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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

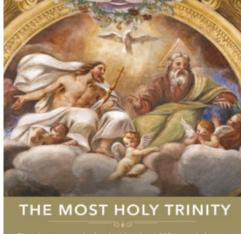
CONFESSION

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

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Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 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 (5/25)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (5/26) Trinity Sunday

2nd Collection: Maintenance Fund

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

MONDAY (5/27)

OFFICE CLOSED

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/28)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/29)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (5/30)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (5/31)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (6/1)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/2) CORPUS CHRISTI

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

Corpus Christi Procession immediately Following Mass

1 PM Confession

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@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (5/25)

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

SUNDAY (5/26)

8:30 AM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (5/27)

12 PM Ward Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

TUESDAY (5/28)

8 AM Hilton Beard Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (5/29)

8 AM Staff of Holy Comforter (Fr. Joseph Mary

THURSDAY (5/30)

6 PM Genevieve Halfer (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (5/31)

12 PM That Prisoners be freed (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (6/2)

8 AM Jordan Family (Fr. Joseph Mary) **5 PM** Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (6/3)

8:30 AM † Jane Till Danilek **11 AM** † Donald E. Jones

SAINTS OF GOD

5/25 Saint Bede the Venerable 5/26 Saint Philip Neri 5/27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury 5/28 Venerable Pierre Toussaint 5/29 Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat 5/30 Saint Joan of Arc 5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6/1 Saint Justin Martyr 6/2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

Due to an early publication deadline, the Offertory report for Week Ending May 19, 2024 will appear in next weekend's Bulletin.

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:



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!!







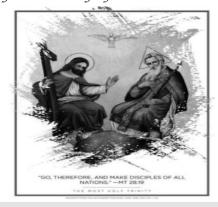
LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and its undivided Unity; we shall ever give him thanks, for he has dealt with us according to his mercy. Offertory: Blessed be God the Father, and the only begotten Son of God, and the Holy Spirit; for he has dealt with us according to his mercy. **Communion:** All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth alleluia; go therefore and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia. What a wondrous mystery – God is a community of Divine Persons! He never was, is, nor shall be alone. Between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is a bond of love so complete that the creation of all things visible and invisible was completely gratuitous. When a person is happy, they can't help but share that happiness with others. In a more perfect and wonderful way, God's happiness is so complete that His desire to share it with others manifested itself in the creation of angels, to participate in it spiritually, and of mankind, to participate in it both spiritually (in the soul) and corporeally (in the body) through contemplation of His majesty, beauty, and goodness in the visible universe. Hence the Entrance and Offertory Antiphons emphasize that He has "dealt with us according to his mercy". Unlike the false Greek and Roman gods (or the gods of other cultures) who were flawed and needed/used humanity for their own profit or pleasure, God does not need us; we therefore all exist in a certain sense "just because". He created us because He wanted us to share in the supreme good of existence itself and specifically to share it with Him – Father, Son, Through our secure Online Giving program, you and Holy Spirit – for all eternity. How truly unfathomable is His Mercy! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS CORPUS CHRISTI

First Reading Exodus 24:3-8

The covenant is established between God and the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:12-13,15-16,17-18 God brings salvation.

Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15 Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

Gospel Mark 14:12-16,22-26 Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

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



Thank you to all that donated during the Eastertide campaign! We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month in the Conf. Room at the

Church of the Incarnation. You are welcome to attend a meeting and see if this ministry may be calling you. For more information about our conference, or how to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdpht.org. There are several ways to donate, you may donate online, through PayPal, by visiting our website at www.svdpht.org and clicking on the "Donate" button; You may drop a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference in Sunday's collection basket or in the Poor Box, or a check to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference, 401 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Thank you!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of April, we handed out food bags to 180 families/471 individuals in Food Pantry and 336 lunches in Soup Kitchen. We thank you for your continued support to Outreach through contributions, donations and volunteering. It is all greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

PARISH LIFE: 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: If you still have baby bottle from the Lenten LifeSpring Baby Bottle campaign, please bring it in as soon as possible so we can conclude our giving and make a final report. You may drop bottles off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity. Also, meetings will be on First and Third **Sundays at 10:00 between the Masses.** The 12:30 p.m. meetings are discontinued. Anyone wishing to resume those meetings should call Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775.

HAITI: We are focusing on June 30th to achieve the goal set last year of full sponsorship. The ministry and 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 pray for St. Michel, Saltadare, Haiti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY has an immediate opening for a part time youth minister. If you are interested, please submit your resume and a Diocese of Richmond Application for Employment to the Coordinator of Faith Formation, Nicole Yoensky

at nicoley@olrcrozet.org

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences: September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA & November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

FROM THE PASTOR





THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN OUR DAILY LIVES

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

"And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22

After celebrating Pentecost, it is time for us to let the gift we have received (The Holy Spirit) take root and work in and with us as it was in the days of the Apostles. "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness" (Acts 43:31). When Jesus introduced the Holy Spirit to His disciples, He used the name "Helper". Just as we have a name most people know us by, so the Holy Spirit is most often called Helper. In Greek, the word is paraclete, which means comforter, advocate, or counselor. It's a name with layers of meaning. The Holy Spirit gives believers the power to live like Jesus and be bold witnesses for Him. Of course, there are many ways He goes about doing this, so we're going to look at the most common ones.

Jesus said in John 16:7 that it was to our benefit that He would go away so we would receive the Holy Spirit: "But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him

to you." If Jesus said it is best for us that He goes away, then it must be because there is something valuable about what the Holy Spirit was coming to do. Here is one instance in Acts 1:8 that gives us strong clues: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." From this Scripture, we can gather the foundational concept of what the Holy Spirit does in the life of a Christian. He sends us out as witnesses and gives us the power to do it effectively. We're going to find out more what the Holy Spirit does in the lives of Christians, so let's dive in!

How does the Holy Spirit work? There are many ways that the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Christians, but they all share one common goal: to make us more like Jesus Christ. He works in believers by renewing our minds to be like the mind of Christ. He does this by convicting us of sin and leading us to repentance. Through repentance, He wipes out what was dirty in us and allows us to bear good fruit. As we allow Him to continue nourishing that fruit, we grow to resemble Jesus more as Galatians 5:22-23 informs us: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

The Holy Spirit also works in us through the word of God. He uses the power of Scripture to convince us and influence our way of thinking. He does this to shape us into godly people. The second letter of Timothy (3:16-17) says that "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." As we build a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit, He will also pull us away from things we have in our lives that don't please Him. The point is, when He is at work in your life, it's evident all around you.

To be continued...

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