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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM, 11 AM
Sunday Gregorian Mass	2 PM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
Tuesday + Wednesday	8 AM
Thursday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

ADORATION

Monday	1-3PM
Wednesday	6-9PM
Thursday	7-8PM
Friday	1-3PM

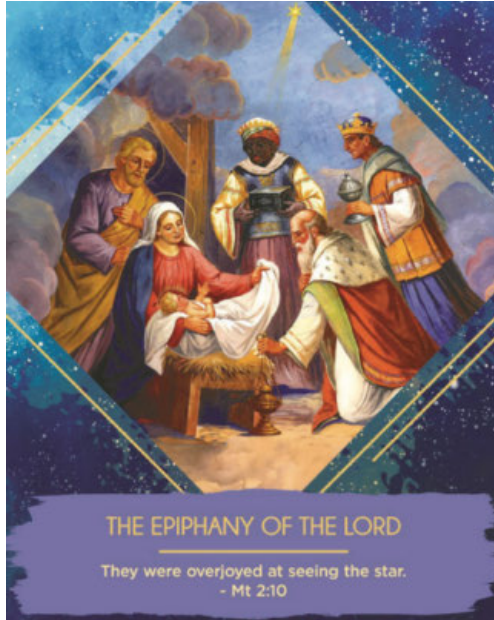
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Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	7-8 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM
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Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM-1PM

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.

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/4)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/5) Epiphany of the Lord

Altar Flowers Donated by Holy Comforter

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Gregorian Mass

MONDAY (1/6)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY 1/7)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (1/8)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (1/9)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

Followed by Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (1/10)

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (1/11)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/12) Baptism of the Lord

Altar Flowers Donated by

Holy Comforter Parishioners

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Gregorian 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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

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 (1/4)

8AM Ill & Homebound of Holy Comforter

5PM † Meredith Howell

(Kathleen Thomson & Bridget Davis)

SUNDAY (1/5)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM Alicia Vinklerek

2PM † Jerry Nave

Monday (1/6)

12PM † Kathleen Westmoreland

TUESDAY (1/7)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

WEDNESDAY (1/8)

8AM Maximus McHugh

THURSDAY (1/9)

6PM William Yearout

FRIDAY (1/10)

12PM Carl Baumann

SATURDAY (1/11)

8AM Brennen McCoy

5PM Avention Grimes

SUNDAY (1/12)

8:30AM Deacon Andrew Clark

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM Dick and Sherry Schemmel

SAINTS OF GOD

1/4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1/5 Saint John Neumann

1/6 Saint Andre' Bessette

1/7 Saint Raymond of Penafort

1/8 Saint Angela of Foligno

1/9 Saint Adrian of Canterbury

1/10 Saint Gregory of Nyssa

1/11 Blessed William Carter

1/12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending December 22, 2024


Offertory \$12,356

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)

Above Weekly Budget \$3,256

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory report for Week Ending December 29, 2024 will appear in next week's Bulletin.

GENEROSITY IS AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE

 **For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16).**

To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$473,200, it is necessary for our 226 registered and active families to contribute \$2,094 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

1/12/2025 Outreach

1/19/2025 Respect Life

1/26/2025 Maintenance Fund



LITURGICAL NOTES

Offertory: The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Sheba shall bring gifts; all the kings of the earth shall adore him, all nations shall serve him.

The Epiphany (Greek for "manifestation") commemorates Christ's self-revelation to the Gentiles or non-Jews in the persons of the Magi, signifying that His saving mission was ultimately for the benefit of the whole world. Early in the Church's history, this holyday also traditionally included Christ's manifestations at the wedding at Cana and the baptism in the Jordan, forming a triptych of Jesus' revelations of His Divinity. Today, the Magi offering their gifts to the newborn Lord are a sign of the submission of the entire world to the dominion of Jesus Christ. He came not only to save Israel from their bondage to sin but the whole world. Christ's mission of overcoming the power of sin began with the fulfillment of the Old Law with all its precepts and was then widened in scope with the New Law to include renewal of the heart. This is why the Antiphons for this Sunday speak of both the historical adoration of the Magi and the coming age when "all the kings of the earth shall adore him". Jesus won back creation by the shedding of His precious Blood, and it is left to us to cooperate with Him in reclaiming the souls of our neighbors for the Kingdom. At the end, everything and everyone will be subject to Him; let may this hope inspire us to persevere in evangelizing those within our reach and console us in affliction. Merry Christmas!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy & Music

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Happy Epiphany of Our Lord!

May God's Wisdom bless & guide you in the new year!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*
Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial
Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30
A prayer praising God's greatness

Second Reading *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*
Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

Gospel
Luke 3:15-16,21-22
Jesus is baptized by John.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)

Mary Calderon, Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Mary Showalter, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, 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, Mary Caretti, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Yulia Savona, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Alicia Vinklarek, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Matthew Mickiewicz, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email the Works of Mercy ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or call the church office at 434-295-7185.

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please contact the office 434-295-7185 or email reception@holycomforterparish.org

Bonjour! Join Father David from Saints Peter and Paul and Father Joseph Mary from Holy Comforter on an unforgettable spiritual journey to France from April 24th to May 4th. *The*

pilgrimage includes first-class hotel accommodation, round-trip airfare, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, train fares, deluxe motorcoach, and so much more! We will take you through breathtaking locations, from the picturesque town of Lisieux, poignant Omaha Beach, historic Mont-Saint-Michel, magnificent Chartres Cathedral, and serene Nevers. Experience each destination's rich history and spiritual significance as we embark on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Our itinerary includes visits to sacred sites such as Lourdes and Paray-le-Monial, daily Mass celebrations, and iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the beautiful Basilica of Sacre Coeur. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of France. **Book today with Alba's Tours, LLC**, and prepare for an enriching and unforgettable experience! **Au revoir!**

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: For the month of January, donations of canned soups would be appreciated. We thank you for your time, donations and contributions to Outreach this year! Have a blessed New Year! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

ADVENT TOY AND GIFT DRIVE: Thank you for donating to this year's Advent toy and gift drive benefitting the Salvation Army's Angel Tree and Stocking Stuffer program! It was very much appreciated.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Please give the gift of light this Christmas. Help us bring light and warmth to our local families. Donate today at www.svdp-ht.org. Christmas Blessings!

PARISH LIFE: Are you interested in being an integral part of planning the events for Holy Comforter's Parish Family? If so, please contact Elizabeth Gilbert at Elizgilbert@gmail.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU! BAND OF BROTHERS We will take a small break and kick off the Spring session on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. We look at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and address the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. If interested, please email Steven Sisman steven.sisman@gmail.com

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Helping Moms in Need. If interested, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775

WORKS OF MERCY: Are you doing any works of mercy? Works of Mercy Ministry would like to hear, contact us! mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

HAITI: The new year's sponsorship program between our Tri-Parish Ministry and St. Michel College School exemplifies the Gospel and Epistle readings' themes of family, community, and mutual support. Just as the Gospel recounts the Holy Family's journey, the Tri-Parish Ministry strives to provide protection, education, and a hopeful future for the children in Haiti, paralleling the Holy Family's search for refuge and guidance. The commitment to raising 280 new sponsorships by June 2025 demonstrates resilience and faith in collective efforts. In Saltadere, this support empowers children through education, reflecting love and communal support's transformative power. This program strengthens global kinship, embodying the Holy Family's journey and Epistle's virtues, and is a testament to faith, compassion, and unity. A happy and Blessed New Year to all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3670 is grateful for parishioner support of its Coats for Kids program in 2024. We spent more than \$2800 on new coats during November and December, and we gave away 60 coats at the Incarnation Food Pantry as well as 33 coats at the Holy Comforter Food Pantry. An additional 25 coats were purchased for the WALK program in the Charlottesville Public Schools and 15 more for the City of Promise in the Star Hill neighborhood. The Knights were able to buy these 133 new coats with money collected from parishioners in previous years. But our treasury is so depleted that we cannot purchase coats for 2025. PLEASE HELP. Send a check today to Knights of Columbus 3670, PO Box 7251, Charlottesville 22906. Thanks again for your support of KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS programs for Church and community.

FROM THE PASTOR



WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Part I

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

**“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you”
Genesis 17:7**

God has promised to be God to His people, and through Jesus Christ, God has also become the Messianic Mediator of the covenant. By the indwelling Spirit of God, we the believers have become the beneficiaries of all these promises (2 Cor 6:16, 18), and when Christ returns, they will be fully realized: “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God... The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son’” (Rev 21:3, 7). With this in mind, as human we tend to fall short of the expectation of God’s covenant demands. So from time to time there have been an opportunity to renew our commitment to God, and that is where the idea of the “Jubilee year” falls in place.

A jubilee year, also known as a “holy year,” is a special year in the life of the Church ordinarily celebrated every 25 years.

An important time for Catholics to seek forgiveness, deepen their faith, and reconnect with the Church and its history. Beyond personal transformation, Jubilee inspires a sense of community and outpouring of charity. This religious event resonates with believers worldwide who come together in Rome for a great cause.

Jubilee years have been held at regular intervals in the Catholic Church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years.

These years in Jewish history were “intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.”

Officially, the 2025 Jubilee starts on December 24, 2024 with the well-known rite of the opening of the Holy Doors. On this day the four major basilicas of Rome – St. Peter’s, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major – will open their doors for the Jubilee year. Across 2025 most of the Jubilee activities will be at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican and St. Peter’s Square. The theme for 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope”, which was chosen to reflect the world’s current challenges, such as war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. It’s a call for renewed hope and faith in the face of adversity. This is an ordinary Jubilee, and the last ordinary Jubilee was held was in 2000. Pope Francis did, however, declare an Extraordinary Jubilee in 2015 for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis called for “signs of hope” in the Jubilee Year, including the desire for peace in the world, openness to life and responsible parenthood, and closeness to prisoners, the poor, the sick, the young, the elderly, migrants and people “in difficult situations. “The Diocese of Richmond will celebrate an opening Mass for the Jubilee Year on December 28. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. I encourage you to use this opportunity of Grace to renew your commitment to Christ and His Church. Be on the look out for the guidance we shall be receiving from the Diocese to benefit from this HOLY YEAR.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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