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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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- Uganda** Theresa Lynch
- Ushers** Dennis Dougherty

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, 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 (2/18)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/19) SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Anonymously Donated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass (RCIA Rite of Sending)

Monthly Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing after the 11 am Mass with cake

12:00 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (2/20) Presidents Day

Office Closed

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/21)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

5:30 PM Vespers

followed by Mardi Gras Potluck

WEDNESDAY (2/22) ASH WEDNESDAY

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

THURSDAY (2/23)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (2/24)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

1 PM-5:30 PM Adoration

5:45 PM Children's Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Soup Supper Potluck

7 PM Confession

SATURDAY (2/25)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/26) FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Altar Flowers Donations are Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 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.

2/21 Saint Peter Damian

2/22 Chair of Saint Peter

2/23 Saint Polycarp

2/24 Blessed Luke Belludi

2/25 Blessed Sabastian of Aparicio

2/26 Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

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 (2/18)

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

MONDAY (2/20)

12 PM † Joseph Smith, Jr (Patricia McAdams)

TUESDAY (2/21)

7 AM Holy Comforter Office Staff

12 PM Randall and Sharlene Saathoff

WEDNESDAY (2/22)

7 AM Susan Moore (Alicia Vinklarek)

THURSDAY (2/23)

7 AM Travis Cole (Alicia Vinklarek)

FRIDAY (2/24)

12 PM † Sheryl Mason (Will Kulick)
† Tommy Underhill

SATURDAY (2/25)

8 AM † Members of the Parish and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

5 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (2/26)

8:30 AM Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

2/18 Saint John Fiesole

2/19 Saint Conrad of Piacenza

2/20 Sts Jacinta and Fransisco Marto

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Offertory	\$16,417
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$7,917

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus gave a radical commandment – "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). Today, it is cliché and remains radical, because it has the power to change hearts and nations.

Ask Gandhi. Even though he wasn't Catholic, Gandhi leveraged the power of nonviolence to bring about a new kind of revolution. His peaceful tactics inaugurated a massive movement which eventually resulted in economic independence for India.

With that we might also reveal the power of such a disposition in our lives! Christ himself did not hide his face "from insults and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). We all experience being "struck on the cheek" in various ways. We want our parish and diocese to be a haven where people can find the strength to face the evils in their lives. When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help increase our ability to heal and sustain the bruised and weary. Through your generosity of prayer, gifts, and good words, we can continue to offer the bread of angels to the hungry and make the Annual Appeal shine brightly! God bless you.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: O Lord, I have placed my trust in your merciful love; my heart has rejoiced in your salvation. I will sing unto the Lord who has dealt bountifully with me.

Offertory: Harken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God, for it is you, O Lord, whom I implore.

Communion: I will relate all your wondrous deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing to the honor of your name, O Most High.

*This last Sunday before Lent, the Church fittingly draws our attention to God's mercy in both the readings and the Propers. The call to repentance so characteristic of Lententide is only possible because God receives those who turn away from sin back into a relationship with Him. His justice is perfect, which makes His mercy all the more wondrous. The Offertory Antiphon is particularly striking in its acknowledgment of God's mercy. The Psalmist (and us through him) implores God to hear his prayers by virtue of the fact that mercy is part of Who God is: "for it is **you**, O Lord, whom I implore." One might rephrase this prayer as, "I could turn to anyone for help and a kind word, but I am turning to You, Lord, because You will always be there for me." Even before we arrive at this beautiful acknowledgment of God's mercy, the Entrance Antiphon proclaims the goodness of God, "who has dealt bountifully with me". Concluding with the evangelical Communion Antiphon, "I will relate all your wondrous deeds", we see an elegant progression in the Antiphons of hearing of God's mercy, experiencing God's mercy, and sharing God's mercy. Let us consider the beautiful words of a 16th century piece of music: "Nolo mortem peccatoris"; "I do not wish the death of the sinner." Thanks be to God.*

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RCIA RITE OF SENDING

This 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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17

A prayer for mercy

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

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.

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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, Teena and Raymond Klein, 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 OPLaity511@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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BLESSING AND CAKE AFTER THE 11 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY, FEB 19. PLEASE JOIN US!



Dorothy Day Lenten reading group: The Dorothy Day Guild of Central Virginia and the Office of Social Ministries at Holy Comforter is sponsoring a four-week Lenten reading and discussion of *The Long Loneliness by Dorothy Day*. The discussion group will meet on Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7:30pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom to reflect on Day's life, her vocation, and how her spirituality can speak to us. Books are available online, both new and used. Contact Denise Zito, Denise.zito@gmail.com, for information and to register.



Thank you, Fr. Walter for gathering with us in joy and gratitude as we commissioned our members of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** to faithfully assist one another in our shared mission to serve those who are in need. We are in need of new members who can speak Spanish, attend 2 meetings per month and share in the service of those who are in need. If interested, please contact us at info@svdp-ht.org or call (434) 226-8022. Thank you and God bless you for your prayerful consideration.

Gender Identity Training

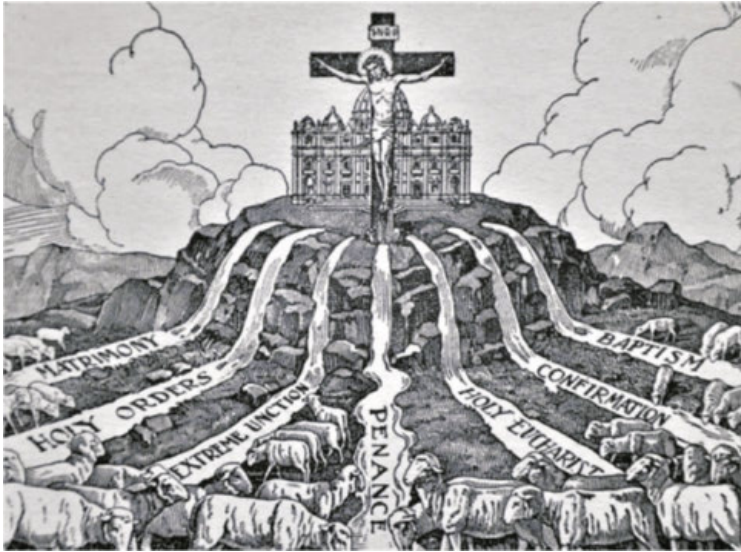
Facing difficult questions? Catholic guidance on Gender Identity Issues is available!



OFFICE FOR
EVANGELIZATION

Adults only
Mary Rice Hasson JD
March 7th @ Church of the Incarnation
7 - 8:30pm

FROM THE PASTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Part V

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God”.

Romans 8:14-17

It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace (*Roman Ritual, Rite of Confirmation Introduction 1*). For “by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed” (LG 11; cf. OC, Introduction 2; *Catechism* #1285). The effects of Confirmation include a permanent change in character to the soul, a perfection of baptismal grace, an increase in the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, a deepening of our identity as adopted sons and daughters of God, a closer bond to the Church and her mission, and helps for bearing witness.

The truth is that Confirmation can be confusing at times. Perhaps the name itself can be misleading. It is thought, at times, that Confirmation is your opportunity to “confirm” your faith. Well, yes—you certainly must do this as you receive the sacrament, but this ultimately does not get to the heart of Confirmation. It is not so much about *you* confirming your choice to be Catholic; rather,

it’s about *God the Holy Spirit* confirming you! It’s much more something that God does to you and your eternal soul than something you do for God or even yourself.

Now, finishing our discussion from last week about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Confirmation—when it comes to the gift of **understanding**, this gift stimulates us to work on knowing ourselves as part of our growth in knowing God. It is what St. Augustine meant when he prayed, “*That I may know You, may I know myself.*” When the Spirit pours **fortitude** or courage into our hearts, we can trust that we will be prepared to stand up for Christ and the Gospel when challenged. As the gift of **counsel** or right judgment grows in us, we can sense the quiet teaching that the Spirit gives us about our moral lives and the training of our consciences.

The gift of **piety** or reverence is an act of respect for the Father who created us, for Jesus who saved us, and for the Spirit who is sanctifying us. We learn reverence for God and people from our parents and others who train us in virtue. The Spirit fills us with this gift at the liturgy, which is a masterful school of reverence, as well as through popular devotions and piety.

Finally, the gift of **fear of the Lord** or wonder and awe in God’s presence can infuse honesty into our relationship with God, a frankness that places us in awe before the majesty of God. Yet the gift also imparts an attitude of grateful wonder that God loves us and that we can share in his life.

When we are responsive to the grace of Confirmation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we begin to bear the fruits of the Spirit. The tradition of the Church names twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (CCC, no. 1832 and Gal 5:22).

Like Baptism, Confirmation changes your soul. You receive a spiritual character (an indelible mark) on your soul. This marking becomes a permanent source of grace for you throughout eternity. It is important, then, from time to time to tap into the grace of Confirmation by praying to the Holy Spirit daily for an increase of this grace.

To be continued...

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