



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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Thursday 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM

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Monday 1—3PM

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Thursday 7—8 PM

Friday 1—3PM

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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 (5/17)

8 AM Mass

2:30-4 PM Vatican II Talks (LL)

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (5/18) Fifth Sunday in

#### Easter

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

### MONDAY (5/19)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (5/20)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (5/21)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Choir

6-9 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### THURSDAY (5/22)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:00 PM Mass

7 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

### FRIDAY (5/23)

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (5/24)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (5/25) Sixth Sunday in

#### Easter

Altar Flowers Donated Anonymously

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

#### **Prayer for Pope Leo XIV**

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Leo,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;  
grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **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

5/21 Saint Cristobal Magallanes and Companions

5/22 Saint Rita of Casica

5/23 Saint Gregory VII

5/24 Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

5/25 Saint Bede the Venerable

## 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 (5/17)**

8AM For the Souls in Purgatory  
(Patricia McAdams)

5 PM Members of the Parish

#### **SUNDAY (5/18)**

8:30AM † John Joseph Valloric  
(Sylvia Valloric)

11AM Jaye & Rachael Stewart and Family  
(Melinda Wells)

2PM † Maximus and Personal Intentions  
(Silvia Di Paolo)

#### **MONDAY (5/19)**

12PM † James Sanvio on the Anniversary of  
His Death (Patricia McAdams)

#### **TUESDAY (5/20)**

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)  
Mark Crews in Honor of his  
Birthday (Melinda Crews)

#### **WEDNESDAY (5/21)**

8AM Matthew & Miranda Schrank and Family  
(Melinda Wells)

#### **THURSDAY (5/22)**

6 PM Ezra Shealy and Anne Shealy  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **FRIDAY (5/23)**

12PM Andrew Wingare (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **SATURDAY (5/24)**

8AM Giuse Tam Nguyen (Fr. Joseph Mary)

5 PM Chris and Karen Sacco (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### **SUNDAY (5/25)**

8:30AM Melinda Crews and Her Intentions

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM Gallagher Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

## SAINTS OF GOD

5/17 Saint Paschal Baylon

5/18 Saint John I

5/19 Saint Theophilus of Corte

5/20 Saint Bernardine of Siena

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending May 11, 2025

Offertory \$2,889  
Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)  
Below Weekly Budget (\$6,211)



### IS IT TIME TO REVIEW YOUR LEVEL OF OFFERTORY GIVING?



A long-time parishioner called the office recently to apologize. He said when the parish began accepting contributions online in 2015, he set up recurring payments and has made no

increase in his gift since then! The following week he brought in a "make-up" check!!

We are so grateful to him. Our operating costs have been steadily rising over the last several years, which has required us to withdraw \$100,000 from our savings this year to meet our obligations.

If your weekly gift to Holy Comforter should be updated, please know how much that increase in support is needed, especially at this time. **Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.**

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

**ALL MONTH** Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

**5/11/2025** Outreach

**5/25/2025** Maintenance Fund

### PARISH SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Copies are available in the Commons, in Flocknote, and on our Website.

### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Sharing His Love with Others*

We have reached our \$27,280 parish goal! Thank you for your support!!

Brochures and return envelopes are available in the pews and in the Commons.

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance (*Cantate Domino*):** Sing to the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds, alleluia; he has revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia.

**Offertory (*Iubilate Deo universa terra*):** Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of his name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

**Communion (*Ego sum vitis vera*):** I am the true vine, and you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia. "Sing to the Lord a new song" is a common phrase used during Eastertide because what God has accomplished in Jesus Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection is greater than anything we could have imagined. Songs or "canticles" (from the Latin "canticum"), here, are specifically sacred, non-metered songs, telling of the wondrous deeds of God. In fact, the Offertory speaks to this very thing in an exceedingly personal: "come and hear[...]and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul". One might liken this kind of praise to the bards of old who weaved stories of great victories or other accomplishments in song. The chant itself is musically quite stunning, having a twelve-note range, which is unheard of for the majority of the chant repertory, which is characterized by elegant understatement. "Iubilate" or "sing with exceeding joy" is exclaimed with an abundance of notes on single syllables (called "melismas"), moving up and down the scale and extending the word for a significant period of time, transporting us with wordless joy to the gates of heaven. It is interesting how this concept of music is paired with the Communion Antiphon's recitation of today's Gospel about Christ the True Vine. Communion with Jesus bears fruit in our spiritual lives. So, too, does "liturgical music" bear fruit when it stays connected to the Scriptures in content and to the Sacrifice of the Mass in spirit. Strive to know Jesus more and more in the Word, the Mass, and your prayer lives so that you might desire less and less anything that separates you from Him. Christ is risen, alleluia!

*Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy & Music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*

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### HOLY COMFORTER'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- ◆ **THEME: ANGELS...WHO ARE THEY?**
- ◆ **PLACE: CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
- ◆ **DATES: JULY 28—AUGUST 1**
- ◆ **TIME: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM**
- ◆ **AGES: 5 Years—10 Years**

**SAVE THE DATES!** This year's Vacation Bible School promises to be another fun filled experience with wonderful catechesis for the children. **Volunteers are needed! REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 14!**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29 The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8  
A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

### **Second Reading**

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

### **Gospel Reading**

John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

May 17, Fifth Sunday in Easter

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### **PARISHIONERS**

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers)

Ann Carothers, Phil Carr, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Mae Trentanove, Alicia Vinklerek, 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, Stephen Crews, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Max and Hadley Burch, 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, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, 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, Geraldine Newton, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Schrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Alicia Vinklerek, 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 to Works of Mercy Ministry [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org) or call the church office at 434-295-7185.*

**To request Holy Communion or a visit from  
Father Joseph Mary, please call the office  
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**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has job openings for the 25-26 school year: Librarian, Learning Specialist, & Director of Development. Please send resume, Diocesan application, 3 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](mailto:v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org).

**CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST** You're invited to join us at Holy Comforter Catholic Church on Sunday, June 1st at 6:00 pm for the **CASJE SPRING CONCERT** in collaboration with HC's Music Ministry. The concert will last approximately 45 minutes, with light refreshments to follow. Tours of CASJE will also be available (Come see the progress on our expansion). Please feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. An RSVP is not required and all are welcome!

## MINISTRIES

**For Outreach:** In the month of April, we handed out 177 bags to 492 people during Food Pantry. We appreciate the support we have received through your donations, time and contributions to Outreach. This month, we are asking for donations of canned vegetables. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader. Have blessed Easter season!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:** Thank you to all who donated during the Eastertide fundraising effort. Your generous support allows us to continue to help our neighbors in need. You can donate at our website, <https://www.svdp-ht.org/>

**PARISH LIFE:** Please join us for our annual **PENTECOST PICNIC** on Sunday June 8th at 430pm at the McIntyre Park Shelter behind the YMCA. It will be a potluck picnic so please bring a dish to share!

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: How has Vatican II informed our roles as members of the Church?** Read and discuss several documents from the Second Vatican Council with Fr. Nicholas Hartman, O.P. of St. Thomas Aquinas University Catholic Church. It continues for 3 more Saturday afternoons, 2:30-4:00 p.m. at Holy Comforter Catholic Church (LL). 2nd discussion is May 17 [Dignitatis Humanae (Religious Liberty)]; June 21 (tentative) [Lumen Gentium (the Church)--Part 1, selected excerpts]; June 28 (tentative) [Lumen Gentium (the Church) Part 2, see [https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/index.htm](https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/index.htm) for a free print-out or purchase from a variety of online sites. Contact Suzanne Bailey 434-326-3166/[slank@ntelos.net](mailto:slank@ntelos.net) or see Melinda Wells, DRE

**"Band of Brothers (BOB) is finishing up Year 1 of "That Man is You".** Starting in June, BOB will start meeting outdoors at Washington Park on Saturday mornings from 6:30-7:30 am, to read St Augustine's confessions alongside Custos, a 33 day consecration to St Joseph. Please text Steven Sisman 434-465-5783 if interested.

**HAITI: PRAY FOR HAITI AND HELP FUND HAITI EMERGENCY FOOD FUND** "School funding must be sustained while launching an ongoing campaign to feed the growing number of displaced families arriving from gang-controlled areas. As the rainy season approaches, we anticipate limited road access to Hinche, requiring reliance on motorcycles and foot traffic. At this week's **Executive meeting**, I will propose repurposing classrooms for shelter, providing meals for the displaced, stockpiling medical supplies, securing food reserves, and maintaining fuel access. We will also set goals for the **October Auction/ Dinner** to fund church repairs and the **August Golf Tournament** to support food aid. A **community-wide open Zoom meeting** will follow. To join the **Executive Committee**, email [bobfromm@usairforce.vet](mailto:bobfromm@usairforce.vet). God bless, thank you for your continued support, **Bob Fromme**"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a full time Administrative Assistant for the Office for Evangelization, Richmond, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, see <https://bit.ly/3GHLNpg>.

The Office for Evangelization is also seeking a full time Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator for the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. Please see <https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S> For the full ad and how to apply. Contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org) for any questions.

# FROM THE PASTOR



## **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS**

Part II

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

**“Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene” John 19:25**

Believing in Jesus' Resurrection is the core of our belief. **“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” (1 Cor. 15:17, 19).** Failing to believe in this is grave! Profession in Jesus' Resurrection constitutes the primary material for the earliest Creeds. This is because, according to the Scriptures, nobody believed in Jesus' Resurrection, nobody waited for Him, nobody was there to greet Him! St. Paul strikingly says in Timothy 2:8: **“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.”**

BUT: In Orthodox icons of Jesus's empty tomb and resurrection, it is common to see Mary the mother of Jesus depicted as one of the myrrh bearing women. It is probable that these traditions about Mary the mother of Jesus at the tomb originated from the Diatessaron (attributed to Tatian c. 160-180), a harmony of the four gospels widely used by churches in Syria until the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Because the four gospels contain differences as well as contradictions that are difficult to reconcile, the Diatessaron selectively combines material from the four gospels to create a single, cohesive gospel. In the Diatessaron, the identities of Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus seem to have been fused intentionally so that Mary the mother of Jesus—rather than Mary Magdalene as in John 20:1-18—can be understood as going to the tomb alone, where she saw the

risen Jesus. One possible motivation for this fusion of Mary Magdalene with Mary the mother of Jesus may have stemmed from a desire to counter certain Gnostic groups that emphasized a special love Jesus had for Mary Magdalene. Nevertheless, the presence of Jesus's mother at the tomb and her encounter with the risen Jesus also became elements in some apocryphal and Gnostic writings from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> centuries.

We can re-read the accounts of the apparitions of the Risen Lord in the four Gospels, yet we will see that none of the apostles or the women had waited to meet the Risen Lord. They even struggled to believe that He had risen. Let us remember that there is a difference between witnessing the Apparitions of the Risen Lord (which is the case with the Apostles) and witnessing the Resurrection itself. Apparently according to the accounts nobody was there to witness when the Lord rose! However, paradoxically, our faith requires us all to be witnesses of the Resurrection. Is there a possibility of witnessing the Resurrection itself? Did anybody witness the Resurrection itself? Could it be that Mary the mother of Jesus witnessed the resurrection of her Son and “kept all this in heart”?

Nobody else waited, hoped, or believed in the resurrection as is shown by the gospels. However, there is a Medieval tradition about Mary being the only one who remained steadfast in her faith in the Resurrection. Indeed, we can find in the old Roman Latin Rite a significant fact: on Good Friday, there is a Candela-bra with thirteen lights during the celebration. By the end of the celebration, only one light is left illuminated by the priest: Mary's Faith. The other twelve ones, representing the Apostles, are off. Her Faith in the Resurrection holds firm after the fateful hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This is also why, from the Middle Ages, Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady: we honor her steadfast faith. No doubt, when we come to our Mother Mary fighting with our doubts, waiting for the Risen Lord, we find our place in Her because She is our mother, the mother of our faith in the Resurrection. With Her, then, we wait for the Lord. We become the wise virgins in her company with lightened lamps to welcome the Lord.

**To be continued...**

*Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, [dre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycorforterparish.org)*



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