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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

8:30 AM & 11 AM* Sunday

Monday + Friday 12 PM

(except First Friday)

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 1:30 PM Sunday

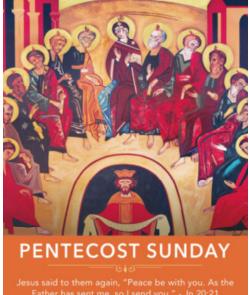
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Monday-Friday 9 AM-4 PM

*We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:

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s said to them again, "Peace be with you. As father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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Pentecost Sunday May 28,2023

That those now discerning their vocations will be guided by the Holy Spirit to respond to the Lord's call with generous hearts, 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.

Ushers

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (5/27)

8 AM Mass

4:30 PM Vespers (End of 40 Hours)

5 PM Extended Pentecost Vigil Mass

7 PM Wine & Cheese Reception

SUNDAY (5/28) Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

12 PM RCIA

4 PM Pentecost Picnic-Pen Park

MONDAY (5/29) Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/30)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/31)

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 (6/1)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30-8 PM Confession/Adoration

FRIDAY (6/2) FIRST FRIDAY

6 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

6:30-10 PM Adoration

SATURDAY (6/3)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/4) Trinity Sunday

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

4 PM Vespers

5/30 Saint Joan of Arc

5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6/1 Saint Justin Martyr

6/2 Sts Marcellinus and Peter

6/3 Sts Charles Lwanga and

Companions

6/4 Blessed Angelina of Marsciano

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 5 PM 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 **7 AM** Agbati Family for Safe Travels already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 (5/27)

8 AM Elizabeth (Maia) Browning (Stelow Family)

Irene Vukorpa (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (5/28)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish 11 AM Jane Till Danilek

MONDAY (5/29)

12 PM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY (5/30)

7 AM † Janice Jackson

WEDNESDAY (5/31)

7 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY (6/1)

FRIDAY (6/2)

6 PM Special Intention for Agabati Family

SATURDAY (6/3)

8 AM Agbati Family for Safe Travels

5 PM † Jane Till Danilek Lee Faust Family

SUNDAY (6/4)

8:30 AM Agbati Family

11 AM Members of the Parish

5/28 Venerable Pierre Toussaint 5/29 Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

5/27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2023

\$2,632.40 Offertory (Online Giving) (\$8,500.00)Weekly Offertory Budget Below Weekly Budget (\$5,867.60)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

4/14/2023 Outreach

5/21/2023 Catholic Home Missions 5/28/2023 Maintenance Fund

We have added a NEW second collection envelope this month for Maintenance Fund and will begin accepting those contributions on the 4th Sunday of each month. All contributions will be designated for repairs and maintenance to our church and https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1665 Thank you for your support!

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

Today, Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to his Apostles. As he breathes on them, the breath of God fills their lungs. Their breath now carries His authority to speak forgiveness or retention of sins.

What a gift He gave our priests! In our Baptism and Confirmation, Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit. Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, Piety, and Fear of the Lord go with those who walk in His name.

Today, we ask you to step out boldly to bless our parish by promoting our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Jesus doesn't allow his soldiers to go into battle unarmed. "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves" (Matthew 10:16). Well, His sheep have the almighty God with them. We can be bold for Him, knowing He won't leave us orphans. Our parish has many gifts to offer souls who are hungry to know Jesus. These gifts live in you, given first by God. You have an opportunity to bless His heart by making a generous return through our Appeal.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: When I vindicate my holiness through you, I will gather you from all lands, and I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be cleansed from all your filthiness; and I will give you a new Spirit; alleluia, alleluia. Offertory: Send forth your Spirit and all things shall be created anew, and you shall renew the face of the earth; glory be unto the Lord for ever, alle-

Communion: On the last day of the feast, Jesus said: "He who believes in me, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water". Now, this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive, alleluia, alleluia.

These Propers, taken from the Pentecost Vigil, are remarkable in their zealous anticipation of the outpouring of the Spirit. Most striking is the pervasive use of water; the Spirit hovered over "the waters" in the beginning and brought order to the chaos of creation. Now He continues His work through water to restore that order which was lost by Original Sin. Our filthiness rectory and can be made anytime in pew, by mail, or online at shall be washed away in a flood of "clean water", or the waters of Baptism, which usher in the Spirit into our souls to live in us and give us new life. Also, faith in Jesus would cause "rivers of living water" to flow from the hearts of those who believe. On Pentecost Day, the Sequence calls the Spirit a "fount of love". Life in Jesus is like a wellspring that gushes forth from the depths of our being and nourishes us and those God has placed in our lives. The human heart desires to love and be loved; to know that God loved us so much as to allow His Only-Begotten Son to suffer a cruel death for our sakes is a fount a consolation that fills the heart to the brim, flowing outward to bring life to those who will listen. This profound longing makes the Offertory Antiphon all the more poignant; goaded on by the promise made in the Entrance Antiphon ("and I will give you a new Spirit"), the soul cries with inexpressible groans, "Send forth your Spirit!" The Communion Antiphon then reveals that Christ has heard our desperate cry and will send His Spirit. Veni Sancte Spiritus!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music

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HOLY COMFORTER'S FEAST DAY ANNUAL PENTECOST PICNIC!

POTLUCK! Sunday, May 28, 4PM at Pen Park Please join us at Shelter #3!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TRINITY **SUNDAY**

First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56 We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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, 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
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. *Scan the QR code to contribute.*

MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH</u>: During the month of April, we handed out **133** food bags to **386** individuals in Food Pantry and served **358** lunches in Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks and God Bless you!

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 joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, as well as the parish homebound, email Sharon Dudley mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

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 information.

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, 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 email her at v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

This past week Vincentians were busy returning calls and visiting our neighbors in need. Your donations help to bring Hope to our neighbors in need whose lives are defined by their struggles. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. We seek the face of Christ in all we meet. We are in urgent need of members who can return phone calls or visit our friends in need. If you would like to help us by joining the Society, please contact us at info@svdp-ht.org or call (434) 226-8022,. Thank you and God bless you!

MISSING CHILDREN'S BIBLE ... A CHILDREN'S BIBLE went missing couple of weeks ago, May 6 or 7, Sat/Sun. from Catechist Sherry Schemmel's classroom, 2nd/ First Sacraments, LL. If you found it or borrowed it, please return to Sherry Schemmel or Melinda Wells, DRE. It was a Holy Communion gift to one of her children and is a very special family Heirloom.

FROM THE PASTOR





THE JOY OF EASTER IS THE JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth"

John 14:15-17

As Jesus ascends to his heavenly father, his final words are filled with divine promises to his disciples and to us. In the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that the risen Jesus instructed his disciples not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Why does Jesus promise the gift of the Holy Spirit at his ascension? In short, his disciples, the apostles, and the Church would not have the courage or wisdom to proclaim boldly the life-giving message of Jesus without the strength of the Holy Spirit.

St. Josemaria Escriva said that: "The Holy Spirit performs God's works in the world. He is, as the liturgical hymn sings, the giver of gifts, the light of hearts, the soul's guest, rest in work, and consolation in sorrow. Without his help, there is nothing in man that is innocent and worthy, because it is the Holy Spirit who cleanses what is stained, cures what is sick, enkindles what is cold,

straightens what has gone astray, and leads men to the door of salvation and eternal joy" (Christ is Passing By, no. 130).

The Church was born in the upper room. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was to mark the birth of the infant Church; and for days this company of the disciples of Jesus were gathered in the upper room united in prayer until the heavens were opened, and they were all "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4). The Scriptures had spoken previously of division and separation and pride among the disciple of Jesus, but on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled their hearts, and afterward in the history of Christianity it was announced: "Behold how they love one another." There was a love in the primitive church that the very heathen noticed and could not understand.

Why was that? The Holy Spirit is a transforming power, the bond of union between the Father and Son; and that bond is love. The Holy Spirit is just the love of God come to dwell in the hearts of those who believe. When He dwells within me and you, we learn to love each other. Though I could be lacking in love, and possess little grace, if the heart of my brother is full of the Holy Spirit, he loves me through it all. You know – love is a wonderful thing, it is an act of the will. When real love comes, the more it meets opposition, the more it triumphs, and the more it can exercise itself and perfect itself, the more it brings about such a tremendous joy.

The Holy Spirit comes as a spirit of love, and if you want to know the joy of the Holy Spirit and want Him to lead you into the rest of God and keep you there, beware above all to surrender yourself to His lead. If you want to live in the joy of the Holy Spirit and renew your covenant with God, surrender all to Him and rest in Him. So let us say to-day, "I see what the joy is; it is the joy of always loving, it is the joy of losing my own life in love to others to complete my joy in the Lord".

My last thought is this: the joy of the Holy Spirit is the joy of working for God. It begins with the joy of the presence of Jesus, the joy of deliverance from sin, the joy of love for the brethren, and then the joy of working for God. The joy of the Holy Spirit comes when a person gives himself or herself up to the Christlike work of carrying the love of God to men. Let us seek the seekers of joy, let us live and die for souls, let us live and die that our fellow men may be reclaimed and brought back to our God. There is no joy like hearing the joy-song of a new-born soul. Yet, there is another joy that may be as deep. Even if God does not give me the blessing of hearing the newborn soul sing its song, I may have the joy, the sympathy with Jesus in His rejected life, and the assurance that the Father looks with good pleasure on me. Remember the joy of the Holy Spirit is the joy of working for God in Christ to bring all into ONE FLOCK.



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