickiewicz
(Ed and Jean Mickiewicz)

† Annie Wallace
11 AM The Anderson Family

MONDAY (2/13)

12 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)
Mary Kahwajy-Baron (Stelow Family)

TUESDAY (2/14)

7 AM John Higginbotham (Dotty and George Lilly)
† John G. Engler (Jack Engler)

WEDNESDAY (2/15)

7 AM Karafa Family

THURSDAY (2/16)

7 AM Librande Family

FRIDAY (2/17)

12 PM † George Delon (Stelow Family)
† Betty Jane Prufer and † Mary Prufer
(Michael Sartori Family)

SATURDAY (2/18)

8 AM † Ginna Lundeen (Heide Seward)

5 PM Lloyd Smith III In Honor of the Anniversary
of His Baptism. (Diane and Garrett Smith)

SUNDAY (2/19)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM Maryann Masci

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

2/11 Our Lady of Lourdes
2/12 Saint Apollonia
2/13 Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 2023

Offertory	\$3,768
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$4,732)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY ALL MONTH

Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

2/12/2023 Outreach

2/22/2023 Ash Wednesday SVdP Holy Trinity Conference

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

God doesn't un-say anything. Today, Christ asserts that for those hoping for a 'free pass,' "Not... the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law" (Matthew 5:18). The law is God's unchangeable word, and all will be judged according to His law.

Yet, inasmuch as God will not recant his law, neither will he recant his mercy. Technically speaking, our hope should abound because, according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, "It is more proper for God to spare and to show mercy than to punish. For the former belongs to him by reason of his nature, the latter only by reason of our sins" (Summa Theologica II, II, 21, 2).

Yet some people don't know his law. While God's mercy may account for this, they will still suffer judgment under the law. Jesus gave our parish the task of sharing the good news that he came to save us from the law. Our Catholic parish is the most direct local route for our community to reach Him and our Annual Diocesan Appeal seeks to help more people get access to Him. Please support our Appeal today. We need your generosity, prayers, and advocacy. Let's bring souls from our community to his merciful feet!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Be unto me a protecting God and a house of refuge, to save me; for you are my support and my refuge; and for the sake of your name you will lead me and nourish me.

Offertory: Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. O Lord, you are blessed, teach me your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by your mouth.

Communion: They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they desired; they were not deprived of their wants.

The Wisdom of God surpasses our understanding, but it leads to the fulfillment of our deepest desire to love and be loved. Finding our way to God requires, humility, though – a recognition that we are in need of God's saving mercy. Hence, Mass today starts with a petitionary Antiphon (as is the case with a majority of the Entrance Antiphons anyway) begging for God's protection and support. The readings of the day provide us with an answer to this prayer by living our lives in conformity with God's Wisdom as revealed in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Having been nourished with the Word, the Offertory begins with a blessing of gratitude and then asks God to instill His commandments into our hearts. Following the unsearchable Wisdom of God in living a good life will leave us "fully satisfied" because of the relationship we will be sharing with God. We find our greatest happiness when we are at peace with God, a peace which sustains us even in the midst of tribulations. A final note of encouragement is offered: "the Lord gave them all that they desired", which is to say that living a good life produces holy desires, and God is delighted to satisfy those desires, even the smallest and least significant. Commit yourself anew to living with Christian charity, and let Him dote on you today!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RCIA RITE OF SENDING

Next Sunday, February 19, at the 11 AM Mass, the Rite of Sending will take place with Holy Comforter's Catechumen, Aaron Wissinger, in which he will sign the Book of the Elect. On Saturday, February 25, Aaron will participate in the Rite of the Elect at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond.

Please take the time to reach out and introduce yourselves to Aaron and our RCIA Candidates. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of their journey into our glorious Church. The RCIA Participants' Bios are on the RE Bulletin board in the Commons. *Please remember to keep Holy Comforter's RCIA participants in your thoughts and prayers.*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18
Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

Responsorial
Psalm 103: 1–4, 8, 10, 12–13
Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16–23
Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Gospel
Matthew 5:38–48
My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Eileen Bracuti, Stephanie Crews, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Ann Jackson, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Mary Polce, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, 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, Roy Gaglio, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Chris Irwin Krupka, 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 and Family, Joseph Schrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and 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, 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

BECOMING A PROFESSED LAY DOMINICAN is a lifelong vocation open to all practicing Catholic men and women, single or married, who embrace Dominican Spirituality that includes the four pillars of prayer, study, apostolate, and community. Lay Dominicans meet in community once a month for prayer, study, and friendship, then —fortified by Grace and their Chapter meeting—go out into the world to serve secular society. By making a commitment to an apostolate, the Lay Dominican finds ways to share with all the Truth and Love of God for man.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter is the local Dominican Laity Chapter. If you are interested in visiting the local Chapter, please email oplaity55@gmail.com and a Lay Dominican will contact you with additional information.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations! During the month of January, we gave out food bags to 119 households/325 individuals. And we served 244 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 is pleased to announce an opportunity to serve Holy Comforter's homebound or hospitalized members as an Extraordinary Minister (EM) of Holy Communion. If you are looking for a meaningful way to "give back," this ministry promises richness. Training is provided. Call the parish office (434) 295-7185 or email mercy@holycomforterparish.org if interested. A commitment to this ministry could be a great way to start off your Lenten program. Also, a parishioner who lives at the Colonnades on Barracks Road needs a ride to Sunday's 11AM Mass. To help, please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

HOLY COMFORTER LOST & FOUND: *Have you lost something? Check the Lost & Found in the piano room (LL). Valuables are kept at the front desk. What has been there for months will be donated but notice will be given beforehand. Please check for your lost item.*

ENROLLMENT AT CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! The application is accessible through our website (cvillecatholic.org) for students eligible for Junior Kindergarten (4 years of age by Sept. 30, 2023) through 8th grade. Please email admissions@cvillecatholic.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.

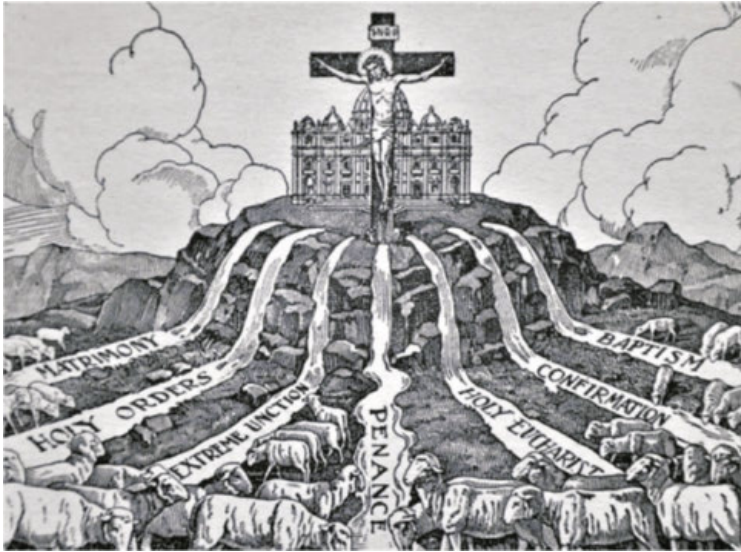


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MR. BLUE! AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS UNIVERSITY PARISH: *Feb. 25 (7pm) Saturday. Based on Myles Connolly's novel about a young man, who has everything and decides to live his faith dramatically in 1920s New York. The inspiring new Catholic play by Mary Kay Williams will be staged by the St. Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought at UVA. Staged reading with live jazz piano, directed by Kate Burke (UVA Theater). Tickets are free*

FROM THE PASTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation form the Sacraments of Initiation and are all intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God’s Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission (Is.11:2). Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus’ entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

The New Testament reports many manifestations of the Holy Spirit, two of which we note here. St. John’s Gospel describes an outpouring of the Spirit on Easter night when Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said, **“Receive the holy Spirit” (Jn. 20:22)**. St. Luke’s Acts of the Apostles gives another account of the sending

of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ (Acts 2). Filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles proclaimed God’s mighty deeds. Peter preached that this coming of the Spirit fulfilled the prophecy of Joel: **“In the last days...I will pour out a portion of my spirit / upon all flesh” (Acts 2:17 and Jl. 3:1)**.

Those who believed in the Apostles’ preaching were baptized and then received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. The Apostles baptized believers in water and the Spirit. Then they imparted the special gift of the Spirit through the laying of hands. ***“The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church” (CCC, no. 1288)***. By the second century, Confirmation was also conferred by anointing with holy oil, which came to be called sacred Chrism. ***“This anointing highlights the name ‘Christian,’ which means ‘anointed’ (Greek) and derives from that of Christ himself whom God ‘anointed with the Holy Spirit’” (CCC, no. 1289)***.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with greater emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

The Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord—to assist us in our mission and witness. When confirmed, we walk with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development. Wisdom enables us to see the world from God’s viewpoint, which can help us come to grasp the purpose and plan of God. It grants us the long-range view of history, examining the present in the light of the past and the mystery of the future. It saves us from the illusion that the spirit of the times is our only guide. The Spirit’s gift of knowledge directs us to a contemplation, or thoughtful reflection, of the mystery of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as well as of the mysteries of the Catholic faith. We are drawn to meditative prayer, where we allow God to lead us while we rest patiently in the divine presence.

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