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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

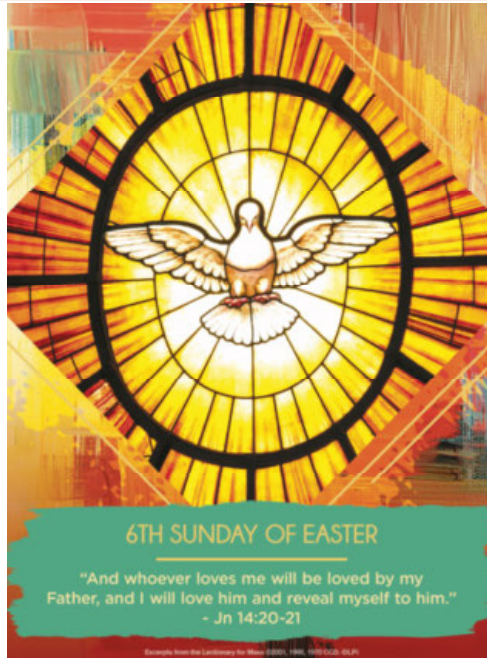
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

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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Please Send Bulletin Submissions
 by 3 PM Mondays to
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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
 - Jn 14:20-21

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Mother's Day

That the Holy Spirit will guide and comfort men and women discerning their vocations, 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 (5/13)

8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass
6 PM Vocations Talk

SUNDAY (5/14) Sixth Sunday in

Easter

8:30 AM Mass
11 AM Mass
12 PM RCIA
4 PM Vespers
6 PM Musica Sacra Concert

MONDAY (5/15)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/16)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/17)

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 (5/18)

7 AM MASS

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7:30 PM Confession and Adoration

FRIDAY (5/19)

12 PM Mass

6:45-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (5/20)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (5/21) Ascension Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

12 PM RCIA

12:30 PM Shroud of Turin Talk

4 PM Vesper

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.

5/16 Saint Margaret of Cortona
5/17 Saint Paschal Baylon
5/18 Saint John I
5/19 Saint Theophilus of Corte
5/20 Saint Bernadine of Siena
5/21 Saint Cristobal Magallanes and Companions

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 (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

MONDAY (5/15)

12 PM In Honor of St. Isidore
and American Farmers

TUESDAY (5/16)

7 AM Pat O'Reilly (Emma Trist)

WEDNESDAY (5/17)

7 AM Ed Wortman (Emma Trist)

THURSDAY (5/18)

7 AM † John Joseph Valloric (Sylvia Valloric)

FRIDAY (5/19)

12 PM † Albert Lilly, Sr. (Dotty and George Lilly)

SATURDAY (5/20)

8 AM Mark Crews
5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (5/21)

8:30 AM Madelyn Shepherd
11 AM Colette Hall and Kelton Flinn In
Celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

5/13 Our Lady of Fatima
5/14 Saint Matthias
5/15 Saint Isidore the Farmer

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

Offertory (Online Giving)	\$3,208.40
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$5,291.60)</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 today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that a wonderful day is approaching. Of it, He says, "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). It can be easy to miss the magnitude of what He is saying, either because it's strange or because of our familiarity with His words.

He is describing oneness. God is Spirit, inviting us to spiritual oneness with him. The spiritual world can seem so delicate and perfect that it becomes synonymous with "practically irrelevant." Becoming one with God is possibly the *most* practical of all things. When Jesus is in you, possibilities are endless: "For God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

And God doesn't stop at spiritual oneness with us. He wants us to be one with each other, too. Our parish is here to facilitate both. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal needs you to succeed. God is alive in our parish, and we want others to taste and see. Please give to our Appeal so that we can help others experience the satisfying love of Jesus. He waits only for our "yes" to bring his transforming light into the lives of his children here!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Spread the news with a voice of joy; let it be heard, alleluia; speak it out to the very ends of the earth; the Lord has liberated his people, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: O nations, bless the Lord our God, let the voice of his praises resound; he has restored my soul to life and he has not suffered my feet to stumble; blessed be the Lord who has neither rejected my prayer nor turned his mercy away from me, alleluia.

Communion: I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you again, alleluia; and your heart will rejoice, alleluia, alleluia.

*With the Easter season nearly spent, the Church begins turning her gaze toward Pentecost with a greater emphasis on the gift of the Holy Spirit. The focus shifts from pure joy and praise to exhortations to share the Good News of Jesus' triumph over sin and death through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. In the Offertory we see the use of "nations", which comes from the Latin gentes, which is where we get the English word gentiles, or non-Jews. It is easy to become overwhelmed by the thought of converting the world, though. Our Lord, in the depths of His tenderness, speaks to this fear, promising the apostles "I will not leave you orphans". What consoling words! Evangelization begins with the experience of God's love for us individually, which translates to wanting to share the peace and happiness we feel with others. May the Holy Spirit find a welcome place in our hearts and communicate to us the Love of God that never grows tired of pursuing us and never stales in the delights it produces in the soul. Consider spending time in adoration during our upcoming **40 Hours Devotion** to encounter the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!*

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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YOU ARE INVITED... MAY 21, 12:30

PM (LL) Mike Pietrzyk, a Diocesan Approved Speaker, will present a talk on the Shroud of Turin. The shroud is one of the most intriguing, amazing, controversial, and mysterious artifacts in the world. St John Paul II called it a "distinguished relic linked to the mystery of our redemption." A light lunch will be provided!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

May 14, Sixth 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, 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. Scan the QR code to contribute.

40 HOURS DEVOTION: Join us for 40 hours of continuous adoration May 25-27 as we seek greater intimacy with Jesus to prepare for Pentecost, make reparation for our sins, and ask for a spiritual awakening in our Charlottesville community. Sign up on Flocknote or in the Commons. Contact Daniel Kirkland for more information.

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 has proposed eleven initiatives he would like to concentrate on over the next five years, that is his term at St. Michel in Saltadare. We are planning on hosting Father Asmith in the late fall. The Haiti committee met with Bishop Jean Desinord, Diocese of Hinche, Haiti, this past Saturday. We presented what we were working on at St. Michel and he presented a synopsis of his twenty-year plan. He also told us of the dangers and hardships in the Port au Prince area. Please keep Haiti in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, we are seeking an Elementary Teacher (JK-5th), a full-time Spanish Teacher (capable of teaching Spanish I and II), and a School Counselor. Teacher applicants should have a current Virginia state Teaching License. If you are interested, please send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.



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. 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're interested, 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!

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@catholicboos.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 VI

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy"
Matthew 25:23

As Christians, hanging on to the promise of eternal life with our Savior can bring an infinite Joy and hope to our lives. The Hope of Eternal Life is a human yearning that is both deeply personal and widely shared. For Christians, that hope is confessed regularly. As we declare in the Apostles' Creed, *"I believe in . . . the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."* Likewise, in the Nicene Creed, we and the whole Church confess, *"We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."*

The story of a life that will culminate in joy consists of two parts. First, it's about the fidelity we are called to have in this life to the service of the will of God. Second, it's a promise of Jesus' fidelity back to us, both here on Earth

and, ultimately, when we meet Him at the time of our death.

What a blessing it would be to hear Jesus say these words to us upon the completion of our lives here on Earth: **"Well done, good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."** This begs the question: if you were to die today, what would our Lord say to you? If you are not immediately confident that in His mercy He would say these words above, then today is a good day to make some changes in your life.

A good spiritual practice is to live today in such a way that we are consciously preparing for that glorious meeting with Jesus. What "responsibilities" has He entrusted to you in this life and what are you doing with them? Are you seeking to place all your gifts at the service of the Gospel and the spreading of charity? Are you diligent in giving of yourself to God and His holy will? Hopefully there is no hesitation in your answer. If there is, this is a sign that God may want more of you here and now.

One of the biggest problems we often struggle with in this world is the temptation to seek worldly satisfaction here and now, "the instant joy" like our "instant coffee" or "fast food", at the expense of building up Heavenly treasure. But why? Why seek momentary and superficial satisfaction here and now and risk losing eternal joy?

I invite you to reflect upon the ultimate goal that you should have in life – of being fully prepared for that glorious encounter with our Lord as you pass from this life to the next. Heaven may seem a bit intangible right now, but when the time comes to meet Jesus face-to-face, it will not be intangible in the slightest way. Instead, you will immediately be made aware of every detail of your life here on Earth. Your fidelity, day in and day out, or the lack of fidelity, day in and day out, will become either the source of your eternal joy or the source of eternal regret.

We pray: Lord, Free me from selfish and momentary goals in life so that I can seek to serve You only in the way that produces joy in Your Sacred Heart. Help me to keep my eyes on Heaven and to prepare daily for that eternal joy with you. Jesus, I trust in You.

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