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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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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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- 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 Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2023

That we may be blessed with priests and consecrated religious to serve as messengers of God's divine mercy, 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 (4/15)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/16) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Second Collection-Outreach

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM RCIA

3 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour

MONDAY (4/17)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession TBD

TUESDAY (4/18)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (4/19)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

4-5 PM Wedding Rehearsal

6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group

THURSDAY (4/20)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

FRIDAY (4/21)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/22)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/23)

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 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.

- 4/18 Blessed James Oldo
- 4/19 Saint Gianna Beretta Mollo
- 4/20 Saint Conrad of Parzham
- 4/21 Saint Anselm
- 4/22 Saint Adalbert of Prague
- 4/23 Saint George

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 (4/15)

8 AM For America's Leadership

5 PM † Nancy Masada (Nancy Vilar)

SUNDAY (4/16)

8:30 AM The Sick and Dying

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (4/17)

12 PM Sue Eaton (Stelow Family)

† William Beard

(Beard and Hilton Families)

TUESDAY (4/18)

7 AM Catie Claire Smith

(Diane & Garrett Smith)

WEDNESDAY (4/19)

7 AM † Rev. Anthony Haglof OCD

(Carmelite Secular Community of Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity)

† Nelson Wetzel

(Beard and Hilton Families)

THURSDAY (4/20)

7 AM † Randy Pyles

FRIDAY (4/21)

12 PM Melinda Crews

SATURDAY (4/22)

8 AM † Robert Prinz

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (4/23)

8:30 AM Julie Kajihara for Healing

11 AM Lia and Scotty Thoms, Mary Benfante

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

- 4/15 Saint Caesar de Bus
- 4/16 Saint Bernadette Soubirous
- 4/17 Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2023

Offertory (Online Giving)	\$13,174
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$4,674

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace + Haiti

4/2/2023 Seminarians of our Diocese

4/7/2023 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

4/16/2023 Outreach

HOLY COMFORTER HAS EXCEEDED OUR ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL GOAL! THANK YOU!!

Today Jesus specifically blesses “those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). If you haven’t seen Jesus, you have a special potential for blessedness. That’s us!

It’s a special joy that comes from hope. Confidently hoping for the fulfillment of our desire is a joyful state. Enduring in such hope *increases* our capacity for joy.

Oh, joy upon joy! Indeed, “All the way to heaven is heaven,” as a saying attributed to St. Catherine of Siena goes. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so we can help others access this joy. As a parish, we rejoice to have such a massive hope for one another. Please help us reach souls who labor in quiet despair because without you, we can’t reach them. Pray, donate, and sacrifice for our Appeal. By giving with the confidence that “gifts will be given to you” (Luke 6:38). *Blessed* are those who have not seen and have believed. *Believe* in what Christ can do through our parish for this local community. Believe because “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). Alleluia!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: I am risen, and I am always with you, alleluia; you have placed your hand upon me, alleluia; your wisdom has been shown to be most wonderful, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: The earth trembled and was still, when God arose in judgment, alleluia.

Communion: Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen! The exuberance of the Easter Vigil gives way to the awed contemplation of the Entrance Antiphon on this happy Easter Day: “your wisdom has been shown to be most wonderful”. Shock over the Resurrection has now turned into happy wonderment. The Wisdom of God is far beyond our comprehension and brings things to completion in a way more perfect than all the greatest minds in the world trying to solve a problem. This sense of awe is beautifully captured in the Offertory Antiphon, which speaks of the trembling of the earth descending into stillness “when God arose”. The Scripture of God “passing by” Moses in silence, preceded by the storms, fire, etc., comes to mind. St. Paul brings our prayerful considerations to a close by calling us to reform our lives based on this new reality. The Passover has always been understood by the Church to be deeply symbolic of the drama of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection. St. Paul, in the Communion Antiphon, delves into this and speaks of the unleavened bread as a symbol of our Christian living. In context, he says to put away the “old leaven” of wickedness and malice; even the smallest amount of a leavening agent can change the makeup of bread, so we are being called to simplicity, embracing truth, which will set us free, and uprightness, or good deeds among other things, in response to the newfound freedom that Truth has given us. Let us rejoice this sacred week and let our joy pour over into our interactions with others. The world is STARVED for joy – let your “chalice” overflow for others! Christ is risen – He is risen indeed! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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FIRST SACRAMENTS

First Holy Communion Retreat
Catholic Church of the Holy Comforter
April 22, Saturday
8 AM—12 PM

If your child is preparing for First Sacraments, the Holy Communion Retreat is required by the Diocese which includes homeschooling children. Please contact Melinda Wells, DRE if you have any questions.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11

God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ’s sacrifice.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

April 16, Second Sunday of Easter

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, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Sally Paget-Brown, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Anthony & Elizabeth Kapeluch, Julie Kajihara & Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Teena and Raymond Klein, Chris Irwin Krupka, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, 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, 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
2023 Appeal Overall Target	\$3,989,235
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: Happy Eastertide! We appreciate your generous support to Outreach though your contributions and donations. During March, we handed out 118 food bags to 315 individuals in Food Pantry and served 380 lunches in Soup Kitchen.

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY thanks all those who participated in the parish-wide powerful Divine Mercy Novena that began Good Friday and just ended. Our mission is to strengthen parish community through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. If you would like to learn more about our mission to visit and pray for the ill, recovering, and parish homebound, please email Sharon Dudley 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.

2023 EASTER CAMPAIGN...HELP US HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED...ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE
 During this Easter season help spread the joy of the risen Christ by supporting Vincentian ministry to help our friends in need. Please consider donating and joining us in our person-to-person assistance with rent, utilities and food expenses. We are a network of friends, inspired by the Gospel. We see the face of Christ in those we serve. Please contact us by email at info@svdp-ht.org or todonate, see svdp-ht.org

JOIN US FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GALA AUCTION, which will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the Omni Hotel. The Gala Auction is a fabulous evening for the CCS community to come together and support the school! Featuring cocktail hour and a seated dinner, live and silent auctions, and a number of fun raffles, this is our school's biggest fundraising effort each year—you don't want to miss it!
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to invite you to join us for **Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan**, during which you can learn more about the financial services that you can take advantage of. The event is scheduled for April 26th at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril26>

Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023-Divine Mercy Sunday: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Do you have an interest to share the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“And the disciples were filled with joy
and with the Holy Spirit”**

Acts 13:51

Alleluia, the Lord is risen! In the gospel of Matthew in his account of the Resurrection experiences we find this statement: **“Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them” (Mt. 28:8-9).** They went away “fearful” but also “overjoyed”. What a fascinating combination! These two experiences do not at first seem like they go hand in hand. How is one fearful while also filled with joy? Wouldn’t fear undermine joy? And wouldn’t joy seem to cast out fear? This all depends upon what sort of “fear” these holy women were experiencing.

It seems that the fear these women were experiencing was one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the gift of holy fear. This is not a fear in the normal sense of being afraid. Rather, it’s a fear that is better defined as a deep reverence, wonder and awe. It’s a gift that enabled these

women to recognize the depth of what they were presently experiencing. They were in awe, “holy shock”, amazement and filled with joy all at the same time. They would have suddenly experienced the amazing realization and hope that Jesus had beaten death itself. They were most likely confused but also filled with a faith that left them with a conviction that something extraordinary had just taken place.

This is the experience we must have these days of Easter. This an opportunity for us when we should spend extra time trying to penetrate and experience the same experience these holy women had as they first discovered that Jesus was no longer in the tomb. We must let ourselves engage the mystery of the Resurrection. We must see it for what it is. We must strive to comprehend this gift and the amazing fact that in His Resurrection, Jesus destroys the effects of sin. He destroys death itself. Truly amazing! This gives us hope for when we die; we are bound for resurrection because of Jesus.

It is important to ask yourself: Do you understand the Resurrection of Christ? It’s a humbling truth for each of us to admit that we need to understand the Resurrection more. We must not only let the truth of the Resurrection sink in, we must also allow the effects of the Resurrection to change us. We must allow the Resurrection of Christ to enter our souls and invite us to share in this new life today.

As these holy women left the tomb, the Scripture tells us that they met the Resurrected Christ on their way. It tells us that when they saw Jesus, they, **“approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.”** This is no small act of adoration and love. This act of worship and adoration of Jesus shows that they not only believed, but also acted by worshiping Him. We must do the same. As you do this, let yourself come face to face with the Risen Lord and let Him begin to transform your life more deeply!

Lord, I believe You rose victorious over sin and death. Allow me, especially during this season of Easter, to enter the great mystery of Your Resurrection. Help me to understand and experience this overwhelming glory in my life and be drawn to adore you and worship you.

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