



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

**MARCH 19,
2023**

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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

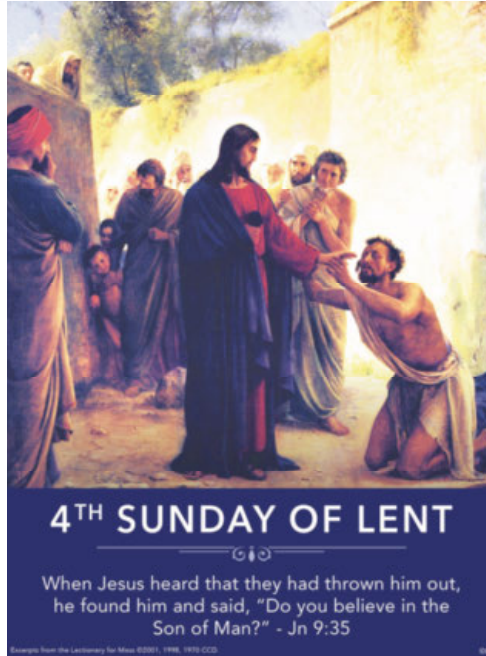
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

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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by 3 PM Mondays to
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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Haiti	Ginny Zeller
Lectors	Matt Freeman
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Sacristans	Suzanne Bailey
Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

That like the man born blind,
we will allow Jesus to open our eyes
and hearts to His will and to inspire more
men and women to respond to His call to
serve Him and His Church as priests,
deacons and in the 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 (3/18)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (3/19) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Second Collection-Catholic Relief Services

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass (Blessing & Cake for Birthdays and Anniversaries following Mass)

12:00 PM RCIA

4:45 PM Vespers

5 PM St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner (Please bring Salad, Bread or Dessert)

MONDAY (3/20) Solemnity of St. Joseph

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/21)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (3/22)

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 (3/23)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (3/24)

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 Potluck Soup Supper

7 PM Confession

SATURDAY (3/25) ANNUNCIATION

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (3/26) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM RCIA

4:30 PM Seven Last Words Concert

Reception following

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.

3/21 Blessed John of Parma

3/22 Saint Nicholas Owen

3/23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

3/24 Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero

3/25 Annunciation of the Lord

3/26 Saint Catherine of Genoa

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 (3/18)

8 AM All Seminarians of Richmond Diocese

5 PM Anne Marie Gaglio

(Dotty and George Lilly)

Lucas Gerling

(Greg and Maria Andrea Gerling)

SUNDAY (3/19)

8:30 AM † Jane Til Danilek

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (3/20)

12 PM Anne Marie Gaglio (Mary Frances Lilly)

TUESDAY (3/21)

7 AM Van and Thien Vu (Mel Crews)

WEDNESDAY (3/22)

7 AM † Joseph and Maryann Masci

THURSDAY (3/23)

7 AM In Honor of the Baptism of Lucas Gerling (Greg and Maria Andrea Gerling)

FRIDAY (3/24)

12 PM Coby Savona

SATURDAY (3/25)

8 AM † Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (3/26)

8:30 AM † Arthur Stein

11 AM † Thomas Kostelac (Kostelac Family)

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

3/18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

3/19 Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary

3/20 Saint Salvator of Horta

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 2023

Offertory	\$10,514
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$2,014

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Easter Flowers + Justice and Peace

3/12/2023 Outreach

3/19/2023 Catholic Relief Services

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40)

When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day," Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work."

The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We must not delay. Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal. Please support our Appeal. We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom.

Offertory: Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.

Communion: The Lord made some clay with his spittle, and he spread it over my eyes; and I went forth, I washed myself, I began to see, and I put my faith in God.

This Sunday is called "Laetare Sunday" because the first word of the Entrance Antiphon (in Latin) is "Laetare" or "rejoice". On this day, Priest and deacon don rose colored vestments, flowers return to the altar, and organ sings jubilantly, all manifesting the radiant joy of this day. We pause Lenten sobriety to consider the upcoming Paschal mysteries and how our Lord Jesus Christ won for us salvation. We were neither capable of pulling ourselves out of the abyss of sin nor worthy of any action on the part of God. Like the blind man, we just sat as God passed us by. But as Jesus showed in the Gospel, God, of His own volition, stooped down to us in our lowliness and freed us from our blindness. Because He is "loving" and "gracious", He gave us His Son and accomplished what "he resolved to do", which was, through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, to free us from the slavery of sin and give us access to the life of grace to become a new creation. This is indeed great cause for rejoicing! Whenever we are discouraged, let us recall the unfathomable Mercy of God that triumphed over our weakness. Let us "be replenished with the consolation" flowing from the bosom of the New Jerusalem, the Catholic Church, which is the preaching of this Good and wonderful News and its re-presentation in the Holy Mass.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HOLY COMFORTER CHILDREN'S TRIDUUM PROJECT

CARDBOARD EGG CARTONS ARE NEEDED for a wonderful project to help teach 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.

Thank you so much!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Eileen Bracuti, Stephanie Crews, Emmett Dudley, Kelton Flinn, 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, Fr. Dan Bain, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, 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, 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.

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, or to add or remove a name, please contact the office 434.295.7185
reception@holycomforterparish.org

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (Case for Support Overview)

CASE ELEMENT	TARGET
<u>2023 Appeal Overall Target</u>	<u>\$3,989,235</u>
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



Holy Comforter Parish target is \$25,150 and we will receive 30% of contributions up to that goal and 50% of all contributions over it. All proceeds will be used here for church maintenance.
Please scan the QR code to contribute.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach thorough your contributions and donations. During the month of February, we gave out **99** bags of food to **266** individuals in Food Pantry and served **250** meals in Soup Kitchen. Please leave your food donations in the basket in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless! (This USDA pantry 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 need s a ride to Sunday's 11AM Mass. Please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org

ANNOUNCEMENT

HELP NEEDED OFFERTORY COLLECTION Consider joining our collection counter team! We love our parish and are dedicated to our service. Plenty of street parking is available when we meet at 8 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly 434.295.7185 or office@holycomforterparish.org with questions or to volunteer.

"IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE." (ST. POPE PAUL VI, JANUARY 1, 1972.) Please join members of the Holy Comforter IMPACT team, along with IMPACT teams from 26 other congregations, at the Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center, where we will urge our local leaders to do justice by (1) funding trust funds for affordable housing, (2) providing after-care for at-risk children enrolled in public preschool, and (3) providing a public transportation that is both reliable and good for the environment. Contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net or (434) 326-3166) Childcare provided.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC VISITOR to the homebound, please join us in a training session on Saturday March 25 at 9:15 am, in the Church. If you attend this training, you will then be commissioned to be sent out on Sunday March 26th at the 8:30 am Mass.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. Your almsgiving helps to prevent evictions, utility disconnections and relieve stress in the hearts of many struggling neighbors. Those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. Thank you. We are in urgent need of members who can speak Spanish. If you would like to help, please contact us at info@sudp-ht.org or call (434) 226-8022, and we will respond. Thank you & God bless you!

FROM THE PASTOR



WELCOMING LENT 2023:

Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Mark 12:30-31

Before we can really offer the fullness of our love to God, it is essential that we grasp, at least at some level, the reality of His incredible love for us. After all, John, Jesus’ beloved disciple, tells us, **“We love Him because He first loved us” (1 Jn. 4:19)**. We are empowered to love God and to love others only by first understanding and walking in the love God has for us. So, it seems to me that this is the best place to begin.

The book of Malachi begins with this wholehearted word from the Lord to His halfhearted worshipers: **“I have loved you” (Mal.1:2)**. Though Israel had long been the object of God’s love, they no longer returned His love. God listed the ways His people had offended His love through their disobedience; Israel’s response was to question God. When He implored them, **“Return to Me, and I will return to you”**, they questioned Him in their blindness: **“In what way shall we return?” (Mal. 3:7)**. With divine “tough love”, the Lord exposed their many blind spots. He did this so that they might repent and accept His love and return it with wholehearted obedience.

We too are often halfhearted in our faith, appearing to love and serve God but really loving and serving ourselves. According to the message of the prophet Malachi, which is applicable to our time, God looks for people who reverence Him by maintaining two spiritual practices: speaking to each other about Him and meditating on His wonderful attributes of **Mercy and Love**. Not only are we to receive and share God’s love, but we are also to return it through glad obedience to his second commandment to **love your neighbor as you love yourself**. Yet, we cannot have that love until we first come to know Him. It is through fellowship with Him that we come to know Him and receive love. In using that love, we come to be like God and show love and mercy to others. God calls us and grants us forgiveness as an act of love. He forgives us because He loves us, and for our part we must repent. That is an act of responding to God’s love. He then gives us His Spirit, by which we can have fellowship with Him and forgive as we are forgiven. By His Spirit, we begin to manifest elements of His love, compassion, and forgiveness.

Often, we come to a place in life where forgiveness of one another or even oneself can be difficult. The question frequently asked is, “Why should I give in, forgive; I did nothing wrong?” The answer is simple: **“But if you do not forgive others their sins, your father will not forgive your sins” (Mt. 6:14-15)**. Forgiveness deals directly with the heart of man. It requires a willingness to change our perspective on an offense, show mercy, and pardon the individual from blame. Is this not what our Lord did when he took our sins upon himself? **“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses” (Act. 13: 38-39)**.

Does it always seem fair? Does another have the right to cause harm? In no way am I condoning mistreatment of any kind. Address what has grieved you with one or more witnesses while openly declaring you do not give permission to be ill-treated in any way. Just remember always to allow room for the love of God to have its way in every situation. **“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Pt. 4:8)**. Once past mistakes have been sincerely forgiven, do not rehash the matter any longer in your heart, mind, or words. For the Lord says: **“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more” (Jer. 31:34)**. What happens when the offense continues to persist? Continue to pray for them as you walk in love when doing so. Don’t let pride have its way in your heart when it comes to forgiveness.

To be continued...

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