

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

MAY 5, 2024

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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 8 AM Thursday + First Friday 6 PM Saturday 8 AM

ADORATION

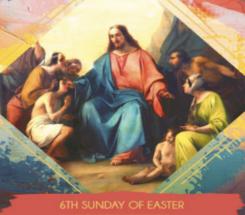
Thursday	7-8 PM
First Friday	7-8 PM

CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3PM Mondays to <u>dre@holycomforterparish.org</u>



"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandmen and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 MONDAY (5/6) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (5/7) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry WEDNESDAY (5/8) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession 7 PM Choir THURSDAY (5/9) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM Weekday Mass Cancelled FRIDAY (5/10) 9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Co-op 12 PM Mass Ordination Anniversary **1 PM** Potluck Reception 7-8 PM Adoration and Confession SATURDAY (5/11) 8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass First Communion SUNDAY (5/12) ASCENSION SUNDAY 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

5/4 Blessed Michael Giedroyc 5/5 Saint Hilary of Arles 5/6 Saints Marian and James 5/7 Saint Rose Venerini

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

5/8 Saint Peter of Tarentaise
5/9 Saint John of Avila
5/10 Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i
5/11 Saint Ignatius of Laconi
5/12 Saint Leopold Mandic

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

<u>SATURDAY (5/4)</u>

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

SUNDAY (5/5)

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

Sherry (1st Communion Catechist) and Dick Schemmel (Fr. Joseph Mary)

MONDAY (5/6)

12 PM † Todd Kuhns (Melinda Crews) Matthew and Miranda Schrank and Children (Melinda Wells)

<u>TUESDAY (5/7)</u>

8 AM Ed & Anna Stelow and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (5/8)

8 AM Bill & Royann Murray and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

<u>THURSDAY (5/9)</u>

6 PM ⁺ Olga Jacob (Marty and Kathleen Thomson)

FRIDAY (5/10) 6 PM † Jane Till Danilek

SATURDAY (5/11)

 8 AM Kevin Haag and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)
 5 PM Mary Frances Lilly (George and Dotty Lilly)

SUNDAY (5/12)

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

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PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2024

Offertory	\$3,868
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8 <i>,</i> 750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$4,882)

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

"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 \$24,229 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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ASCENSION SUNDAY

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles. **Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9 Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23 God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand Gospel Mark 16:15-20 Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Spread the news with a voice of joy; let it be heard, alleluia; speak it out to the very ends of the earth; the Lord has liberated his people, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: O nations, bless the Lord our God, let the voice of his praises resound; he has restored my soul to life and he has not suffered my feet to stumble; blessed be the Lord who has neither rejected my prayer nor turned his mercy away from me, alleluia.

Communion: I have chosen you from the world, in order that you might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last, alleluia.

We are nearing the end of that blessed period Our Lord spent with His apostles; He must now return to the Father, promising to send the Spirit of Truth to lead the nascent Church. We also see a change in scope of the apostolic mission to evangelize, both in the readings and antiphons. The Entrance Antiphon really encapsulates the entire message of this Sunday and Easter/Pentecost very nicely. The message needs to be sent to "the very ends of the earth" that God has "liberated his people". Not only has He liberated Israel but all of humanity from the slavery of sin and the finality of death. Baptism bestows the life of grace in the soul and banishes the punishment of all our past sins, and Confession is there to help us get up when we fail to stay free of sin. Most importantly, the Eucharist, given to us by the successors of the apostle (the bishops and priests they ordain to carry out this ministry), is Jesus' promise that He will never leave us until the end of time. What could be better than this? Let the truth of this message sink into our hearts so that we can go out into the world bearing joyful fruits that speak to our neighbors of the veracity and meaningfulness of the Christian message. Start by spending time with Our Lord during the upcoming 40 Hours Devotion. Come, Holy Spirit! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Dírector of Relígious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

Religious Education Calendar

- Saturday, May 4, 5PM Vigil Mass: First Communion followed by Cake Reception
- Sunday, May 5, 11AM Mass: May Crowning (Procession Following Mass)
- 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!

May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.) Ann Carothers, Sharon Dudley, Kelton Flinn, Erin Ferguson, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, 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 Vinklarek, 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

Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul has 850,000 members from 150 countries assisting neighbors in need. If you would like to learn more about one of the longest-standing charitable organizations in the world, email Tom Noble at tnoble@nd.edu, and join us for Ozanam Training Saturday May 18 from 09-3 pm in the Conference Room at the Church of the Incarnation. We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Conference Room in the Church of the Incarnation. Our next meeting is May 7th and you are welcome to drop by to see if this ministry may be calling you. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdpht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org Thank you!

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. Afterwards, we will have a potluck lunch. 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: The Works of Mercy Ministry has received a ride request for either the 5PM or 11AM Mass from a woman who lives in the Pantops area. She does use a walker. If you are able to help with this request, please contact the church office or email the Works of Mercy Ministry: mercy@holycomforterparish.org 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...We have already returned several full bottles. Bottles can be returned in the Commons. Please be generous. Thank you! HAITI: Mark your calendars! The "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament is just around the corner, with only four foursomes remaining. If you are interested in participating, Contact Dan at dmw9v@virginia.edu or call (410) 852-6126. Register on the tournament website: https:// dmw9v9.wixsite.com/hopeforhaiti. years. We still require 129 or 130 sponsorships. Please consider making a difference by ensuring a child's education and providing a nutritious meal every day. Lastly, Bob Fromme will be traveling to St. Michel, Saltadare, Haiti from May 28 to June 11. If anyone is interested in joining this journey, the estimated cost is between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Contact me at bobfro@aol.com with Haiti Trip in subject line. Thank you for your continued dedication to our ministry in Haiti. Together, we can make a lasting impact. God Bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW HIRING: Graze Craze, owned by parishioners Sile and Jim Allen, are hiring charcuterie board artisans. 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 downtowncville.va@grazecraze.com.

<u>CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION IS HIRING</u> qualified individuals to provide nursery care on Sundays 9:00AM and 11:30AM Mass times; additional mass times may be added. Nursery care is for pre-k children and able to implement a planned Christian Formation curriculum. VIRTUS training is required and can be provided if needed through the Diocese. Please visit the Parish Office for an application. For details, please contact: Patricia Illgner, Lead Nursery Provider, at <u>patriciai@olrcrozet.org</u> or the church office at 434-973-4381.

FROM THE PASTOR



CLOSE YOUR EYES AND OPEN YOUR EARS

TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part XVIII 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

We may ask: What good is the Resurrection of Jesus to us? Most people used to think about resurrection as a New Testament doctrine rather than an Old Testament one. But would it surprise you to find out that the resurrection is well established in the Old Testament? Not only is resurrection taught in the Old, but the theology it teaches us is incredibly profound. There are many books throughout the Old Testament that shed light on the doctrine of resurrection. A careful examination of them will draw out a powerful message about resurrection that speaks to our lives today. I will mention a few incidents from the Old Testament.

Job is the book of the Bible that asks important questions that the rest of the Bible will answer. One of those questions comes from Job himself in Job 14:14: "If a man dies, will he live again?" Job knows that death is permanent (14:10–11), but he declares with the utmost confidence, "Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God" (19:26). Job does not know how God is going to do it, but he believes in his heart that somehow God will raise him from the dead.

If resurrection is the solution to all evil that we experience in this life, it will require a heroic individual with the right credentials to make it happen. The book of Psalms introduces the Messiah as this person. Psalm 91:16 says, "With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation." God promises to give the Messiah long life, which is a technical phrase sometimes associated with resurrection (Ps. 21:4; 23:6). In Psalm 17:15, David expresses confidence that God will satisfy him as well with a resurrection, "As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake." How does David know this will happen? He explains in Psalm 16:10: "For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay." David is sure that his own resurrection is secure because he knows that God will not allow the Messiah, God's Holy One, to undergo decay. The Messiah's resurrection is the basis for David's resurrection.

A couple of further proofs – Daniel 12:2 says, "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." And from Isaiah: "Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake, and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead" (26:19).

The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our service to the Lord now. Paul, in one of his discussions on resurrection, said: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58). Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ's sake (ibid. 30-32), just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thousands of Christian martyrs of through history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection.

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for everyone who believes in Christ. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3-4). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thess. 4:13-18). We live and have hope in this life because "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Rm. 8:18). And the resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

To be continued...

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, at <u>dre@holycomforterparish.orq</u>.



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