



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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Saturday Vigil 5 PM

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Monday + Friday 12 PM  
(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Wednesday 8AM

Thursday + First Friday 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM

#### ADORATION

Thursday 7-8 PM

First Friday 7-8 PM

#### CONFESSION

Mon, Weds, Fri 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday 7-8 PM

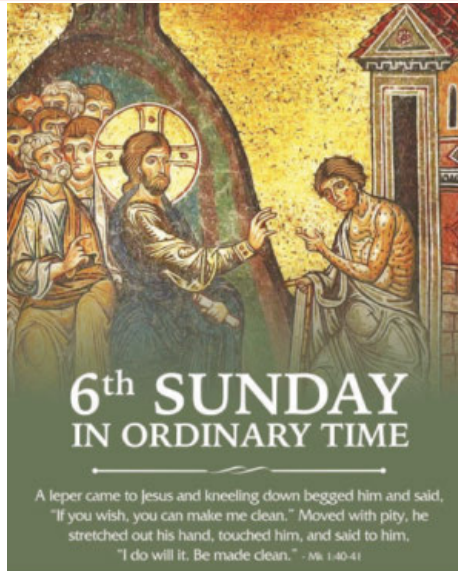
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### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

That the Holy Spirit will be the guiding  
force in every marriage and lead  
spouses to protect and pray  
for each other every day,  
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 (2/10)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (2/11) SIXTH SUNDAY IN

#### ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flower Donations Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Youth Group

### MONDAY (2/12)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (2/13)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

5:30 PM Mardi Gras Potluck

### WEDNESDAY (2/14) ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

### THURSDAY (2/15)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

### FRIDAY (2/16)

9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

5:45 PM Stations of the Cross

Soup Supper following

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (2/17)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (2/18) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Youth Group

### *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 (3x) 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

2/13 Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph

2/14 Sts Cyril and Methodias

2/15 Saint Claude de la Colombiere

2/16 Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

2/17 Seven Founders of the Servite Order

2/18 Saint John of Fiesole

## 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@holyscomforterparish.org**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SATURDAY (2/10)

8 AM Glenn Showalter and Family

(Father Joseph Mary)

5 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

#### SUNDAY (2/11)

8:30 AM James Bass (Allen Family)

11 AM Members of the Parish

† James Ladu Olimpio

(Patty Gazewood and the HOP Chaplain Team)

#### MONDAY (2/12)

12 PM Alicia Vinklerek (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### TUESDAY (2/13)

8 AM Gilbert Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### WEDNESDAY (2/14)

12 PM † John F. Engler (Jack Engler)

6 PM Gary Krutul and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### THURSDAY (2/15)

6 PM Lee Faust and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### FRIDAY (2/16)

12 PM Chuck McCurdy and Family

(Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### SATURDAY (2/17)

8 AM Suzanne Bailey and family

(Fr. Joseph Mary)

† George Delon

(Carmelite SC of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity)

5 PM Members of the Parish

† Patrick Eugene Dougherty

(Mr & Mrs Peter Roane)

#### SUNDAY (2/18)

8:30 AM Murray Family

11 AM Lloyd Thomas Smith III in Honor of His Baptism (Diane Auger Smith)

## SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

2/10 Saint Scholastica

2/11 Our Lady of Lourdes

2/12 Saint Apollonia

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

### WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Offertory	\$9,763
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Above Weekly Budget	\$1,013

#### eGiving



Through our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory, our parish ministries, and for all Diocesan and National collections. Please **click or scan the Online Giving QR code** to be directed to our giving portal. Thank you for your support of Holy Comforter

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

**ALL MONTH** Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

- 2/11/2024** Outreach  
**2/14/2024** Ash Wednesday (For St. Vincent de Paul)  
**2/18/2024** Easter Flowers  
**2/25/2024** Maintenance Fund

#### 2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

##### Sharing His Love with Others

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

Our parish Outreach Ministry traditionally benefits directly from the Appeal through a Fuel and Hunger Grant, and our parish receives back a portion of all funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used for repairs and maintenance.



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for those in Need

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## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** Be unto me a protecting God and a house of refuge, to save me; for you are my support and my refuge; and for the sake of your name you will lead me and nourish me.

**Offertory:** Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. O Lord, you are blessed, teach me your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by your mouth.

**Communion:** They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they desired; they were not deprived of their wants.

*On this last Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we see more hints of the spirit of penance in the Entrance Antiphon, which calls for God to protect us on our way, giving the sense that our reliance on Him is complete, as if we were wandering in a land that provided no nourishment, i.e., the desert. Reading the Antiphon in this light renders the Communion Antiphon as a fitting bookend, recalling how God provided for Israel in the desert with the Manna. Our spiritual life needs to reflect this duality of humility (recognizing our need) and hope (trusting in God's loving care for us). Cultivating these two virtues could go a long way in helping our Lent be more fruitful this year. As you prepare yourself for this most holy season, come and celebrate Mardi Gras with us on Tuesday at 5:30. We will continue the old custom of burying the alleluia (written on a banner), which disappears ("dies") during Lent and returns ("resurrects") at Easter, emblematic of the Church's divestment of her signs of joy and festivity in order to prepare herself through acts of charity for the forthcoming glorious mysteries of our salvation.*  
*Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*  
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#### LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR OF

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL? The U.S. Bishops are offering one: a novena called the "Spark Series," nine days of prayer and prompts for short Eucharistic reflections and activities you can do at home. The link and information will be provided in the "Lenten Resources" page to be handed out the first Sunday of Lent. For any questions, please contact DRE Melinda Wells at [dre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycorforterparish.org). For online, please use this link; <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved>.

**Fasting and Abstinence (USCCB):** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18-59. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading *Genesis 9:8-15*

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign. rosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9*

A prayer praising God for his covenant

#### Second Reading *1 Peter 3:18-22*

In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

#### Gospel

*Mark 1:12-15*

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan. .

February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)

Kelton Flinn, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, Charlie Anne Xavier and family, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Mary Benefante, Christine Bentejac, Cora, Mary Caretti, Stephanie Crews, Jimmy Dominguez, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Genevieve Halfen, Kajihara Family, Betty & Tony Kapeluch, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, David Rathburn, Randall Saathoff and Family, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Yulia Savona, Aiden Smith, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Mary Ann Uzzo.

### MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Matthew Mickiewicz, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

**HOLY COMFORTER BULLETIN PRAYER LIST:** *In an effort to maintain the prayer lists and ensure they are current, the lists will be cleared once per quarter.* If you would like your family member, or fellow parishioner to be added (back) to the prayer list, please email [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org) or please call the church office at 434-295-7185.

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 or [reception@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year!** Applications for JK (students must turn 4 by September 30, 2024) through 8th grade can be submitted through our website: [www.cvillcatholic.org/admissions](http://www.cvillcatholic.org/admissions). If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please reach out to [admissions@cvillcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@cvillcatholic.org).



**This past week Vincentians were busy returning calls,** visiting our suffering neighbors and praying with them. 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. We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at [www.svdhp-ht.org](http://www.svdhp-ht.org) or [info@svdhp-ht.org](mailto:info@svdhp-ht.org). Thank you!

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** In 2023, the Food Pantry handed out 1,756 food bags to 4,697 individuals (increase of 755 households/2,071 individuals from 2022). And we served 4,291 meals in Soup Kitchen in 2023 (an increase of 1,258 meals from 2022). We appreciate your continued support through generous contributions and donations to Outreach. Thank you and God Bless! USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

**PARISH LIFE:** Join us for a potluck Mardi Gras party on Tuesday February 13th at 5:30PM. Please bring a dish or two to share! We will have our annual tradition of burying the Alleluia banner in preparation for lent. See flocknote to sign up to bring a dish!

**WORKS OF MERCY:** The Works of Mercy Ministry invites you to participate in a 3-session book group that will read and discuss *What to Do When Jesus is Hungry*, by Fr Andrew Apostoli, CFR. (Available new and used on Amazon.) The book is a simple, but profound look at the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and how they can intersect in the the souls of both the giver and the recipient. Please acquire the book and start reading by Ash Wednesday. We will have our first hybrid-in-person-Zoom meeting one day in the week of **February 25 (session 1)** Subsequent meetings are planned for the weeks of **March 10th (session 2)** and **17th (session 3)**. Exact days and times are to be determined. You may attend any number of sessions you wish. Remember that today (2/11) is the World Day of the Sick and the last day of the novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

**HAITI:** The "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 15th at Wintergreen's Stoney Point Course. We are looking forward to a bigger and better tournament this year with more and bigger prizes. Start planning your teams now! We hope to fill up this year!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ARE YOU FEELING THAT GENTLE NUDGE TO GET CLOSER TO GOD?**

We can help! A **Women's Cursillo Weekend** will be held Thursday, April 25th (7 PM) through Sunday, April 28th (5 PM), at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. A Cursillo is a 3-day encounter to enrich your Spirituality and raise awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. The Theme of the Weekend is "Called to Love". Applications and more about the Cursillo movement are available at [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com). All applicants must have a sponsor. Contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371 for more information. Application deadline is April 11, 2024. **PARISH LIAISON**

**NEEDED:** If you have made a Cursillo, your help is needed to serve as liaison for Holy Comforter parish! If you are a Holy Comforter parishioner willing to fill this position, contact the Center Coordinators Karen Norville (540) 246-2371 or Roy Norville (540) 908-6289 or email [valleycursillo@gmail.com](mailto:valleycursillo@gmail.com) Thank you!!

For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, February 7at 7:00 p.m. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal.

These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org).



# FROM THE PASTOR



## CLOSE YOUR EYES AND OPEN YOUR EARS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part VI

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“When the angel entered Mary’s home, he greeted her and said, “You are favored by the Lord! The Lord is with you.”**

**Luke 1:28**

For many of us, when we sit down to PRAY, we are bombarded by constant distractions. It could be anything from the ticking of a clock on the wall, the crying of a baby, the honking of a horn outside, or even the bombardment of thoughts about various people or relationships in our lives. It can be difficult to focus our attention on God and remain in a conversation with him. However, sometimes these distractions aren’t “distractions” at all: they are thoughts introduced by God that are aimed at our spiritual benefit. Consider the wisdom of the saints and the Church:

St. Therese of Lisieux wrote the following about being distracted during prayer: “I have many distractions, but as soon as I am aware of them, I pray for those people, the thought of whom is diverting my attention.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori said: “The Devil is never busier trying to distract us than when he sees us praying and asking God for

grace. And why? Because the enemy sees that at no other time do we gain so many treasures of heavenly goods as when we pray.”

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2729), it is said: “The habitual difficulty in prayer is distraction. It can affect words and their meaning in vocal prayer; it can concern, more profoundly, him to whom we are praying, in vocal prayer (liturgical or personal), meditation, and contemplative prayer. To set about hunting down distractions would be to fall into their trap, when all that is necessary is to turn back to our heart: for a distraction reveals to us what we are attached to, and this humble awareness before the Lord should awaken our preferential love for him and lead us resolutely to offer him our heart to be purified. Therein lies the battle, the choice of which master to serve”.

I would then say that It’s natural to become distracted during prayer sometimes. If you can, simply acknowledge the distracting thought and let it go. However, what at first may seem like a distraction can sometimes become an opportunity for a graced encounter with God, leading you in a different direction to enrich your encounter with God. So, if the distracting thought continues, then carefully discern whether it’s really a distraction or something you need to pray about. We should not hesitate to pray over the “open book of our lives”, if we think that God is trying to get our attention through what we initially thought was a distraction.

In contrast, some thoughts are unnecessary preoccupations; we can tend to them later. Review the suggestions for preparing for and structuring your prayer time. Following these long-tested counsels can help focus your prayer. If distractions persist, talk with a spiritual director or guide about them. If you tend to fall asleep when you pray, adjust your posture or time of prayer. Sometimes it can seem that nothing is happening, but deep down, God is stirring up something—we just haven’t realized it yet. As you grow in the habit of prayer, avoid the temptation to judge or rate your prayer: “Today was good prayer; yesterday was just okay” (Imagine rating each time you spent with a friend or loved one!).

God can put anything to good use, even distractions and preoccupations. In the end, heed the encouragement of St. Francis de Sales: If all you do is return to God’s presence after distraction, then this is very good prayer. Your persistence shows how much you want to be with God. Whether the EYES are closed or not, the ears of your HEART must be open.

To be continued...

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, at [dre@holyccomforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holyccomforterparish.org).

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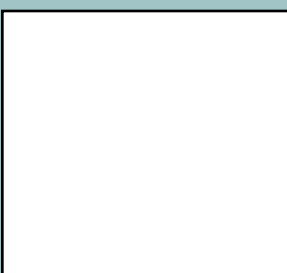
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