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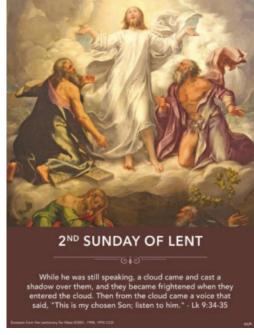
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1 PM Sunday Mon + Wed + Fri 6:30-7:30 PM 7-8 PM Thursday

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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 (3/15)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (3/16) Second Sunday of Lent

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated Second Collection: Easter Flowers

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (3/17)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/18)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Schola

WEDNESDAY (3/19)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30 PM Confession

6-9 PM Adoration

THURSDAY (3/20)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

Followed by Adoration and

Confession

FRIDAY (3/21) DAY OF ABSTINANCE

9-11:45 AM Regina Caeli Co-op

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

5:45 PM Stations of the Cross

followed by Knights of Columbus Soup

Supper

6:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (3/22)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

3/15 Saint Louise de Marillac

3/16 Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

3/17 Saint Patrick

3/18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

SUNDAY (3/23) Third Sunday of Lent

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated Second Collection: Maintenance Fund 8:30 AM Mass RCIA Penitential Rite

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass RCIA First Scrutiny

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 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 12PM † Kevin Shea (Jeanne Mickiewicz) embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. 5PM Members of the Parish Amen

3/19 Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary

3/20 Saint Salvator of Horta

3/21 Blessed John of Parma

3/22 Saint Nicholas Owen

3/23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

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 (3/15)

8AM Kevin Gallagher and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary) 5PM Anne Marie Gaglio (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (3/16)

8:30AM † Ronald Lavis (Eileen Lavis) 11AM Members of the Parish 2PM † Laurie Ann Hilton (Hilton-Beard Family) † Douglas McAdams (Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

MONDAY (3/17)

12PM Melinda Wells Special Intentions

TUESDAY (3/18)

8AM † Joseph Doan Vu (Maliwan Artrip)

WEDNESDAY (3/19)

8AM Ancestors of Lauren O'Neill

THURSDAY (3/20)

6PM † Jane Till Danilek

FRIDAY (3/21)

SATURDAY (3/22)

8AM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (3/23)

8:30AM † Vada Murphy

(Hilton-Beard Family)

11AM RCIA Catechists and Sponsors

2PM † Douglas McAdams (St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Secular Discalced Carmelites)

† David Solomon (Rebecca Stangl)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

GIFTS FROM GOD Week Ending March 9, 2025

\$12,061 Offertory **Weekly Offertory Budget** (\$9,100) Above Weekly Budget (\$2,961)



"THERE IS NO MORE PROFITABLE PRACTICE AS A COMPANION TO HOLY AND SPIRITUAL FASTING THAN THAT OF ALMSGIVING." Pope St. Leo the Great

To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$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 MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation

+ Justice and Peace

3/5/2025 Ash Wednesday

3/9/2025 Outreach 3/16/2025 **Easter Flowers** 3/23/2025 Maintenance Fund 3/30/2025 Catholic Relief Services

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others



The 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.

NEW THIS YEAR are "Matching Gifts" through Double the Donation. Check to see your employer is participating! Thank you for your support!!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance (Reminiscere): Remember your mercies, Lord, and your love which is from all eternity. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. Offertory (Meditabor): I shall meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands towards your commandments which I love.

Communion (Visionem): Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead. Today the Lord reveals His Divinity to the inner circle of the apostles, preparing them for the atrocities that are to unfold in Jerusalem during Holy Week. I think the most interesting musical \$473,200, it is necessary for our 226 registered and response to this Gospel is the Offertory chant, which touches on a active families to contribute \$2,094 per year, or about theme hinted at by Peter, "Lord, it is good to be here." It is the life of prayer that will sustain us in tribulation. The Offertory draws this out with an exceptionally horizontal feeling melody, elongating important words like "dilexi" ("which I great love...") on the same note. One gets the sense that the melody constantly returning to this particular note is like the life of prayer, a rising up and persevering. Let us recommit ourselves to greater prayer this week and for the rest of Lent (and our lives!).

DANIEL KIRKLAND, DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Children's & HS Christian Formation invites Holy Comforter's **Parish Family** to a reenactment of "The Last Supper." A play directed by Mrs. Sherry Schemmel with actors from Children's & HS Christian Formation. The Last Supper will be Sunday, March 23, 10:15AM on the Lower Level.

Holy Comforter Family Stations of the Cross will be April 4 at 5:45PM. A Soup Supper will be provided by the Knights of Columbus following the Stations.

Hope to see you there!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15 God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

Responsorial

Psalm 103:1-4,6-7,8,11 A prayer in praise of God's mercy Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers)
Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene
Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary
Nguyen, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, and
Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, 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, 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 <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> or call the church office at 434-295-7185.

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

HAITI: Belgian missionaries from the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM) began work in 1953, founding the original church, rectory, school, and clinic in Saltadere. After the Diocese of Hinche's establishment in 1972, parish priests assumed responsibilities, but by the late 1990s, the clinic had fallen into disrepair. In response, the Tri-Parish Haiti medical team spearheaded the construction of a new clinic in 2017, funded by Hope for Haiti Dinner and Auction organized by Drs. Sanusi, Nasel, and Daniero. The clinic now serves St. Michel's school, Saltadere, and nearby villages, staffed by dedicated healthcare professionals. With a modern birthing room and affordable medicines, it addresses critical health needs. Medical team visits are expected to resume once travel is deemed safe. Please remember that our student sponsorship renewal has decline and we need your help. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. God bless, Bob bobfromm@usairforce.vet **CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has job openings for the 25-26 school year: 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Learning Specialist, and Director of Development. Please send resume, Diocesan application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you, parishioners, for your continued support to Outreach with your time, donations, and contributions. During the snowy month of February, we gave out 118 bags of food to 345 individuals in the food pantry. For the month of March any kind of canned fruit is welcome. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE: gratefully



acknowledges receipt of a generous Food and Fuel grant from the Diocese of Richmond to support our work with residents of Charlottesville and Albemarle facing eviction or utility

shutdown. We continue to provide assistance to those facing evictions and utility cut offs through the unique ministry of going to visit our friends. For info or to donate, please go to https://www.svdp-ht.org
PARISH LIFE: Please join us for our annual St Joseph Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus on Sunday March 16th at 4:30pm. (LL) Please RSVP in Flocknote. See you there!

WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: Have you decided on a penance for Lent this year? Consider this: There are many lonely men and women in Charlottesville's nursing homes. One way you can help is to join the Works of Mercy in making cards for nursing home residents. All supplies will be provided and there is no charge to participate. After Lent we hope that card-making will continue. If you are interested in finding out more send an email to mercy@holycomforterparish.org

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: We will begin a Parish Baby Bottle Campaign to support LifeSpring by handing out baby bottles after each Mass this weekend. LifeSpring is a pro-life, Christian non-profit that provides ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, spiritual support, clothing, diapers and other items at no cost in order to support women with unplanned or crisis pregnancies. Read your bottle to learn more. Please return the Baby Bottles on Palm Sunday filled with your generous alms to support this important charity. Next Sunday, our ministry will report on our work over the past year, and schedule listening sessions to get your feedback later in Lent. Our report will be available on the Walking With Mom's in Need page of the Parish website.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adorers needed between 6PM-9PM, contact Patricia McAdams pamcadams@yahoo.com. *A Lenten Opportunity!*33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY is the first Eucharistic Consecration which is an initiative of your Parish Council. This spiritual resource presents profound truths, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format. The first "group" began February 26 and will engage for 33 days, culminating with a public Consecration at Holy Mass on Laetare Sunday, March 30. The book can be purchased new for \$19.79 or used for \$6.39 if you do an Amazon search for " 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly." You should also consider obtaining the associated Journal. See the Flocknote to join a new group for info and Q & A.

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FROM THE PASTOR





LENT – THE WAY TO VICTORY WITH CHRIST

Part III

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

"I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I might be disqualified." 1 Corinthians 9:27

The season of Lent opens the ground of "Discipline" to help us be in union with Christ's way of accomplishing the will of the Father. The word "discipline" is an interesting word to consider as we take on this journey of Lent. I think most people hear or read the word and immediately associate it with something negative or painful. We are disciplined as children when we disobey our parents or behave poorly in school or other social settings. We are disciplined when in school we violate rules or policies or if we have been found to have cheated on an exam or project. As adults, discipline comes in the form of traffic tickets or being written up at work for poor performance. "Discipline" is a hard word to like. Yet, the Church invites us to embrace discipline as we desire to grow in holiness of life.

As is evidenced by the Scripture text cited above, Paul emphasizes the need for self-discipline and training in the Christian life. Paul himself also serves as our example in such things that could help us to be more united to Christ and his way of life. Having called the Corinthians to discipline themselves so that they may inherit the prize of eternal life, Paul notes that even he disciplines and trains himself (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Aware of his own sin and potential for self-deception, Paul worked diligently to learn and practice self-control, to not practice his Christian freedom in such a way that would hurt

other believers (vv. 1–23). The Apostles did not stand apart from the church as those who had no need to discipline themselves; rather, they were fellow believers who had to work hard to persevere in the Christian faith. Under the grace of God, they worked out their salvation in fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12-13).

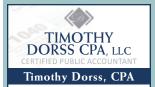
Paul did this so that he would not be disqualified even after leading many people to faith in Christ (1 Cor. 9:27). He well understood that all those who have true faith in Christ persevere to the end and only those who persevere to the end have true faith in Christ. He did not use his ministry success as an excuse to neglect discipline. He trained himself to persevere. I propose that we need to consider discipline positively as it relates to our observance of Lent. In saying this, I am saying that we ought to love fasting or sacrificing personal time to tend to the needs of others and spending more time in prayer but without neglecting our obligations in our state of life. We must be aware that the discipline of Lent is not meant to be a punishment imposed on us by God or the Church. Rather, the discipline in Lent is meant to help us refocus on what is most important in our lives as we follow Christ and his way of living.

Though food, recreation, and entertainment are not necessarily bad things, they can become so important to us that we are living only for them. That is not the way of a disciple. We fast and sacrifice in Lent to remind us that "life is more than food and the body more than clothing" (Matt. 6:25). The disciplines of Lent help us to turn our hearts and minds back to the source of all blessings and graces—God. So, what should our discipline look like? I know all too well what often distracts me from keeping my eyes on the Lord, so I tend to embrace practices which cause me to spend more time "looking up" than looking around. Each one of us needs to consider carefully our lives and ask: what is it in my life that most distracts me from keeping my life centered in the love of God? If it's entertainment, sports, or social media, then cut these things out of our lives for the 40 days. If it is an attachment to food and drink, then consider extending the fasts and abstaining of Lent to other days, not just Fridays.

To be disciplined does not mean we like the sacrifices in themselves, but we embrace them because of the greater good. As St. Paul wrote, "athletes exercise discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one" (1 Cor. 9:25). Keeping our eyes on the true prize helps us realize that the disciplines of Lent are good because they lead us to imitate one who leads the way carrying the cross.

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