

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

APRIL 30, **2023**

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📃 MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil5 PMSunday8 :30 AM & 11 AM*Monday + Friday12 PM(except First Friday)7 AMTuesday-Thursday7 AMFirst Friday6 PMSaturday8 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>



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

Pastor

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PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Building and Grounds	Ed Mickiewicz		
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	Heather Burns		
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Lectors	Matt Freeman		
Offertory Counters	Lee Faust		
Sacristans	Suzanne Bailey		
Uganda	Theresa Lynch		
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty		
Fourth Sunday of Easter			

April 30,2023 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 MONDAY (5/1)) 10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (5/2) 7 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry WEDNESDAY (5/3) 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 (5/4) 7 AM Mass 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Confession 7-8 PM Adoration FRIDAY (5/5) FIRST FRIDAY 9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 5-6 PM Wedding Rehearsal 6 PM Mass 6:45-10 PM Adoration 7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (5/6) 8 AM Mass Blessings of Objects after Rosary 11 AM Wedding 5 PM Vigil Mass with First Communion SUNDAY (5/7) Fifth Sunday in Easter 8:30 AM Mass 9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass May Crowning 12 PM Marian Procession 12 PM RCIA 4 PM Vespers

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

4/29 Saint Catherine of Siena 4/30 Saint Pius V 5/1 Saint Joseph the Worker

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. SATURDAY (4/29) 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, WEDNESDAY (5/3) 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.

5/2 Saint Athanasius 5/3 Saints Philip and James 5/4 Blessed Michael Giedroyc 5/5 Saint Hilary of Arles 5/6 Saints Marian and James 5/7 Saint Rose Venerini

NEW PARISHIONERS

Patrick & Maria Guadalupe Danley

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

8 AM Therese 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

MONDAY (5/1)

12 PM Victoria Lannon (Stelow Family) In Honor of St. Joseph and the Unemployed

TUESDAY (5/2)

7 AM † Rick Becksted (Mona Peglow)

7 AM Simon Ospina in Honor of His Birthday (Paula Ospina)

THURSDAY (5/4)

7 AM † John Gilbert Peglow (Mona Peglow)

FRIDAY (5/5)

6 PM Mary Frances Lilly

SATURDAY (5/6)

8 AM † Richard (Dick) Hopkins, Jr. 5 PM Julie Kajihara for Healing

SUNDAY (5/7) 8:30 AM † Kay Colo (Marlene Wood) 11 AM Members of the Parish

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2023

Offertory (Online Giving)	\$2,713
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$5,787)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

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

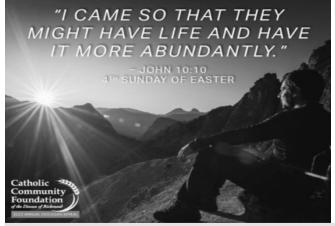
4/2/2023 Seminarians of our Diocese

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!!

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes clear how different he is from other religious leaders: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

He is the good shepherd, and our Annual Diocesan Appeal exists so that more might find comfort in His fold. We, His sheep, have His voice to guide us. In moments of darkness, He guides us. He gives us clarity, peace, and confidence as His peace is more potent than any earthly trouble. Please consider supporting our Appeal so we can help other souls gain peace.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia; by the word of the Lord, the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. **Offertory:** O God, my God, from daybreak do I watch for you; and in invocation of your name will I lift up my hands.

Communion: I am the good shepherd, alleluia; I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is the Good Shepherd, as the Communion Antiphon reminds us; hence this Sunday is called "Good Shepherd Sunday". What is interesting is that the antiphon highlights the voice of the shepherd – "my own know me". The first reading also mentions this recognition of the voice: "For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." Jesus calls His sheep by name, and they recognize Him. How do we recognize His voice? We listen to Him in the Scriptures, at Mass, and in the quiet of our hearts in prayer. Staying close to the Sacraments overall disposes us to hear that still voice, which is quiet in order that we might listen attentively. The Offertory Antiphon provides us with the proper attitude for listening to God: "from daybreak do I watch for you". There is a profound sense of longing in this passage; having tasted the goodness of God, the Psalmist now anxiously awaits Him to speak again. Let the love of Christ, poured out for us on the Cross, touch our hearts that we might long for His presence more and more and recognize the Shepherd's voice. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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!

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word. **Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm* 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him. Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9 Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood. Gospel John 14:1–12 Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Benteejac, 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	<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

<u>OUTREACH</u>: Happy Eastertide! We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations. During the first quarter of 2023, we handed out **336** food bags to **906** individuals in Food Pantry and served **874** 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. For more information about our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, as well as the parish homebound, please email Sharon Dudley <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENT THE BLESSING OF OBJECTS WILL BE NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, AFTER THE MORNING ROSARY

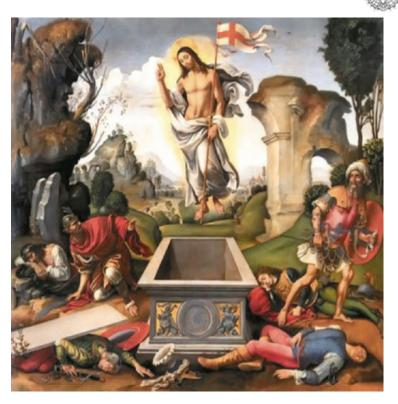
HOLY COMFORTER LOST & FOUND: There are unclaimed items in the Lost & Found (Piano Room LL) including a man's wool overcoat. Please check to see if anything belongs to you as <u>every-</u> <u>thing will be donated on Saturday, May 6.</u> Thank you so much! <u>HELP NEEDED OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</u> Consider 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 <u>office@holycomforterparish.org</u> 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-APRIL 30, 2023-WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? If so, contact Fr Brian Capuano at 804-359-566/vocations@richmonddiocese.org. ST. ZELIE'S GROUP FOR WOMEN-A SUPPORT GROUP for women carrying the invisible cross of miscarriage or stillbirth. Meeting is this Sunday April 30th, 2023 6:30-8pm at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish - downstairs in the Library. To RSVP...Courtney Dickinson at (301) 928-7066 or courtney.dickinson@kw.com

FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them" Lk. 24:41-43

"Incredulous for joy" – what a great description of the disciples' reaction to Jesus! To be "incredulous" means that the disciples were not sure what to believe. The resurrection of Jesus was too much, it was beyond their understanding as it should be for us. They were hesitant to believe in what they were seeing. There was Jesus, Whom they saw crucified, standing before them with the wounds in His hands and feet. He was talking to them and asked for something to eat. They were in shock, disbelief, and uncertainty. Was he real? Or they were seeing "a ghost"?!? Yet the description says that they were incredulous "for joy". It's as if they were waiting to explode with joy, they wanted to experience joy in what they were seeing, but something was holding them back. It all seemed to be too good. Was it true? Could it

be that Jesus really conquered death and was once again back with them?

This reaction of the disciples reveals an experience that we all have at times when invited by God to enter His glory and grace. So often, when God invites us closer to Himself, when He invites us to experience the joy of His Resurrection, we react with uncertainty. We can find it hard to let ourselves experience the reality of the Resurrection in our lives. This can happen for many reasons.

Discouragement is one cause for our hesitation to fully embrace the Resurrection. The disciples were deeply discouraged at the death of Jesus. Now that He had risen, and was standing there before them, they were hesitant to let go of that discouragement they let take hold. So also, we can easily let the weight of the world, of our sins, or the sins of others get to us. We can get angry or upset and find ourselves brewing over the apparent problems we face. Taking joy in the Resurrection means we turn our eyes away from those things and look intently at the realities God wants us to focus on. It does no good to become discouraged with the many problems that come our way. Instead, our Lord is repeatedly calling us to look beyond them to something greater. He is calling us to look to His victory!

Looking at His victory is freeing and produces an incredible faith and hope in our lives. That faith in the Risen Lord will have the effect of a wonderful joy that God wants us to have. Take time during this season of Easter to spend some time gazing upon the Risen Lord. Look at His victory. Look at His glory. Look at Him who calls you to a deeper faith. With your eyes fixed on Him, all else that tempts you to discouragement simply fades away.

Let this be our prayer: Lord, I do want to gaze upon You. I want to see Your splendor and glory. I want to see You risen from the dead and take great joy and delight in this reality. Help me, dear Lord, to experience the incredible joy that comes from knowing You and put my trust in You.

To be continued...

