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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

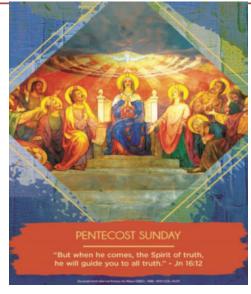
**CONFESSION** 

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

**Office Hours** 

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM-1PM

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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 (5/18)**

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

at Pen Park, Shelter 3 MONDAY (5/20)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/21)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/22)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

**7 PM** Choir

<u>THURSDAY (5/23)</u>

**12-1 PM** Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

**7-8 PM** Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (5/24)

12 PM Mass

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

# SAINTS OF GOD

5/18 Saint John I

5/19 Saint Theophilus of Corte

5/20 Saint Bernadine of Siena

5/21 Saint Cristobal Magallanes

and Companions

SATURDAY (5/25)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (5/26)

2nd Collection: Maintenance Fund

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

# **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

5/22 Saint Rita of Cascia

5/23 Saint Gregory VII

5/24 Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

5/25 Saint Bede the Venerable

5/26 Saint Philip Neri

# 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 (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

## **MONDAY (5/20)**

12 PM George Walendowski (Fr. Joseph Mary)

## **TUESDAY (5/21)**

**8 AM** Glenn Showalter and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

# WEDNESDAY (5/22)

**8 AM** Colin Brumby (Daniel Kirkland)

# THURSDAY (5/23)

**6 PM** Therese Auger (Fr. Joseph Mary)

# FRIDAY (5/24)

**12 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

# **SATURDAY (5/25)**

8 AM Holy Comforter's Ill and Homebound5 PM Richard Ziminki and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

# **SUNDAY (5/26)**

**8:30 AM** † Normand Auger (Therese Auger) **11 AM** Members of the Parish

# PARISH NEWS



# GIFTS FROM GOD

# **WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2024**

Offertory	\$4,252
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$4,498)

#### 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**

We are pleased to share we have reached our goal of \$25,200! Contributions are still being accepted, brochures are available in the Commons, and you can scan the QR code here to contribute now. Thank you for your support!!





# LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia; and that which contains all things, knows every language spoken by men, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: Confirm, O God, that which you have accomplished in our midst; from your holy temple which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to you, alleluia.

Communion: Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, in the place where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.

Today, the Church is born. Today, human divisions are done away with. Today, the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of the first faithful and kindles in them the fire of His love. Christ's Mystical Body receives its unity from the one Spirit Who is the Love between the Father and the Son. He dwells in all the baptized, communicating the Father's Will to us and imbuing us with the spirit of Jesus Christ. This theme of unity is brought out in all the antiphons, but especially the Entrance Antiphon. The Spirit "knows every language spoken by men", which, as was proclaimed at the Pentecost Vigil, were confused at the Tower of Babel. What God had scattered because of man's pride, He now reunites in Christ's humility to build a new tower - the new Jerusalem, the Catholic Church - which reaches into heaven not to overtake God but to make Him present in the world. An important but underappreciated spiritual lesson from the episode in the upper room is that the Apostles were waiting; let us approach our worship and the Blessed Sacrament with a spirit of docility. Instead approaching the tower to climb our way to salvation like Babel, let us approach its base and call upon God to meet us in our lowliness and be our "elevator to heaven", as St. Therese of Lisieux described Jesus in her life. Happy Pentecost!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

# Happy Pentecost!!! Religious Education Calendar

- 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** 

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22

A prayer for the Lord's mercy

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

# **PARISH NEWS**



# **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### **PARISHIONERS**

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)
Ann Carothers, Sharon Dudley, Kelton Flinn, Erin Ferguson,
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 <a href="mailto:tmoble@nd.edu">tmoble@nd.edu</a> 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 <a href="mailto:www.svdp-ht.org">www.svdp-ht.org</a> or email us at <a href="mailto:info@svdp-ht.org">info@svdp-ht.org</a>. Thank you!

#### **MINISTRIES**

<u>OUTREACH:</u> 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. 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

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, please email the ministry at 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: We are currently focusing on June 30th and striving to achieve the goal set last year of full sponsorship. The ministry and the people of St. Michel deeply appreciate all that you are already doing, and we are profoundly grateful for your sacrifices. Bob Fromm is preparing for a trip to Saltadare in eight days. He has purchased forty-one valves to replace kiosk spigots, as requested by the Saltadare water committee. He is also finalizing the purchase of hardware for electrical system disconnects and a fuse box system for the St. Michel school. He intends to work on the new computer lab for next year that fully utilizes the World Wide Web (www) and its educational possibilities. Please continue to 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 downtowncville.va@grazecraze.com.

<u>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</u> has an immediate opening for a part time youth minister Please submit your resume and a Diocese of Richmond Application for Employment to the Coordinator of Faith Formation, Nicole Yoensky at <u>nicoley@olrcrozet.org</u>

# FROM THE PASTOR



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

Part XX Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him" (Ps. 67:1-7).

Imagine the disciples reading these words as they anticipated the giving of the Spirit. Then, filled with the Spirit and with the word of God in their hearts, they became a light to the Gentiles by making His ways known on the earth and His salvation among all nations. This work continues today until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (Lk. 21:24, Rom. 11:25).

The great event of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles is called by some the "birthday of the Church". At the same time, this event was also a conclusion of the entire work of God's economy of salvation – what God the Father willed to be and what the Son of God accomplished in Himself: that the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost to give to the faithful direction and understanding of the mysteries of God's love to all people. Illumined by the Holy Spirit, the apostles fearlessly began to preach Christ crucified and risen. The Church of Christ began to grow and spread at first among the Jews of Palestine, then eventually among the Gentiles in the whole world, and even "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

This occurred "when the Day of Pentecost had fully come", at the high point of the Jewish feast of Pentecost. The Law of Moses decreed to celebrate solemnly the fiftieth day after the day following the Sabbath of the Passover, counting seven full weeks from that day (Lev. 23:15). The Jewish Passover in the year of Christ's death occurred on Friday evening. The first day of Passover was thus the Sabbath, and the morning after the Sabbath was the Sunday of Christ's resurrection. From that day, seven weeks must be counted. Thus, in that year, the celebration of the Jewish Pentecost occurred on a Sunday (and therefore Christian Pentecost always falls on a Sunday). The Pentecost of the Jews was established to bless the harvest or the first fruits, because the first harvest of seeds planted immediately after Passover brought fruit roughly at this time. This feast also was combined with the remembrance of the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai. This was one of the three major "pilgrim" feasts of the Jewish calendar (Passover, Pentecost, Booths), on which all Jewish men were obligated to travel as pilgrims to Jerusalem for the celebration.

The concurrence of the descent of the Holy Spirit with the Jewish Pentecost, of course, is no coincidence. In fact, it is symbolic. By this time, the apostles had matured and blossomed spiritually, and so this was the time when the fullness of the gifts of the Spirit descended on them, and thus they themselves became the first fruits of Christ's work of redemption, whose seed of the Gospel was to bring forth more fruits.

It was appropriate for the grace of the Spirit to be given on the same day as the giving of the ancient Law, because as the Savior willed to commit Himself to His passion at no other time than the time of the killing of the lamb, in order to tie the truth with the prefiguration, so also the coming of the Spirit could not have been given at any other time than the day when the Law was given, in order to show that the Holy Spirit is the same Lawgiver of both the Old and the New Covenants... In the same way that on Pentecost sheaves of the new fruits were gathered by many people from many different places to Jerusalem, so on this day it was appropriate that the first fruits of all nations living under heaven should gather into a single sheaf of piety, brought to God through the apostolic preaching

To be continued...

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