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Saturday Vigil 5 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Monday + Friday 12 PM
(except First Friday)

Tuesday + Wednesday 8 AM

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

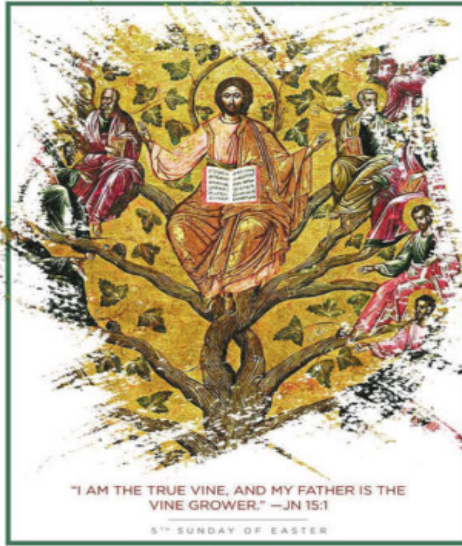
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (4/27)

- 8 AM Mass
- 8-12 PM First Communion Retreat
- 2 PM Wedding
- 5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/28) FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
- 11 AM Mass *The Presentation of HS Confirmands to the Parish*
- 12:30 PM RCIA
- 4 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (4/29)

- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
- 12 PM Mass
- 6:30-7:30 PM Confession
- 6:30-8:30 PM IMPACT Meeting (LL)

TUESDAY (4/30)

- 8 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
- WEDNESDAY (5/1)

8 AM Mass

- 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
- 6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (5/2)

- 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
- 6 PM Mass
- 7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (5/3) FIRST FRIDAY

- 9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Co-op
- 6 PM Mass
- 7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

SATURDAY (5/4)

- 8 AM Mass
- 5 PM Vigil Mass *First Communion*

SUNDAY (5/5) SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
- 11 AM Mass *May Crowning*
- Marian Procession Following 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

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 (4/27)

- 8 AM The Ill and Homebound of Holy Comforter
- 5 PM Calvin Perkins and Dawn Yellow (Calvin Perkins)

SUNDAY (4/28)

- 8:30 AM Members of the Parish
- 11 AM Holy Comforter's HS Confirmands and Their Families (Fr. Joseph Mary)

MONDAY (4/29)

- 12 PM Peter Frazier and Family (Melinda Crews)

TUESDAY (4/30)

- 8 AM Faust Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (5/1)

- 8 AM Steve and Tricia Cady (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (5/2)

- 6 PM Mona Peglow (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (5/3)

- 6 PM Simon Ospina in Honor of His 23 Birthday (Paula Ospina)

SATURDAY (5/4)

- 8 AM Jeanne and Edwin Mickiewicz (Fr. Joseph Mary)
- 5 PM Brian and Barb Cassidy (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (5/5)

- 8:30 AM Susan Long (Michele McCormack)
- 11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

- 4/27 Saint Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort
- 4/28 Saint Peter Chanel
- 4/29 Saint Catherine of Siena
- 4/30 Saint Pius V

- 5/1 Saint Joseph the Worker
- 4/2 Saint Athanasius
- 5/3 Saints Peter and James
- 5/4 Blessed Michael Giedroyc
- 5/5 Saint Hilary of Arles

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 2024

Offertory	\$6,542
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,208)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation
+ Justice and Peace

5/12/2024 Catholic Home Missions

5/19/2024 Outreach

5/26/2024 Maintenance Fund

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies are available in the Commons.

"ALL GOOD GIVING AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE" James 1:17

To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$455,000, it is necessary for our 221 registered and active families to contribute \$2,059 per year, or about \$40 per week. If you are already tithing \$40 or more per week, thank you. If you are not, but are able to, please know how much your support is needed, especially at this time. May God bless you abundantly.



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!

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Sharing His Love with Others

The Diocesan Appeal is underway and it is our hope for every household to participate. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. We have raised \$24,089 toward our goal of \$25,200, and our parish share will be used for church repairs and maintenance. Brochures are available in the Commons, or scan the QR code here to contribute now.



Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Strengthens Catholic Communities
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RichmondCatholicFoundation.org/Appeal



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Sing to the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds, alleluia; he has revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of his name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

Communion: I am the true vine, and you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

"Sing to the Lord a new song" is a common phrase found during Eastertide because what God has accomplished in Jesus Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection is greater than anything we could have imagined. Songs or "canticles" (from the Latin "canticum"), which are specifically sacred, non-metered songs, telling of the wondrous deeds of God. In fact, the Offertory on a very personal note speaks to this very thing: "come and hear [...] and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul". One might liken this kind of praise to the bards of old who weaved stories of great victories or other accomplishments in song. It is interesting how this concept of music is paired with the Communion Antiphon's recitation of today's Gospel about Christ the True Vine. Communion with Jesus bears fruit in our spiritual lives. So, too, does "liturgical music" bear fruit when it stays connected to the Scriptures in content and to the Sacrifice of the Mass in spirit. Strive to know Jesus more and more in the Word, the Mass, and your prayer lives so that you might desire less and less anything that separates you from Him. Christ is risen, alleluia!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education Calendar

- ◆ **Sunday, April 28, 11 AM Mass: Presentation of HS Confirmands with Cake Reception following Mass**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 4, 5 PM Vigil Mass: First Communion**
- ◆ **Sunday, May 5, 11 AM Mass: Crowning of Mary**
- ◆ **Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & May 19 Masses: Eucharistic Consecration (Novenas available on the RE Table in Commons)**

Please remember to keep the First Sacraments children in your prayers and Rosaries as they prepare to receive First Communion.

A friendly reminder, please be aware, pew space will be limited at the May 4, Vigil Mass due to First Communion families attending. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

A song of praise for God's salvation

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

God is love

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, 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, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Mary Ann Uzzo, Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention

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



Why join the Society of St Vincent de Paul? There are as many reasons as Vincentians. One member shares, I was called to help others. I was asked many times, but it was finally time for me to say yes. Know that there is an open invitation for you to attend a Society of St Vincent de Paul meeting to see if being a Vincentian is right for you. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, we particularly appreciate your financial donations during our ongoing Eastertide campaign as our funds are **low**. We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. Our next meeting is May 7th in the Conference Room at the Church of the Incarnation more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or info@svdp-ht.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your support through contributions and donations to Outreach. Please contact us by phone or email if you are interested in volunteering at Soup Kitchen any Thursday between 11:30am-1:30pm, at 434-293-8989/

outreach@holycomforterparish.org. Thank you and God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

PARISH LIFE: Please join us Friday May 10th for Mass at noon to celebrate Father's Ordination Anniversary. We will have a potluck lunch to follow. Please sign up in flocknote for a dish or two to share! We hope you can make it to celebrate Father on this special day Would you like to be more involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? Consider joining Holy Comforter's Parish Life Ministry! Email Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com

WORKS OF MERCY: We are looking for 2 individuals to bring communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residences. If interested, email mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Walking With Moms In Need reminds you if you took home a LifeSpring baby bottle, to be generous. We have already returned several full bottles. Bottles may be returned in the Commons.

HAITI: SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR HAITI...May 16, 7 A.M. tee time. We still have a limited number of individual and team tee times available. Wintergreen lower is a great course at a beautiful location. Please contact Dan at dmw9v@virginia.edu or (410)852-6126 or register on the website: <https://dmw9v9.wixsite.com/hopeforhaiti>. Despite financial burdens and stretched resources, Holy Comforter remains steadfast in its twinning mission with St. Michel. The Haiti ministry, though small, funds a church, school, and health clinic, serving as a beacon of hope for this Haitian community. Haitians face a cataclysmic situation, with state institutions on the brink of collapse. 1.4 million people are at risk of starvation and violence is rampant. Saltadare is still safe. God bless you and please keep Haiti in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW HIRING: Graze Craze, a new business owned by parishioners Sile and Jim Allen, are hiring charcuterie board artisans to help design, assemble, and present visually stunning and delectable food boards and boxes. If you are creative, flexible, self-motivated, communicative, and a team player, Graze Craze may be the place for you. Contact us at 434.227.5335 or email a resume to downtownville.va@grazecraze.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT INCARNATION: Qualified individuals are needed to provide nursery care during our regular scheduled mass times and occasionally during parent meetings throughout the year. At this time, the Nursery is open during our Sunday 9:00AM and 11:30AM mass times; additional mass times may be added to the responsibilities of this role. Nursery care providers will be with children aged 1-4 and will work to implement a planned Christian Formation curriculum. VIRTUS training is required and can be provided if needed through the Diocese. If you are interested please visit the Parish Office for an application. Contact: Patricia Illgner, Lead Nursery Provider patriciai@olcrozet.org or call the church office at (434) 973-4381.

FROM THE PASTOR



CLOSE YOUR EYES AND OPEN YOUR EARS

TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part XVII

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies”

Psalms 23:1-2 & 5

I would like to bring to your attention how the Psalms increase our joy of Easter. It is only because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross that we can call ourselves blessed. For it was his act of redemption that took us from “**walking in the counsel of the wicked**” to “**delighting in the law of the LORD**”. As Psalm 1 states: “**Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked...but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night**”. Jesus came as the Lamb, sacrificed for us at Easter, but he will come again as the Lion. Psalm 2 tells us that we have nothing to worry about if we take refuge in Christ! Jesus, who knew no sin, became sin so that we could be free from sin. Instead of leaving us to our own corruption, he has promised to perfect us. His victory over death on Good Friday and Easter Sunday means we have access to the “path of life.” In him we have joy. Not just now, but forevermore! “**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption**” (Ps.16).

The Easter season reminds us of an important truth. When we

face great difficulty, when it seems like evil is going to win, God hears our cry. Even if it seems like he does not hear you, he does. Good Friday reminds us that Jesus understands this feeling too. He suffered greatly on the cross. For God has said, “**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you**” (Heb.13:5). That's his promise. But there will be dark times in your life when you cannot feel the love or presence of God. When these times come, you need to know Jesus has been there. Psalm 20 then says: “**May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!**”

In the Old Testament, people had to offer sacrifices to atone for their sins. These were regular and repetitive. But that changed when Jesus shed his blood on the cross as the perfect lamb and rose again. Jesus's offering was a once-for-all sacrifice to atone for our past, present, and future sins. God will remember this sacrifice, as Jesus “**always lives to make intercession**” (Heb. 7:25) for us. I pray that we always remember Christ! So Psalm 23 says: “**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**” Perhaps you are thinking, *David was hand-picked by the Lord to be king. It's no wonder he did not fear evil given his close relationship with the Lord...* But you were hand-picked too as an adopted son or daughter (Eph. 1:4-5)! Also, Jesus Christ has defeated death and evil on the cross! What then is left to fear?

It is imminent that one day there will be no more wickedness. Today, I do not have to look very far to find evil. But there will soon be a day when, no matter how hard I try, I will not be able to find it. “**In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace**” (Ps. 37).

To be continued...

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

April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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