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Saturday Vigil 5 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 11 AM
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(except First Friday)
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Thursday + First Friday 6 PM
Saturday 8 AM

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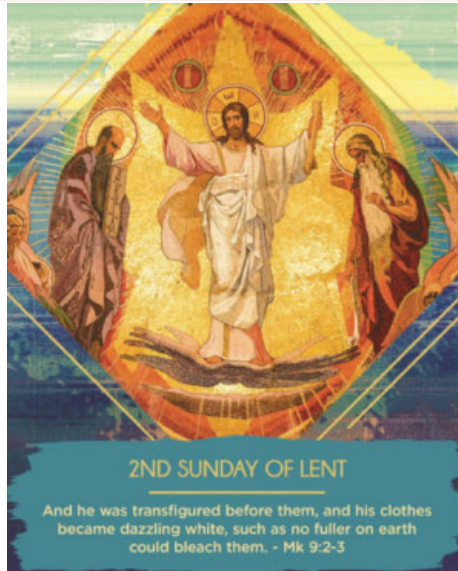
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Mon, Weds, Fri 6:30-7:30 PM
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Sunday 1:30 PM

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Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

That those the Lord is calling to be a priest or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, 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 (2/24)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/25) SECOND 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

MONDAY (2/26)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/27)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (2/28)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (2/29)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (3/1) Day of Abstinence

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

5:45 PM Stations of the Cross

6:15 PM Mass

No Soup Supper following

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

SATURDAY (3/2)

8 AM Mass

9 AM-12 PM First Reconciliation

Retreat

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (3/3) THIRD 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

2/27 Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

2/28 Blessed Daniel Brottier

2/29 Saint Oswald

3/1 Saint David of Wales

3/2 Saint Agnes of Bohemia

3/3 Saint Katherine Drexel

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@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (2/24)

8 AM Ill and Homebound

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

SUNDAY (2/25)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Travis Cole
(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek)

MONDAY (2/26)

12 PM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

TUESDAY (2/27)

8 AM Mark Crews (Melinda Crews)

WEDNESDAY (2/28)

8 AM † Naomi Wells on the 1 year
Anniversary of her passing
(Melinda Wells)
Matthew Schrank in Honor of His
Birthday (Melinda Wells)

THURSDAY (2/29)

6 PM Stephanie Crews (Melinda Crews)

FRIDAY (3/1)

6:15 PM John Schnur (Eliza Schnur)

SATURDAY (3/2)

8 AM John Schnur (Eliza Schnur)

5 PM † Michael John Brett (John Gaffy)

SUNDAY (3/3)

8:30 AM John Schnur (Eliza Schnur)

11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

2/24 Blessed Luke Belludi

2/25 Blessed Sabastian of Aparico

2/26 Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Offertory	\$3,878
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$4,872)

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 MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

3/10/2024 Catholic Relief Services

3/17/2024 Outreach

3/24/2024 Maintenance Fund

3/28/2024 Holy Thursday (for our Seminarians)

3/29/2024 Good Friday (for the Holy Land)

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 Outreach Ministry traditionally benefits directly from the Appeal through a Fuel and Hunger Grant, and we receive back a portion of all funds collected. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,200, and our parish share of the money raised will be used for repairs and maintenance.



Your gift to the Annual
Diocesan Appeal Provides
for those in Need

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance (Ash Wednesday): Your mercy extends to all things, O Lord, and you despise none of the things you have made. You overlook the sins of men for the sake of repentance. You grant them your pardon, because you are the Lord our God.

Offertory: The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

Communion: He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield. *Every so often we will encounter a particular Psalm repeated throughout the Liturgy because of its importance and relevance to the season. The First Sunday of Lent is one of those; all three Antiphons this Sunday come from Psalm 91. It consists of a prayer of confident trust in God's Providence; He will protect the one who takes refuge in Him and let no harm come to him. This Psalm like all the Psalms is perfectly fulfilled in Christ, Who, providing an example for us, chose to rely solely on His Father in following His Will. The Devil attempted to twist this Psalm, cherry-picking passages to try to force Our Lord to "test" the Father's faithfulness, undermining the entire intent of the Psalm (i.e., trust). As we embark on our Lenten penances, let us strive to trust God more and more in the daily circumstances of our lives. And let us do so joyfully! The Entrance Antiphon from Ash Wednesday is included to remind us that God desires our repentance and renewal not out of spite for our misdeeds but because He created us, and we are therefore precious in His sight. He does not want to lose us to lesser gods that will leave us unsatisfied and empty, even – God forbid – into eternity. Therefore, remember that you were created FOR God; use your penances to grow closer to Him who despises "none of the things [He has] made". Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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Religious Education March Calendar

- March 1, Friday, 5:45 PM: Children's Stations of the Cross, Mass following—No Soup Supper
- March 2, Saturday, 9AM-12PM: First Reconciliation Retreat
Please Pray for Holy Comforter's Children in First Sacraments.
- March 3, Saturday Vigil Mass: RCIA Rite of First Scrutiny
- March 10, Sunday, 8:30 AM Mass: RCIA Rite of Second Scrutiny
- March 17, Sunday, 11 AM Mass: RCIA Rite of Third Scrutiny

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

February 25, Second Sunday of Lent

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

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

Ann Carothers, Sharon Dudley, Kelton Flinn, Erin Ferguson, 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 Benfante, Christine Bentejac, Hope Brown, Max and Hadley Burch, Cora, Mary Caretti, Stephanie Crews, Jimmy Dominguez, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Genevieve Halfen, Kajihara Family, Betty & Tony Kapeluch, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, 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 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/reception@holycomforterparish.org



The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference come from Holy Comforter, The Church of the Incarnation and St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish. We are a small group who gather twice each month for prayer, reflection, and a little business. Our ministry seeks Christ by sharing the Gospel with our neighbors in need who are facing eviction, utility cut off, or other emergency needs and visiting those in need. We invite you to join us. Our March 5th meeting will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish. We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st & 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.svdv-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org Thank you!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: In January, the Food Pantry handed out 189 food bags to 518 individuals. And we served 344 meals in Soup Kitchen. On Feb 1, we began having diners enjoy their meal in the basement again! We appreciate your continued support through contributions and donations to Outreach. Thank you and God Bless! USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

PARISH LIFE: Join us for our Friday Lenten soup suppers following Stations of the cross. Stations of the cross will start at 5:45pm. Please see flocknote for the full schedule. Would you like to be more involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? Consider joining the Parish Life Ministry! Email Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com.

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. (Please 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. *ALSO... We are looking for 2 individuals to bring communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residences.* If interested, please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: LifeSpring is an established local ministry to women with unplanned and/or crisis pregnancies. LifeSpring supports their material needs and also provides limited medical services such as ultrasound and pregnancy tests. Walking with Moms in Need is in the process of surveying needs and resources in our community for pregnant women in need. We believe LifeSpring provides the most comprehensive/meaningful support to moms and pregnant women in need. Pope Francis has called on all Catholic parishes to be islands of mercy in a sea of indifference to the struggles of pregnant women in need. Our parish's ministry encourages you to support LifeSpring's wonderful program by picking up a baby bottle in the commons and filling it with change or contributions and returning it after Lent. If you'd like to join the ministry or learn more, please come to one of our meetings, first and third Sundays at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm downstairs in the commons library.

HAITI: A generous member donated \$3,000 towards the purchasing of school textbooks, bringing us closer to our \$14,000 goal. Sponsors still needed by July 1st is **131**. **Hope for Haiti Golf Tournament** is scheduled for May 16 on the Lower Wintergreen Golf course with lunch served in the newly reopened restaurant. This is restaurant getting rave reviews from all that have eaten there. Mark the date, the limit is eighty golfers this year, and filling fast with past players. For more information read the flyer on the Haiti bulletin board or contact Dan at dmw9v@virginia.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! Applications for JK (must be 4yrs old by Sept.30.) through 8th grade, can be submitted through our website: www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions. For any questions, please reach out to admissions@cvillecatholic.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



CLOSE YOUR EYES AND OPEN YOUR EARS

TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part VIII

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**

People ask me: *“Father, what is the best book a person can reading during Lent?”* My response has always been *“The Bible!”* Listening to God as He speaks to you and then responding in action is the most effective prayer one can experience. That is how we pray with the Scriptures. The Bible is always the voice of God in the general sense that God inspired the words of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16). God can also speak specifically to us through the Bible by drawing a particular passage to our attention because the Word of God is living and active (Heb. 4:12).

When I speak about praying with the Bible, I cannot fail to mention “Lectio Divina”, which translates to “divine reading”. It is a prayerful reading of Holy Scripture and other spiritual texts. It is a way of reading Scripture that is

reflective, meditative, receptive, and responsive. With Lectio Divina, we read for transformation, not merely information. It's a kind of reading that, instead of being quick & comprehensive, is a little slower and perhaps more in-depth. Instead of trying to master the information, we seek to let God master us through the Scripture. We read with our heart as well as our mind.

Would you like your prayers to be more powerful? Pray the Scriptures. When we speak and pray the Scriptures, we are coming into agreement with God, and His power is released to answer our prayers. Maybe you feel like God doesn't hear your prayers? Or maybe you don't know what to pray for in certain situations? The Bible itself says in 1 John 5:14 that we can have confidence in God. Not only does He hear our prayers, but He also promises to answer them when we pray in line with His will. He speeds up to perform His Word.

Praying the Scriptures will increase your spiritual growth. You learn what God says about certain situations, and by praying His Word you will see His results. Many people have testified that just by praying to the healing scriptures they have been healed physically, emotionally, and mentally.

You can live a stress-free life if you will only just pray—because when you pray, you are turning the situation over to the Almighty God. You're taking the situation out of your hands and putting it in His hands. You're releasing it to God. These Scripture based prayers are very easy to read, and if you will read them every day, even within a week, you will have memorized Scripture and won't even realize it until a situation arises, or until someone asks you to pray for them. While all Scripture passages can be turned into prayer, I will single out the book of the Psalms as the prayer book for all ages. There is a lot one can get by praying the Psalms. I invite you to open your mind and heart to the voice of God as found in the Psalms.

To be continued...

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, at dre@holyccomforterparish.org.

February 25, Second Sunday of Lent

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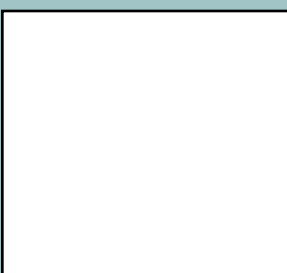
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