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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

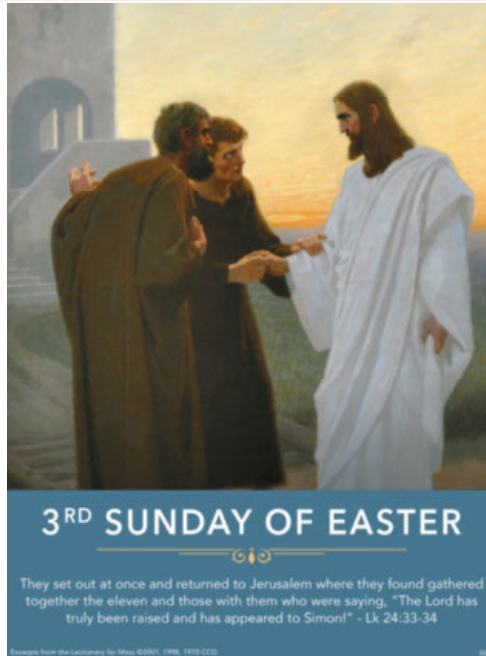
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

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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Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

For prayerful openness
in our young people,
that they will see their
vocation discernment as a call
to love the Lord and respond
generously to His choice of them,
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 (4/22)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/23) Third Sunday in Easter

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (4/24)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/25)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (4/26)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (4/27)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

FRIDAY (4/28)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

5-6 PM Wedding Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/29)

8 AM Mass

2 PM Wedding

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/30) Fourth Sunday in Easter

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.

4/25 Blessed Mark

4/26 Saint Pedro de San Jose Bentancur

4/27 Saint Louis Mary de Grignon de Monfort

4/28 Saint Peter Chanel

4/29 Saint Catherine of Siena

4/30 Saint Pius V

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

4/22 Saint Adalbert of Prague

4/23 Saint George

4/24 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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 (4/22)

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

MONDAY (4/24)

12 PM Peter Bernier

James Wyant (Diane Auger Smith)

TUESDAY (4/25)

7 AM Michelle Morlen (Diane Auger Smith)

WEDNESDAY (4/26)

7 AM Deacon Henry in Honor of His Birthday

THURSDAY (4/27)

7 AM Aaron Wissinger (Diane Auger Smith)
Colin Anderson (Diane Auger Smith)

FRIDAY (4/28)

12 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (4/29)

8 AM Theresa Auger (Diane Auger Smith)

5 PM Michael Samuel Mierzejewski
and Family

SUNDAY (4/30)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Ada Pyatetsky for Healing

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2023

Offertory (Online Giving)	\$12,768
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$4,268

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 reveals himself to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. We cannot experience him so utterly in any other way than the Eucharist. It makes a sacred union possible: God with man, man with God, one in both soul and body. What a mysterious exchange.

Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that we can share the delightful news that God is here and ready to commune with those who hunger and thirst for him. It is abundantly true that "the harvest is abundant"-Matthew 9:37. When you think about it, it's shocking how accessible God is through the Eucharist. Tens of thousands of parishes throughout the world offer the most profound, satisfying, intimate experience ever. Our local community's salvation is counting on us to reach out to help them. Please generously join our Appeal. Please help us help him reach them!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, alleluia; sing a psalm to his name, alleluia; praise him with magnificence, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord throughout my life; I will sing to my God for as long as I live, alleluia.

Communion: The Lord has risen and has appeared to Peter, alleluia.

*St. Peter, our first Pope, is the unique thread unifying all the readings today. He speaks to the Jews in the first reading, to us in the second reading, and then, as highlighted by the Communion Antiphon, is mentioned in the Gospel, though only briefly, as a proof that the Lord has risen, i.e., He appeared to Peter, whose testimony can be trusted. As we rejoice in the resurrection, our attention is already being drawn to the teaching office of Peter and the unity of the early Church in his person. I wish to draw your attention to a particularly profound passage in his letter from the second reading: "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct[...]
with the precious blood of Christ". We are a treasure in the sight of God, having been ransomed at a great cost. Just as we treat sacred things in the sanctuary with reverence because they are consecrated to the service of God, even more so are we to treat ourselves and others with reverence. The chalice at Mass is consecrated that it might carry the Precious Blood; so we too must let ourselves be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Entrance and Offertory Antiphons take on a deeper meaning, then, because the praise offered in them comes from a soul responding to the realization of its own preciousness in the sight of God. Rejoice in your Savior who treasures you more than anything. He is risen!*

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

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First Sacraments

Please pray for Holy Comforter's children in First Sacraments as they prepare for their First Communion. First Communion will be May 7, at the Saturday 5 PM Mass. It is a beautiful Sacrament and a wonderful blessing to witness.

Please keep in mind that that several rows of pews will be reserved for the 10 children, their families and friends. You may want to arrive early.

Thank you so much for remembering our children in your prayers!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize
3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of
Christ.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

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: Our mission is to strengthen our 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, as well as the parish homebound, please email Sharon Dudley mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

HAITI: A member of the "Midwives for Haiti" was kidnapped in Port au Prince. Attempts are being made to negotiate her release. Midwives for Haiti supported our village for many years. The Easter procession and Mass at St. Michel was beautiful. The lower school had a day outing to the new Circe la Souce recreation area, a very nice pool, play, and snack bar at the spring that also provides our water (not the same water!). The clinic is fully operational again, and we have over \$1,000 to show for the quarter. The water system going under the river has been repaired and the work moving the water line away from the road is starting. Father Asmith purchased the cisterns for the school and rectory shower facilities. *Please keep the kidnapped midwife and Haiti, in your prayers.*

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 for more info.

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.

Those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. Thank you. Together, we are a network of friends, inspired by the Gospel. We see the face of Christ in those we serve and walk with them through their trials. Donate @ svdp-ht.org or contact us by email at info@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 interested, register at <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril26>

FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you”
John 16:22**

The fact that Jesus died and was resurrected is our hope and joy because Christ’s resurrection guarantees our own! To rejoice in the hope of resurrection is an act of faith. From God’s perspective, it has already been accomplished. Christ is **“the firstborn from among the dead” (Col. 1:18)**. We believe and profess that there will be many resurrections to follow, including ourselves.

St. Paul asked, **“What if there is no resurrection?” (1 Cor. 15:13–18)**. In that case, Christ has not been raised, our faith is useless, and the gospel is false. If this were true, then we are not saved, and the dead will stay dead. Without the truth and doctrine of the resurrection, we cannot have hope or faith in Christ **(v. 19)**. If this life is all there is, and death is the end, then death and sin have won. On the other hand, if Christ did rise from the dead, then our hope is firm. In this case, our faith is powerful, the gospel is true, we are saved from sin, and proclaiming the good news of Christ is our greatest privilege and responsibility.

But what does the Resurrection mean for us? Firstly, it is a

proclamation that Jesus is alive and present with us. In the Resurrection appearances, the disciples experienced Jesus in their midst. The same Jesus who had walked with them now again touched their lives and spoke and ate with them, but He was radically changed. Clearly, Jesus had not simply come back to life like Lazarus did; He now lived the glorious life beyond death. Yet, he was still with them, and the Resurrection proclaims that Jesus is with us as well. Luke’s story of the Ascension is not a declaration of Jesus’ absence. He is announcing that Jesus is now present in every space and time. We encounter Jesus in the Scripture, in the “breaking of bread”, in the sacraments, and in our brothers and sisters. As we recall the stories of the Resurrection appearances, Christ is once again with us, forgiving, feeding, and consoling.

Secondly, death has been conquered. Death now opens the way to eternal life. Jesus gives witness to God’s faithfulness even in death. We need not be afraid of death since it is not the end but the beginning of eternal life. Jesus’ Resurrection gives meaning to suffering and death as the way to salvation.

Thirdly, Jesus’ Resurrection affirms the value of the human person and the world in which we live. Jesus was raised as a whole person—body and soul. He did not take on human flesh and then discard it; Jesus retained His whole humanity. Along with the doctrines of the Incarnation and the Eucharist, the Resurrection assures us that God has identified with matter. God has embraced the human condition. A profound unity forever exists between God and the world, between spirit and matter. As Christians, we do not believe simply in the immortality of the soul; we believe in the immortality of the human person. Jesus’ Resurrection and ours speak of continuity between this life and the next. Jesus’ Resurrection also acknowledges the value of creation:

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies” (Rm 8:19-23).

The whole of creation therefore is joyful because of the resurrection of Jesus. Thanks be to God. He has truly won the victory, all praise and glory to Him! Alleluia!

To be continued...

April 23, Third Sunday of Easter

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