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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11 AM

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

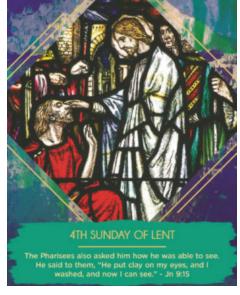
CONFESSION

Mon, Weds, Fri 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday 7-8 PM
First Friday 7-8 PM
Sunday 1:30 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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10:30AM -12:30PM

Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM

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Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 10, 2024

That we may have faithful priests and consecrated brothers and sisters to guide us just as Jesus was the light that came into the world, 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 (3/9)

8 AM Mass

9 AM-12 PM First Reconciliation Retreat

5 PM Vigil Mass

DAYLIGHT SAVING...DON'T FORGET TO

MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD

SUNDAY (3/10) FOURTH 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 (3/11)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/12)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (3/13)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (3/14)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (3/15) Day of Abstinence

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 (3/16)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (3/17) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4:00 PM Youth Group

SAINTS OF GOD

3/9 Saint Francis of Rome 3/10 Saint Dominic Savio 3/11 Saint John Ogilvie

3/12 Saint Angela Sawala

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

3/13 Saint Leander of Seville

3/14 Saint Maximilian

3/15 Saint Louise de Marillac

3/16 Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

3/17 Saint Patrick

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 (3/9)

8 AM John Schnur (Eliza Schnur)

5 PM Members of the Parish

Anthony Kapeluch (Barbara and Brian Cassidy)

SUNDAY (3/10)

8:30 AM John Schnur (Eliza Schnur)
11 AM † Adelard and † Claire Riendeau
(Therese Auger)

MONDAY (3/11)

12 PM † Joseph Nguyen Tan (Thuy Vu)

TUESDAY (3/12)

8 AM † Roland Lavelle (Idette Charlie)

WEDNESDAY (3/13)

8 AM † Fulton Charlie (Idette Charlie)

THURSDAY (3/14)

6 PM Kathryn McGovern (Maria Danley) Charlie Owen-Block

FRIDAY (3/15)

12 PM † Marian Ortmann (Diane Allie)

SATURDAY (3/16)

8 AM Deacon Henry & Alicia VInklarek (Holy Comforter Office Staff)

5 PM † Annie Wallace (Allen Family)

SUNDAY (3/17)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Melinda Wells and Esther Kulick (Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 2024

Offertory	\$5,325
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$3,425)

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)

eGiving



Through our secure Online Giving program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory, our position 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!

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 has benefited 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 will be used for church repairs and maintenance.

Brochures are available in the Church and the Commons. or scan the QR code here to contribute now.





LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom.

Offertory: Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.

Communion: Jerusalem, built as a city whose parts are bound firmly together! It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto your name, O Lord.

This Sunday's moniker, "Laetare Sunday", comes from the first (Latin) word of the Entrance Antiphon, Laetare, which means "rejoice!" It is a time for the Church to reflect on what we have been preparing for the past three and a half weeks. Humanity, "after having been in sorrow" since the Fall, now has access to salvation through Christ, Who, as today's Gospel reminds us, was to be "raised up" on a cross to expiate for our sins and usher in a new era of grace that could transform hearts of stone into living hearts. These are the days when God's spirit is being poured out on us if we will receive it. All these considerations are a source of great joy to the Church, so she dons the joyful color of rose and adorns her sanctuaries with flowers and her liturgies with organ. Let us meditate on Jesus' gift of Himself and His Church, placed on this earth to guide us to the everlasting shores, and give thanks with a joyful heart for the unbounded generosity of God towards His creatures. Reioice!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

Religious Education March Calendar

- March 10, Sunday, 8:30 AM Mass: RCIA Rite of Second Scrutiny
- March 17, Sunday, 11 AM Mass: RCIA Rite of Third Scrutiny

Please continue to pray for our RCIA Elect, Brian Hess and Sydney Tapscott, as they journey nearer to their Initiation into our glorious Church. Also, please remember to pray for Holy Comforter's Parish Children in First Sacraments as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR OF

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL? The U.S. Bishops are offering a novena called the "Spark Series," nine days of prayer and prompts for short Eucharistic reflections and activities you can do at home. The Novena will be included with the bulletins after each Mass, March 10, and will also be available on the RE Table in the Commons. For any questions, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE at dre@holycomforterparish.org.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY LENT

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

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 Vinklarek, 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, Michael McNeil, 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 added (back) to the prayer list, please email the Works of Mercy ministry at 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 Spiritual Direction Institute (SDI) was formed by Msgr Chet Michael who was a pastor @ HC decades ago. The program was built to achieve his vision for serious spiritual growth of individuals & the formation of potential spiritual directors. The program has been operating for about 30 years & has produced hundreds of graduates including several parishioners of HC. The next class is forming to begin this summer & an info session will be held on March 16. Think of this as a spiritual retreat & pilgimage that will elevate your spirituality to a new, higher level. For additional details, go to this website: https://opendoorsdi.org/ or please contact Steve Ham at steven ham@comcast.net or (434)466-9820

MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH</u>: For Lenten almsgiving, please consider donating food to the Food Pantry. Items needed: Canned Soups (chunky or concentrated), Canned or Pouched Meats, and Canned Fruits. We appreciate your continued support through contributions and donations to Outreach. Thank you and Lenten Blessings. 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 start at 5:45pm. Please join us Tuesday March 19th for Mass in honor of the feast of St Joseph at 6pm followed by a Spaghetti dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Please rsvp in flocknote. 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. Session 1) Subsequent meetings are planned for the weeks of March 10th (session 2) and 17th (session 3). Days and times TBD. 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. A Memorial Mass for longtime parishioner, Marian Ortmann, will be celebrated on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 12:00PM.

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. 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 offers the most comprehensive and meaningful support to moms and 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. Please come to one of our meetings, first and third Sundays at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm downstairs in the library.

<u>HAITI</u>: Hope for Haiti Golf Tournament: May 16 is the fourth annual golf tournament. We will need volunteers on the day of the event and in the days ahead to recruit old/new sponsors. <u>We ALSO need golfers!</u> To join the planning committee, please contact Dan Wassilchalk at dmw9v@uvahealth.org. Father Aysmith and the parish of St. Michel, thank you. **St. Michel School school** serves 600+ students from preschool to high school completion. Sponsorships are \$150 per year. There are about **130** unsponsored students. Please continue to keep Joan McDonald in your prayers and from Haiti, keep Msgr. Dumas in prayers as he recovers from a serious operation.

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 X

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

I can't say enough about the Psalms. I mean, I just think they're remarkable. I don't know if you have had this experience. I imagine that some of you have. I would think many of you have read through the Psalms multiple times. I have too, and it is a remarkable experience. The Psalms touch the human heart in every situation. For thousands of years the Psalter has been a wonderful resource to enrich a person's spirit, both in public worship and in the believer's private devotional life.

While psalms were used in worship services in churches, in the growing monastic movement, the practice of reciting the Psalter formed the core of the devotional practice of the community. St. Benedict (c. 480-543) developed a widely copied rule for monasteries known as The Rule of St. Benedict. Among other practices it outlines the *Opus Dei*, the Divine Office of prayers and psalms. This liturgy consisted of gatherings of the community at

seven times during the day and night with the purpose to "sanctify" the day with prayer. At these various times they would say or chant together the set of prayers and psalms designated for that day and time.

In time, the Divine Office involved reciting the entire Psalter over the course of a single week and would require several hours each day to complete. Clergy and most religious orders in both the Roman Catholic Church as well as Eastern Churches were – and are – required to recite the Divine Office which is made of different psalms. The best-known example of this is the beautiful Gregorian Chant practiced in certain orders, going back perhaps as far as Pope Gregory (c. 540-604 AD), for which it was named.

At Vatican II in the 1960s, the Roman Church revised the Liturgy of the Hours so that it now goes through the entire Psalter in one month rather than in one week and reduced the number of required times of prayer each day. Those in the Roman Church that practice this discipline use a Breviary, a set of four volumes that contain the one-month Psalter plus the prayers for each day and each feast day. Those living as part of a community, such as in a monastery or convent, recite their psalms and prayers together ("in choir") for at least some of the services, such as morning and evening prayer. Clergy living alone recite these psalms and prayers by themselves privately. Other communities with a liturgical tradition such as Anglicans, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, or Methodists often have in their prayer book or book of discipline a calendar to guide the faithful in Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer (Vespers).

The effect of those practicing a discipline of the Liturgy of the Hours has been an immersion in the psalms and regular prayer. While it can be seen as a burden, for those who have entered into it wholeheartedly it can be a lifetime of blessing. The Book of Psalms is an amazing gift to the Church. For sure, the Psalms are useful for shaping our emotions and rich devotional fuel for the soul, to the glory of God.

To be continued...

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