



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## MAY 12, 2024

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM & 11 AM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
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Thursday + First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

### ADORATION

Thursday	7-8 PM
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### 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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The Ascension of the Lord

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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 (5/11)

**8 AM** Mass  
**5 PM** Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (5/12) ASCENSION SUNDAY

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions

**8:30 AM** Mass  
**11 AM** Mass  
Marian Procession Following Mass

### MONDAY (5/13)

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

### TUESDAY (5/14)

**8 AM** Mass  
**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (5/15)

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

### THURSDAY (5/16)

**12-1 PM** Soup Kitchen  
**6 PM** Mass  
**7 PM** 40 Hours Devotion: Begins  
(Full schedule in Commons)

**7-8 PM** Confession

### FRIDAY (5/17)

Adoration throughout the day  
**12 PM** Mass  
**5 PM** Wedding Rehearsal  
**6:30-7:30 PM** Adoration/Confession

### SATURDAY (5/18)

Adoration throughout the day  
**8 AM** Mass  
**12 PM** 40 hours Devotion Ends  
**2 PM** Wedding

4:30 PM Solemn Vespers Extended  
Pentecost

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

*Pentecost Reception following Mass*

### SUNDAY (5/19) PENTECOST SUNDAY

2nd Collection: Outreach  
**8:30 AM** Mass  
**9:45-10:45 AM** Christian Formation  
**10 AM** Walking with Moms in Need (LL)  
**11 AM** Mass

**12:30 PM** Walking with Moms in Need (LL)

**12:30-1:30 PM** RCIA

**4:30 PM** Holy Comforter Pentecost Picnic  
Pen Park, Shelter 3

### ***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

5/15 Saint Isidore the Farmer

5/16 Saint Margaret of Cortona

5/17 Saint Paschal Baylon

5/18 Saint John I

5/19 Saint Theophilus of Corte

## 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@holycorforterparish.org**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **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)  
† Jane Till Danilek  
**11 AM** Members of the Parish

#### **MONDAY (5/13)**

**12 PM** Shannon Lagarde (Fr. Joseph Mary)  
Calvin Perkins and Dawn Yellow

#### **TUESDAY (5/14)**

**8 AM** My Nguyen (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **WEDNESDAY (5/15)**

**8 AM** Faust Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **THURSDAY (5/16)**

**6 PM** Anderson Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **FRIDAY (5/17)**

**12 PM** Staff and Volunteers (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **SATURDAY (5/18)**

**8 AM** † John Joseph Valloric on the Anniversary of His Birthday (Sylvia Valloric)  
**5 PM** † Albert Lilly, Sr.  
(Dotty and George Lilly)

#### **SUNDAY (5/19)**

**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish  
**11 AM** † Jane Till Danilek

## SAINTS OF GOD

5/11 Saint Ignatius of Laconi

5/12 Saint Leopold Mandic

5/13 Our Lady of Fatima

5/14 Saint Matthias

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

### WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2024

Offertory	\$6,929
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,821)</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

**"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.

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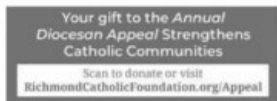
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Diocesan and National collections. Please **click or scan the Online Giving QR code** to be directed to our giving portal. Thank you for your support of Holy Comforter!

### 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, 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.



## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** Men of Galilee, why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? alleluia; just as you have seen him ascend into heaven, so, in like manner, shall he return, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Offertory:** God has ascended with shouts of joy, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

**Communion:** These signs will accompany those who believe: they will cast out demons, and when they lay their hands upon the sick, these will recover, alleluia.

*Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, whose detailed visions of the life of our Lord inspired much of the content of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ", offers a delightful telling of the Ascension, which included a solemn procession of the Lord and His disciples through Jerusalem up to the place where He was to ascend to the Father. It beautifully fleshes out the Offertory Antiphon, giving one the sense that the disciples had finally come to terms with everything that happened during the events of Holy Week and could now rejoice in their Master's victory as He returned to His Father. The Entrance Antiphon provides a touchingly human counterbalance to the radiant divine joy in the Offertory with the disciples longingly looking to the sky for their Lord. Yet the message is clear: intimacy with Jesus is now accessible to us through life in the Spirit – whose coming we will celebrate at Pentecost – in the depths of the sanctuary of our souls. Let us strive to cultivate this interior life through daily silence, disposing ourselves to receive God's gift of His self-revelation ever more deeply. Start by spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our 40 Hours Devotion. Sign up in the Commons or on Flocknote. Come, Holy Spirit!*  
*Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*  
[dre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycorforterparish.org)

### Religious Education Calendar

- ◆ **Sunday, May 12, 11AM Mass:** Marian Procession Following Mass
- ◆ **Sunday, May 19, 9:45-10:45AM:** Last Day of Christian Formation (Grades 3/4, Middle School, and HS not meeting)
- ◆ **Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & May 19 All Masses:** Eucharistic Consecration (Novenas available on the RE Table in Commons)

### Holy Comforter's Pentecost Parish Reception

Saturday, May 18, following 5PM Mass: Pentecost Reception

### Holy Comforter's Pentecost Parish Picnic

Sunday, May 19, 4:30PM: Pen Park, Shelter 3

**For both parish events, please sign up on flocknote to bring a dish!**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13* We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit. .

May 12, Ascension Sunday

# 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, 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](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/[reception@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:tnoble@nd.edu) and join us for Ozanam Training Saturday, May 18 from 9-3pm in the Conference Room at the Church of the Incarnation. We regularly meet at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month in the conference room at the Church of the Incarnation. Our next meeting is May 21st 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.svdp-ht.org](http://www.svdp-ht.org) or email us at [info@svdp-ht.org](mailto:info@svdp-ht.org). Thank you!

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** Please contact us by phone or email if you are interested in volunteering at Soup Kitchen between 11:30am-1:30pm, ph 434-293-8989/ email [outreach@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:outreach@holycomforterparish.org). Thank you for your support through contributions and donations to Outreach. Thank you and God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

**PARISH LIFE:** Please join us for a **reception after the 5pm Pentecost vigil on Saturday May 18th**. Sign up in flocknote to bring a dish! join us on **Sunday May 19th at 430pm at Pen park Shelter 3 for our annual Pentecost potluck picnic**. *Please bring a dish or two to share.* Sign up in flocknote. 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](mailto: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](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org) We are looking for 2 individuals to bring communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residences. If interested, please email the ministry at [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org).

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY:** *We will have a meeting Sunday, at 10AM and 12:30PM on the Lower Level on May 19. Inquirers welcome! 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:** *On May 16th, Father Walter will greet participants at the "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament held at Stoney Creek Golf Course in Nellysford, Virginia. Start your day with a morning blessing before tee-time. Inquire about last-minute individual or team openings by contacting Dan at [dmw9v@virginia.edu](mailto:dmw9v@virginia.edu) or calling (410) 852-6126. Consider making a difference this Mother's Day by sponsoring a child—an extremely worthy cause. Sponsors are still needed. Sponsorship fosters hope and compassion for both mother and child in our shared mission of friendship and love. Please pray for St. Michel, Saltadare, Haiti and its people during these critical times!*

## 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 [downtownville.va@grazecraze.com](mailto:downtownville.va@grazecraze.com).

**CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION IS HIRING** 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 [patriciai@olcrozet.org](mailto:patriciai@olcrozet.org) or the church office at 434-973-4381.

# FROM THE PASTOR



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

Part XIX

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

### **“God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets”**

**Psalm 47:5**

The Psalm assigned for the celebration of the Ascension of our LORD is Psalm 47. This Psalm is chosen specifically for Ascension Day because of verse 5. Since we are told in Scripture the LORD will return in the same way He ascended—with the sound of a trumpet, from the clouds, etc.—we have a clearer view of the “why” it was chosen: to increase our hope in the fullness of life we shall be sharing with the Lord, **to seek the things of heaven, not those that are on the earth.** The resurrection of Jesus, with its completion in the ascension, sets the seal on the Father’s acceptance of Jesus’ finished work on earth, marking the decisive change from his state of humiliation to that of exaltation. We call this in a true sense the cornerstone of Christianity. It was on the preaching of Christ crucified and risen that the Christian Church was founded (Act 2:32-36; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4).

Acts 1:1-3 tells us that from the time that Jesus rose again from the grave (Resurrection) to the time that He ascended into heaven (Ascension), it was a period of *40 days*. While we do not have a detailed account of everything that Jesus did with His disciples over the course of those 40 days, we do

know this time was significant. For one, it was Jesus’ last moments with His disciples before He ascended into heaven. It was also a time of preparation for a great transition that would come through Pentecost—when the Church of Jesus Christ would be born, and the lives of these disciples would never be the same again. So, what did Jesus do during those 40 days with His disciples that prepared them for the great transition that was to come? And how does this inform us as His followers today? A couple of things come to mind.

**He met with them.** Acts 1:3 tells us that one of the primary things that Jesus did with His disciples in those 40 days of being with them prior to His ascension was that **“He presented himself to them”** and showed them convincingly that He was very much alive. He did this by eating with them, as He did with Cleopas and the unnamed disciple on the road to Emmaus (Lk. 24:13-35). He fed them, as in the episode by the Sea of Galilee (Jn. 21:12-13). He invited them to see and touch Him up close (Lk. 24:39; Jn. 20:27).

**He taught them.** We also see in Acts 1:3 that in the 40 days from His resurrection to His ascension, Jesus also took considerable time to speak to His disciples regarding the kingdom of God. Could you imagine what some of those conversations might have entailed? I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall just listening in on some of those conversations that Jesus was having with His disciples in the days following His resurrection. According to our daily Mass readings, the topic of the Holy Spirit had to come up and the assurance that He was going to prepare a place for them—**“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (Jn.14:3).**

In the same way, I believe that these last 40 days have been teaching and instructing us about life in the kingdom of God and about what is truly important in life. Perhaps there has been a re-arranging of your priorities. God has been teaching you again that He is the true Provider for you in all your needs and that you don’t have as much control over your life as you might have thought. My prayer is that the lessons, counsel, and even treasures of wisdom gathered from this season will go with you and serve you well in the seasons ahead.

***To be continued...***

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

**May 12, Ascension Sunday**



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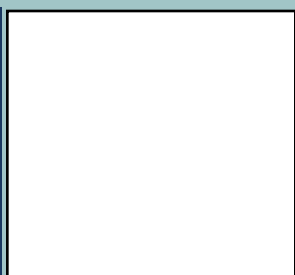
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