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MAY 7, 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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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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Haiti Ginny Zeller
Lectors Matt Freeman
Offertory Counters Lee Faust
Sacristans Suzanne Bailey
Uganda Theresa Lynch
Ushers Dennis Dougherty

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

That all Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord's call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or 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 (5/6)

8 AM Mass
Blessings of Objects after Rosary
11 AM Wedding
5 PM Vigil Mass with First Communion
8:30 AM Mass
9:45 AM-10:45 AM Last day of Christian Formation

11 AM Mass May Crowning

12 PM Marian Procession

12 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (5/8)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/9)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/10)

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 (5/11)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

FRIDAY (5/12)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Co-op Picnic

6 PM Mass

6:45-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (5/13)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (5/14) Sixth 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.

5/9 Saint John of Avila
5/10 Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i
5/11 Saint Ignatius of Laconi
5/12 Saint Leopold Mandic
5/13 Our Lady of Fatima
5/14 Saint Matthias

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

5/6 Saints Marian and James
5/7 Saint Rose Venerini
5/8 Saint Peter of Tarentaise

NEW PARISHIONERS

Nathan Gillespie

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 (5/6)

8 AM † Richard (Dick) Hopkins, Jr.

5 PM First Communion Communicants
Julie Kajihara for Healing

SUNDAY (5/7)

8:30 AM † Kay Colo (Marlene Wood)

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (5/8)

12 PM Rita Poranski (Stelow Family)

TUESDAY (5/9)

7 AM Sarah Peglow (Mona Peglow)

WEDNESDAY (5/10)

7 AM † Jane Till Danilek in Memory of the 9th Anniversary of her Death

THURSDAY (5/11)

7 AM Holy Comforter Catechists

FRIDAY (5/12)

6 PM Mary Frances Lilly
(Dotty and George Lilly)

SATURDAY (5/13)

8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5 PM Stephanie Crews

SUNDAY (5/14)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish
Joseph Tam Nguyen
(Father Joseph Mary)

11 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
† Jane Till Danilek

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

Offertory (Online Giving)	\$7,377
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,123)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace + **New This Month:** Maintenance Fund

5/14/2023 Outreach

5/21/2023 Catholic Home Missions

NEW SECOND COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE FUND

We've added a NEW second collection envelope this month for a Maintenance Fund. All contributions will be designated for repairs and maintenance to our church and rectory that can be made *anytime* in pew, by mail, or online. Thank you for your support! <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1665>

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

In last week's Gospel, Jesus gave us the comforting news that we can securely follow His voice. In today's Gospel, He explains where He's taking us: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2).

What security to know that the *good* shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since He's already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve His kingdom first.

Even more exciting is that He gave us power in His service: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out His works here. Please give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through it, we can do His works!

He gave us the power to draw souls into His eternal family through Baptism. He gave us the ability to offer forgiveness through Confession. He gave us the power to fill souls with peace, warmth, and strength through the Eucharist. Please help us continue to accomplish these works by supporting our Annual Appeal. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will thank you in this life or the next. Let's get to work!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Sing to the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds, alleluia; he has revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of his name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

Communion: "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me? Philip, he who sees me sees the Father. Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?" Alleluia, alleluia.

We now begin to hear our Lord speak of His imminent departure. Yet it is not without hope for He goes to prepare a place for those who love Him, and we will not lose our way on the journey if we cling to the Cornerstone, for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In imitating Jesus, we fulfill the will of the Father Who sent Him. This should be a great source of peace for us! When we are not in communion with the Way because we want to have things our way, we lose that sense of peace and the Cornerstone becomes a "stumbling block". It is a wonderful thing how He has prepared a way so easy for us! Anyone can become a saint by trusting in God's mercy and imitating His Son. Hence the Entrance Antiphon rejoices in the manifestation of God's power to the Gentiles for salvation is opened to all by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Offertory continues in this vein, and is an exceptionally joyful melody – one of the most ornate in the Easter season, actually, with long melismas (many notes on a single syllable) decorating the words "Jubilate", or "Shout for joy". We find here an exquisite example of text painting in the Church's chant tradition. So with joyful hearts, let us praise the Lord for the good He has done for us! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Holy Comforter's First Communion Communicants

Miller Baxter
Madeline Brady
Delphie Decker
Elliot Decker
Lucas Gerling
Nicholas Henriksen
Grace Keevil
George Moore
Sophia Nguyen
Jeremiah Olimpio

A very special thanks to Father Joseph Mary, Catechist Sherry Schemmel, Catechist Emma Anderson, Dick Schemmel, Theresa Lynch, Daniel Kirkland, Intern Carl Baumann, the parents, and for the prayers of Holy Comforter's Parish Community for making this a sacred year for Holy Comforter's children in First Sacraments! **You are greatly appreciated!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17 The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66:1-7,16,20

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ

Gospel

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

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, Laura Knox, 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, Florence Cassidy, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, 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, Sally Paget-Brown, 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
<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: Happy Eastertide! We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations. During the first quarter of 2023, we gave **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 mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

HAITI: Father Asmith, pastor of St. Michel will be visiting this fall. We pray he will remain as pastor to St. Michel for the next five years. Father has produced a priority list of eleven items he would like to accomplish for the Parish and community during this time. We will be discussing this in the Haiti Committee. It is a pleasure to have a plan, knowing Haiti, it will have speed bumps and changes, but we have goals. We are still behind in sponsorship. One-time donation through the parish e-giving or mail-in check are appreciated. Partial donations are also welcome. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER -- MAY 7, 2023: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider bringing others to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661/vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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.

THIS PAST WEEK VINCENTIANS were busy returning calls and visiting our neighbors 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 also celebrate the opening of the first St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Virginia! The new store is in the Richmond area at 2611 Buford Road in North Chesterfield, Virginia. A stuff-the-truck event to support the new store will be held in the upcoming months. We are in urgent need of members who can return phone calls or visit our friends in need. If you would like to join the Society, please contact us at info@svdp-ht.org or call (434) 226-8022, and we will get back to you. Thank you and God bless you for your prayerful consideration.



2023 UVA COMMENCEMENT MASS
Friday, May 19th | 7pm

SAVE
THE
DATE

St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish
401 Alderman Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903

*Join us as we honor the commencement of the
Class of 2023 undergraduate and graduate
students along with our UVA Faculty and Staff.*

For questions: contact Mary Dudley, mary@catholichoos.org
If you are a graduating student or faculty/staff member, please
contact Mary for specific details regarding the ceremony.

FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

Part V

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full”
John 15:11**

“One of the things that is so impressive to me about the Christians of the first century is how they were able to maintain their spirit of joy in spite of the hardships they went through, especially during times of persecutions. Of all the things that should characterize God’s people, one of the most important, and perhaps one of the least talked about, is **joy**. It’s one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and so on.

If you ask people what the first thing is they look for when they walk into a church service, you will probably get a lot of different answers – everything from the people’s appearance to the style of music, to the relevance of the Mass. But one of the things that I would appreciate hearing people say is their experience of Joy

as they encounter the risen Lord. Is there joy in this place, or do you just get the feeling that people are going through the motions as you meet them at Church? When people come to visit our church and worship with us, do they find our community filled with joy? Does joy permeate our life? Do people around you get a sense of the joy that you have in Jesus Christ?

Jesus doesn’t want us to be a quarter-full of joy or half-full or even three-quarters full; He wants us full of joy! That is what John 15: 11 tells us: **“I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”** I think it’s safe to say that we all **want** joyful lives, but if you’re like me, you don’t always experience it. So maybe we all need to ask ourselves the question, *“Can people see joy in my life? Do I experience consistent joy in the Lord? Am I full of joy?”*

As Jesus spoke to his disciples the night before he was crucified, it’s interesting just how many times he mentioned joy. I’ve already quoted John 15:11; Jesus talked again about joy in John 16: 20-22, and then in verse 24 where Jesus said once again that he wants our joy to be made full. Again, there was his prayer in John 17:13 where he prayed to his Father about his disciples, **“that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”** We are living in a time, however, when our joy is being put to the test. Even through all the difficulties that we are facing in our society right now, Christians should continue to be the most joyful people on the face of the earth.

During emperor Nero’s fierce persecutions, Peter wrote to the Christians who were suffering for their faith, and they were experiencing horrible things. Some of them were being thrown into prison, some lost their possessions, others were being killed. But Peter opens his letter with these words: **“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials” (1 Pt 1:6).** Let us hold on to that joy which comes from the resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

To be continued...

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