

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

# MARCH 5, 2023

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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
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

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

> Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays to <u>dre@holycomforterparish.org</u>



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

### Pastor

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F. jmlukyamuzi@richmonddiocese.org Deacon Rev. Mr. Henry Vinklarek deaconhenry@holycomforterparish.org Administrative Business Manager Mary Frances Lilly office@holycomforterparish.org **Receptionist/Office Assistant** Melinda Crews reception@holycomforterparish.org **Director of Liturgy and Music** Daniel Kirkland music@holycomforterparish.org **Director of Religious Education** Melinda Wells (434) 295-6559 dre@holycomforterparish.org Outreach (434) 293-8989 Bridget Davis + Jack Engler + Heather Burns outreach@holycomforterparish.org Food Pantry: Mon, Tue & Wed 10:30AM -12:30PM and Soup Kitchen: Thursday 12 PM Intern Carl Bauman Cbauman@richmonddiocese.org

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### PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Building and Grounds Ed Mickiew Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
	Heather Burns
Haiti	Ginny Zeller
Lectors	Matt Freeman
Offertory Counters	Lee Faust
Sacristans	Suzanne Bailey
Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

### Second Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023

For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, 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 (3/4) FIRST SATURDAY

7:30-8 AM Sung Lauds/Morning Prayer 8 AM Mass Blessing of Objects following Rosary 8 AM- 2:30 PM RCIA Retreat 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (3/5) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Second Collection-Easter Flowers 8:30 AM Mass 9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass 12:00 PM RCIA 4 PM Vespers **MONDAY (3/6)** 10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (3/7) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry WEDNESDAY (3/8) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Confession 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group 7 PM Choir THURSDAY (3/9) 7 AM Mass 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Confession 7-8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (3/10) 9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 12 PM Mass 1 PM-5:30 PM Adoration 5:45 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM KofC Soup Supper 7 PM Confession SATURDAY (3/11) 8 AM Mass 9:15AM-12 PM First Reconciliation Retreat 5 PM Vigil Mass

### SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

3/4 Saint Casimir 3/5 Saint John Joseph of the Cross 3/6 Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

### SUNDAY (3/12) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Second Collection-Outreach 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 7 AM Matthew Schrank in honor of his 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.

3/7 Sts Perpetua and Felicity 3/8 Saint John of God 3/9 Saint Frances of Rome 3/10 Saint Dominic Savio 3/11 Saint John Ogilvie 3/12 Blessed Angela Salawa

### 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 (3/4)

**8 AM** RCIA Catechumen and Candidates † Mervin Ott 5 PM Members of the Parish

### SUNDAY (3/5)

8:30 AM Norma Petroni (The Davis Family) 11 AM Rae Ellen Graham Bell (Richard Nordin)

### **MONDAY (3/6)**

12 PM Sister Maria

### TUESDAY (3/7)

Birthday

### WEDNESDAY (3/8)

7 AM † Albert J. Lilly, Jr (Dotty and George Lilly)

### THURSDAY (3/9)

**7 AM** Sister Emmanuel (Sherry Schemmel)

FRIDAY (3/10) 12 PM Shelly Ott

SATURDAY (3/11) 8 AM Bernie Seward (Heide Seward) **5 PM** † Anne Stallard

SUNDAY (3/12) 8:30 AM † Thomas Detolla (Charlie Francolini) 11 AM Members of the Parish

### PARISH NEWS

### **GIFTS FROM GOD**

#### WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Offertory	\$2,684
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$5,816)

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace 3/5/2023 Easter Flowers

3/12/2023 Outreach

3/19/2023 Catholic Relief Services

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

In a profound moment, Jesus offered a taste of his divinity to Peter, James, and John in the Gospel today. Jesus made known the glory he had with the Father before the world began. These three disciples were privileged to witness the manifestation of the Transfiguration.

As powerful as the Transfiguration must have been (Peter was so awed, he didn't even know what he said), that encounter can't equal receiving the Eucharist! Receiving an image of God through one's eyes can't rival the privilege of taking God himself into one's body through the

Eucharist.

Our community needs to know about this. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help our parish can get the word out: God is here! He lives in our little tabernacle! It's a secret that shouldn't be kept. God doesn't

want to overpower us with his transfigured

divinity every day. God's care is manifest in the Eucharist: its humble appearance enables the fragile human heart to "fill that gap" with faith.

As Saint Thomas Aquinas says, where "our feeble senses fail," faith rises (the *Tantum Ergo*). Please help our parish facilitate these privileged encounters by supporting the Appeal. Through your generosity, you'll help us provide the Eucharist to all who seek it in the quiet, human way our Lord seems to prefer.

Please use QR code for Appeal



**Entrance:** Remember your mercies, Lord, and your love which is from all eternity. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations.

**Offertory:** I shall meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands towards your commandments which I love. **Communion:** Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

"Lord, it is good to be here." What a delight it must have been for the apostles, albeit overwhelming, to behold the transfigured Lord. It really gives us a neat perspective on the Offertory Antiphon in particular. Why would the psalmist delight in God's commandments if He hadn't possessed a personal knowledge of God? To take delight in doing what we are told (and to do more!) comes from a profound love for the person telling us to do whatever is being asked of us. It is one thing to work for a supervisor and do what is expected of you; the Scripture, "what good are servants who do what they are told?" comes to mind. God wants a wholehearted response from us – He wants our entire being poured into doing what needs to be done for the Kingdom. This is because there is no other way the Kingdom will gain traction against the world. People crave happiness and the world promises happiness. Christ's witnesses need to have experienced His Presence in their lives and partaken of the delight of His company in order to truly make Him known to others and prove that the happiness in such a relationship infinitely exceeds the fleeting joys of worldly pleasures. Let us take time this Lententide to be with Jesus daily in silent prayer and allow Him to reveal Himself to us!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

### HOLY COMFORTER CHILDREN'S TRIDUUM PROJECT

Cardboard egg cartons are needed for a wonderful project to emphasize and help teach to Holy Comforter's Children the meaning of the Easter Triduum. Please leave your cardboard egg cartons in the baskets on the Religious Education Table in the Commons.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Saturday, March 11, 9:15 AM-12 PM. *This is a Diocesan required retreat for First Sacraments.* If your child is involved in preparing for First Sacraments, they must attend this retreat. Please have children dress nice casual, not play clothes. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Schemmel at sheschemmel@comcast.net or Melinda Wells, DRE.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7 God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock. **Responsorial Psalm** 

*Psalm 95:1-2,6-9* Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

### Second Reading Romans 5:1-2,5-8 Christ died for us while we were still sinners Gospel John 4:5-42 Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

### **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 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, Roy Gaglio, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Anthony & Elizabeth Kapeluch, 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, Monica Wadium, 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

#### 3023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL Case for Support Overview

CASE ELEMENT	2023 TARGET
Empowering The Next Generation	\$817,056
Providing For Those in Need	\$1,405,000
Strengthening Catholic Communities	\$1,272,179
Building an Effective Annual Appeal	\$495,000
2023 Appeal Overall Target	\$3,989,235

Holy Comforter Goal:\$25,150

### MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations. Those we serve are grateful for the food bags and a hot meal. Holy Comforter Outreach schedule-Food Pantry: M, T, W, 10:30-12:30pm and Soup Kitchen-Thurs,12-1pm. Please leave food donations in the basket in the Commons. We thank 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. Email mercy@holycomforterparish.org

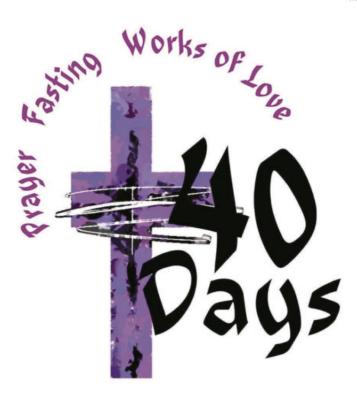
**HAITI:** A positive Lenten action would be the Tri-Parish and community participants increasing their sponsorship by one student. An increase that large would allow a 10% increase in salary, which would really make a difference in the lives of "our" personnel, where inflation has been 50-100%. Thank you from your Haiti committee, the Tri-Parishes staff, and St. Michel. Please keep all of us in your Prayers and a Special Intention for our ill committee member. *Several people have asked if they could join me on the trips to Haiti. Anyone is more than welcome and even encouraged to go. You may want to schedule with public health, after discussing with your physician, the vaccinations recommended for rural Haiti.* 

### ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITE COMMUNITY of

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis in Staunton on the 2nd Sunday each month from 11:30-4:00PM. If you are interested in learning more or feel called to Carmelite way of life, please visit, Sunday, March 12, 2023. Contact Patricia McAdams at 286-4055 or email pamcadams@yahoo.com. Flyers are in the Commons Area. 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 They will meet on Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 7:30pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom. To register, contact Denise Zito, Denise.zito@gmail.com.Books available online. THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND is seeking an Admin. Assistant, Office of Finance, to provide administrative support to the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply; <u>http://bit.ly/3XSnasW</u>. For info, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter obs@richmonddiocese.org SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 5, 2023 "God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

### FROM THE PASTOR



### WELCOMING LENT 2023: Part II Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes" Hosea 3:1-2

GOD LOVES YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T LOVE HIM! He's inviting you to a party, a celebration of the lost finally being found—a love being restored. Will you accept his invitation? This God who loves you is waiting for your answer this Lent. We cannot escape the message of God's undying love. In the book of the Prophet Hosea, the story of restoring Gomer, his unfaithful wife, to his side is an unbelievable story of the love and forgiveness we experience from our loving Lord. Hosea believed that God was great enough to do it for the people he loves. One day, word came by way of the grapevine gossip that Gomer had been deserted by her lover. She had sold herself to slavery and had hit bottom. Certainly, now Hosea would forget her. But his heart said "No"; he could not give her up. Then God spoke to him: "Go again, love a woman who is loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods" (Hos. 3:1). Can you think

of a situation where your love and life were taken over by things other than your Savior and Redeemer, Jesus the Christ?

Gomer was still beloved of Hosea even though she was an adulteress, and God wanted him to seek her out and prove his love to her. How could anyone love that deeply? The answer was right there in God's instructions to Hosea, **"even as the Lord loves**." Only one who knows the love and forgiveness of God can ever love this perfectly—and one who has experienced His loving forgiveness cannot help but love and forgive others. Christian husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the Church (Eph. 5:25), and Hosea is an outstanding biblical example of that kind of love.

How many times should a husband or wife forgive? Some argue, "If I keep forgiving, I simply affirm him in his pattern of sin." Or "If I keep forgiving, she'll think she can get away with anything she wants." Others say, "If I keep forgiving, it's like putting my seal of approval on his behavior." Or "I can't take another hurt like that. If he does that one more time, I'm leaving." Those are human responses. Listen to the response of the Lord Jesus. Peter had asked the Lord this same question: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" The Lord's answer was, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:21, 22). That is a great deal of forgiveness. In fact, Christ was simply saying in a charming way that there is no end to forgiveness.

Sometimes it's just the little slights and daily agitations that need forgiveness—the occasional sharp word or angry accusation. But we harbor them, let them eat at us, and build up bitterness and resentment which erode our relationship. Maybe it's a major offense, like Gomer's, and we can never forget it. We stew on it and fret over it, and we keep bringing it up in a subconscious attempt to punish our spouses for the hurt we have suffered. We try to forgive, but a few days later it's right there again, preying on our consciousness. Big wounds sometimes take longer to heal. They will come back to our minds. There is no way to avoid it. But every time they do, we must first remind ourselves that we really did forgive, then rehearse how much God has forgiven us, then ask Him to take the destructive, unforgiving thoughts out of our minds. We are blessed to have this season of Lent to help us open ourselves to learn to forgive and let go of any resentment and anger. Please don't give up on anybody because God has never and will never give up on you. Our Father... forgive us as we forgive...

To be continued...

