

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

JANUARY 26, 2025

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM		
Sunday 8:30 AM,	11 AM, 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		
CONFESSION			
Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM		
Thursday	7-8 PM		
Office Hours			
Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM		
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by 3PM Mondays to			

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 (1/25)

8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass 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 followed by CCS Speaker 12:30 PM RCIA **1 PM** Confession 2 PM Mass **MONDAY (1/27)** 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 12:30-3 PM Adoration 6:30 PM Confession TUESDAY 1/28) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6 PM Schola WEDNESDAY (1/29) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6-9 PM Adoration 6:30 PM Confession 7 PM Choir THURSDAY (1/30) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM Mass Followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (1/31) 12 PM Mass 1-3 PM Adoration 6:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (2/1) 8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem after all weekend Masses

SAINTS OF GOD

1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul 1/26 Saints Timothy and Titus 1/27 Saint Angela Merici 1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

Sunday (2/2) Presentation of The Lord

Altar Flowers Donated by Alicia Vinklarek in Memory of Deacon Henry Vinklarek 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 FRIDAY (1/31) You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit Benefactors of Holy Comforter me to be separated from you. Amen

1/29 Servant of God Brother Juniper 1/30 Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska 1/31 Saint John Bosco 2/1 Saint Ansgar 2/2 Presentation of The Lord

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 (1/25)

8AM † Jean Andrus (Gabriel Hess) Ed Stelow (Anna Stelow) 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) † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

2PM Members of the Parish

Monday (1/27)

12PM Special Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

TUESDAY (1/28) 8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

WEDNESDAY (1/29) 8AM The Ancestors of Lauren O'Neill

THURSDAY (1/30)

6PM Gwendolyn Hess (Heidi Hess)

12PM Deceased Members of the Parish and

SATURDAY (2/1)

8AM III and Homebound 5PM Donna Weston (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (2/2)8:30AM Members of the Parish 11AM Brad and Debbie Ferguson (Mary Hellman) 2PM Brian Hess (Heidi Hess)

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PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending January 19, 2025	
Offertory	\$9,074
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$26)

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

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.

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with **Others** The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding



Catholic to three Key dial Community Church: Empowering the Next to three key areas of our Diocesan 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!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread. Responsorial Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 God's love is everlasting.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance (Adorate Deum): Bow down before God, all you Angels of his. Zion has heard and is glad; and the daughters of Judah have rejoiced.

Offertory (Dextera Domini): The Lord's right hand has shown strength, the Lord's right hand has exalted me. I shall not die, but live; and I shall declare the works of the Lord. Communion (Comedite): Go, eat rich meat, and drink sweet wine, and send portions to those who have prepared nothing for themselves; this is a holy day in honor of the Lord; do not be sad; for the joy of the Lord is our strength. In the pre-conciliar liturgical calendar, today would have been the "third Sunday after Epiphany", continuing the theme of Christ's selfmanifestation ("epiphania") to us through signs such as healing the sick. We see

that theme manifested (pun intended!) differently in today's Gospel where Jesus reveals His identity to some extent not through signs but through the Scriptures. On the other hand, the Proper chants for today's Mass (you'll hear the offertory and communion at 11am) are nearly identical to those of the pre-conciliar Mass. Our Entrance Antiphon is a call to the angels to worship God, Who has manifested Himself in Jesus Christ. It is a reminder that all creation is subject to Our Lord, and this call to worship is in itself a revelation of Jesus' divinity. Jesus then speaks to us at the Offertory, declaring that He has been exalted by His Father's right hand and that He "shall declare the works of the Lord", which He in fact did in today's Gospel! The one different chant is the Communion, which was a fascinating choice by the reformers. It is a very old chant that comes to us from the autumnal Ember Days, which were four separate commemorations of the seasons in thanksgiving for harvests, good weather, etc., and begging for God's blessing on the season to come. The chant's festive text is a suitable response to the good news of Christ coming to "set captives free". Happy epiphanytide! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy & Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Dírector 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 self-help 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 if interested!

> Second 1 Peter 1:3-9 We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection. Gospel John 20:19-31 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



(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, 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, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, 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 have applied, the winner to receive a \$5,000 tuition credit! See 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: 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. If you are interested, please contact Garrett Smith (434) 960-7775

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Join us for an exciting 8-week Great Adventure Bible Study by Ascension Press - Meeting Sundays, January 26, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Music Room. This study is perfect for anyone who wants to go deeper in their faith and explore the Bible in a new way. No prior knowledge is required! Please contact: Steven Sisman (Steven.Sisman@gmail.com) - Feel free to join us at any point during the series. Cost: \$5.95 for online access to workbook and videos. We hope to see you there! HAITI: 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

FIRST SANTO NINO FEAST CELEBRATION IN CHARLOTTESVILLE! This Sunday, Jan. 26, 3:30PM at Church of the Incarnation. There will be a presentation on the history of Santo Nino, a solemn Mass, Sinulog dancing, along with a potluck and fellowship! Bring your Santo Nino statue to receive a special blessing! Filipino themed attire welcome! 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 website for details, as well as info on tours and shadow days: ChesteronSJE.org.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND: April 24 - 27, 2025 at Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook. Applications are due by March 27, 2025. Space is limited, 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!"

FROM THE PASTOR



WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE Part IV

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us" Romans 5:5

In his Christmas message for 2024, the Holy Father Pope Francis said, "Christian hope, while inviting us to wait patiently for the kingdom to grow and spread, also requires of us, even now, to be bold in our anticipation of the fulfillment of the Lord's promise, to be responsible and not only (that), but to be compassionate."

There is a story I would like to share with you: In the Eastern European country of Lithuania, there is a place called the "Hill of Hope." More than 50,000 crosses of all shapes and sizes occupy this site of less than an acre. But why 50,000 crosses on this small piece of land? Several decades ago, when the Soviet Union controlled Lithuania, a 400-year-old church called St. Casimir's was confiscated by the Communist regime and turned into a "Museum of Atheism." At the same time, on the "Hill of Hope" where only a few crosses stood, a bulldozer was sent to flatten every cross, to destroy any sign of Christianity. However, that night, faithful Christians came and erected a new cross. The next day, the Communists, finding a cross on the hill,

brought in the bulldozer and smashed it. That night, a new cross was put in its place. The next day, the cross was destroyed, and soldiers were sent to guard the barren hill. After a few weeks, the soldiers left. That night, not just one but a number of crosses were set up on the hill. The next day, the crosses were bulldozed away. So it went for many months – the atheistic communist power with armed forces and destructive machines on one side and Christians with hammers, nails, wood, and fearless faith on the other. The Communist authorities eventually gave up because as soon as their armed forces would withdraw, not just one or a few crosses would be erected, but tens and then hundreds of crosses! Before long, it grew to more than 50,000! What seemed weak in the eyes of the world proved stronger than what seemed strong (From Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's homily for Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 2019).

As pilgrims of hope we never grow weary in the face of challenges because Jesus is our hope, and He gave us hope by defeating death on the cross and bringing us eternal life! However, in our current world marked by suffering, it is very easy to forget this altogether! We must not forget but rather place all our hope in the cross that gives us eternal life. Where in your life do you feel alone, isolated, or not good enough? In what ways are you currently suffering and in pain? Where do you feel humiliated or at rock bottom? Those places of intimacy are your places of the cross. They are places where the Lord seeks to meet you, console you, and lift you up. The Lord is not interested in leaving us orphaned or abandoned. Instead, He meets us at our cross and offers healing, hope, transformation, and love. He lifts us up to new horizons, new places, and new initiatives. So today, do not hide from, run from, or be afraid of the crosses you are currently experiencing. Bring your crosses to the Cross – the Cross Jesus died on – the Cross that transforms our sorrow into hope and joy and our pain into healing.

The cross truly is the symbol of hope and salvation for Christians. As you gaze upon the cross, feel God's unending love for you. Know and believe that Jesus so badly wants you in heaven with Him that He laid down His own life for you to obtain it. The call to us now is to freely respond to that awesome gift which we could never repay. Look at what the cross has done for you and use it as inspiration to do better for Jesus.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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