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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 (1/18)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/19) Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Jeanne Mickiewicz In Memory of † Gerard & † Helen Zink

8:30 AM Mass

No Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (1/20)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY 1/21)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Schola

WEDNESDAY (1/22)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (1/23)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

Followed by Adoration and

Confession

FRIDAY (1/24)

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (1/25)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

1/18 Saint Charles of Sezze

1/19 Saint Fabian

1/20 Saint Sabastian

1/21 Saint Agnes

SUNDAY (1/26) Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Jeanne Mickiewicz In Memory of † Zymunt & † Yetta Mickiewicz

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM 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 THURSDAY (1/23) 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

1/22 Saint Vincent of Zaragossa

1/23 Saint Marianne Cope

1/24 Saint Frances de Sale

1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul

1/26 Saints Timothy and Titus

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@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (1/18)

8AM Nicholas & Emily Pierson And Family 5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/19)

8:30AM † Virginia Davis

(Holy Comforter Staff)

11AM † Rita Squillace (Joe Hartman)

† Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

2PM † Kristin Stevens

Monday (1/20)

12PM Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams) † John Joseph Valloric on the Anniversary Of His Death (Sylvia Valloric)

TUESDAY (1/21)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

WEDNESDAY (1/22)

8AM The Ancestors of Lauren O'Neill Sharon Dudley (Diane Auger Smith)

6PM † Carmen and Allen Reeves (Elizabeth Charlie)

FRIDAY (1/24)

12PM † The Muira Family (Gabriel Hess)

SATURDAY (1/25)

8AM † Sean Andrus (Gabriel Hess) 5PM Gabriel Hess

SUNDAY (1/26)

8:30AM † Gerard and † Helen Zink (Jeanne Mikiewicz)

11AM † John and † Yetta Mikiewicz (Jeanne Mikiewicz)

The Henning Family (Heidi Hess)

2PM Members of the Parish

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending January 12, 2025

Offertory \$11,154 **Weekly Offertory Budget** (\$9,100)

Above Weekly Budget

\$2,054





2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the

Next Generation, Providing for those in Need and Strengthening Catholic Communities. Our Outreach Ministry has been awarded a \$2,500 Fuel and Hunger grant each year which is funded by the Appeal. And, last year our parish share of contributions made was over \$8,000. Thank you for your support!

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

Communion: The Lord said: Fill the jars with water and bring some to the master of the feast. When the master of the feast tasted the water, which had now become wine, he declared to the bridegroom; You have kept the good wine until now. This was the first sign which Jesus accomplished before his disciples.

Our Sunday readings and Propers are ancient, extending the season of Epiphany just a little longer. Traditionally, the Epiphany of the Lord consisted of a triptych of manifestations: to the Magi in the manger, to Israel in the Jordan, and to the wedding party in Cana. Hymns such as "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" contain remnants of this ancient tradition, giving thanks to Christ for His manifestation to the Magi, at the Jordan and Cana, and also in the healing of the sick ("palsied limbs"). Today is the last of those manifestations when Christ reveals His identity by the working the first of His signs: the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. I highly recommend finding a recording of today's Communion Antiphon, Dicit **Dominus: Implete hydrias** ("The Lord said: Fill the jars") if you aren't attending the 11am Mass. It is a remarkable chant in its diversity of expression and is pretty unique in the repertory. Three distinct melodic styles are present: the florid style for the narrator, the low and stable melody for the voice of Our Lord, and the high and excitable melody of the head steward exclaiming his delighted surprise over the bridegroom saving the best wine for the end. With these musical gems nestled in our minds and hearts, let us give thanks to God for the gift of His self-revelation in Jesus Christ and for coming to save us in our wretchedness. "Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise!"

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy & Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Treasures of the Tradition: RE Adult Formation offers two new reading groups beginning early February: 1. Dante's Purgatorio (weekly) - A riveting and intriguing tale of ascent toward the Divine, this "medieval selfhelp book" can help us on the path even today. We'll read just 7-8 pages per session, so newcomers will find the poem accessible and the experienced can dig in deeply! 2. How to Read "The Book"? (every other week) - Augustine, Jerome, Origen, and many more will show us the variety of ways the Bible has been read across the centuries, with an eye to discovering how we might best read it in our own challenging moment. Open to all; first meeting a free trial, with reasonable rates & sliding scale thereafter. Meeting times TBD by group needs, so please contact John Bugbee bugbee@thetreasures.org ASAP to express interest!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial

Psalm 19:8,9,10,15 A song in praise of the Law of the Lord

Second 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ. Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.) Mary Calderon, Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, 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, Gene Flamm, 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, Douglas McAdams, 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: During the 2024 calendar year, we served 2,091 families and 5,320 individuals in food pantry. We thank you for supporting Outreach with your time, donations and contributions. For the month of January, any kind of canned soup would be appreciated! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE: We appreciated your donations to the Christmas lights campaign that have helped provide families with utility cost assistance this Christmas season. For more information or to donate: https://www.svdp-ht.org/ WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: The Walking with Mom's in Need Ministry will meet bi-weekly for the next four eight weeks beginning January 19, continuing February 2, 16 and March 2. Please join us as we complete our study period! Meetings will be at 10:00 am in the library.

HAITI: Recent positive events in the Tri-Parish Ministry such as funds raised at the auction/dinner, our first pre-med and pre-nursing students from St. Michel accepted at universities in years, and our first container via the Dominican Republic in two decades successfully transiting in weeks, reflect the same glimmer of hope and resilience as the Haitians amid continued adversity. Despite the darkness, there is always the potential for light and transformation. This comparison highlights the universal quest for redemption and the unwavering belief in a better tomorrow. Please pray for Haiti.

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 Charlotteville 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.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND: April 24 - 27, 2025 at Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook. Applications are due by March 27, 2025. Space is limited and first received basis. Sponsors & pastoral approval are required (and will be arranged by contacting the Parish Coordinator). Active catholic women on their spiritual journey are invited to participate in this inspiring short course on how to deepen your Christian living in the world See Parish Coordinator, Garrett Smith with any questions (434 960-7775). If you have experienced a Weekend, remember to "make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend!"

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST is

Charlottesville's affordable, classical high school in the Catholic tradition. Enrollment applications for 2025-2026 are due January 31. An essay competition will be held on Feb.8 for students who have applied, the winner to receive a \$5,000 tuition credit! See our website for details, as well as info on tours and shadow days: ChesteronSJE.org.

FROM THE PASTOR





WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Part III

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

Why did the Holy Father use a special symbol of the Cross for the Jubilee year 2025?

The Vatican revealed the official logo of the Jubilee Year 2025, which, it says, depicts humanity coming from the four corners of the Earth in the act of clinging to the Cross. The cross is in the shape of a sail, one of the signs of Christian Hope that carries with it the certainty of the victory of good over evil. We should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor, which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

Growing up Catholic, I often heard the word "hope" used as a virtue Christians should aspire to have. When people said things like, "times may be tough, but have hope," I often questioned their thinking – "That doesn't make sense; people deal with suffering

their whole lives, so how can they have hope that it will get any better?" But during my studies of Theology and Scriptures, I discovered the truth of HOPE while SUFFERING. Such is the message of the Cross. St. Paul knew this mystery well; he wrote to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 2:1-2): "When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

In this time of anxiety and doubt, we are encouraged to find hope in the Cross. Look not to what the world offers you but to what the Lord offers. Look to the One who made Himself one with us in weakness, to the One who, "did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mt. 20:28). Let our hearts be lifted by the song, "What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of Bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?" For good reason, we say in faith, "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; for by your Cross, you have redeemed the world."

Another thing we need to remember is that Hope is longsuffering recognition of God's presence in the crosses we experience. The cross can take many different forms in our lives: physical and mental health struggles, tragedy, loss, sinfulness, brokenness. A Christian with hope looks at the darkness of the cross and acknowledges its difficult reality. However challenging and burdensome they can be, though, hope does not stop there. As Christians with hope, we stand at the cross and see the dawning of the resurrection, knowing that it is from the cross where God's grace begins to work now, in this moment. We remember that God used the terrible death of the cross to bring forth the joyful new life of the resurrection.

Jesus' own mother, Mary, stood at the foot of the cross on Good Friday and kept vigil for him on Holy Saturday. She did not fully understand why her son died, and she did not know exactly what the future would hold. All she could do was stand at the foot of the cross, be near the tomb, and hope. Mary knew that God had promised her great things would become of her son. She waited in hope, knowing that God was with her, and God's grace was active even in the darkest time of her life. This hope did not lessen her pain and sorrow, but rather it invited God into that pain and sorrow. In her own cross, Mary encountered the abiding love of God, imploring her not to understand but to simply trust that somehow, grace is at work, and the promise of the resurrection is being fulfilled. That is Christian hope

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