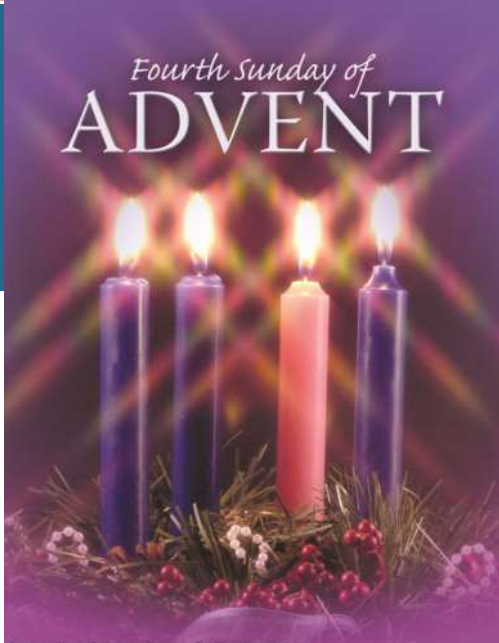




CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

DECEMBER 21, 2025



CONNECT WITH US

- 208 East Jefferson Street
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
- Phone: (434) 295-7185
- Fax: (434) 220-1464
- office@holycomforterparish.org
- holycomforterparish.org

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

Wednesday	6—8 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM
Friday	1—3PM

CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

Please Send Bulletin Submissions
by 1:30PM Monday
dre@holycomforterparish.org

Pastor
Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi
jmlukyamuzi@richmonddiocese.org

Administrative Business Manager
Mary Frances Lilly
office@holycomforterparish.org

Receptionist/Office Assistant
Melinda Crews
reception@holycomforterparish.org

Liturgy Coordinator
Alicia Vinklarek
liturgy@holycomforterparish.org

Music Coordinators
Dr. Jeremy Thompson
Querida Hills

Director of Religious Education
Melinda Wells (434) 295-6559
dre@holycomforterparish.org

Outreach (434) 293-8989
Bridget Davis + Jack Engler + Heather Burns
outreach@holycomforterparish.org
Food Pantry: Mon, Tue & Wed
10:30AM -12:30PM
Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM-1PM

MINISTRIES CHAIRS

- FINANCE COUNCIL** Gary Krutul
gkrutul55@gmail.com
Offertory Counters—Lee Faust
- PASTORAL COUNCIL** Maria-Andrea Gerling Ospina
maria.ospina@gmail.com
- MUSIC MINISTRY**
Dr. Jeremy Thompson and Querida Hill
- LITURGY AND WORSHIP** Alicia Vinklarek
Lectors – Matt Freeman
Sacristans – Suzanne Bailey slank@ntelos.net
Altar Servers — Jackson Kulick
Jackson@brgtshirts.com
Ushers – Dennis Dougherty
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Heather Burns heather@holycomforterparish.org
Funerals and Works of Mercy Ministry
mercy@holycomforterparish.org
Homebound Eucharistic Ministry
communionvisit@holycomforterparish.org
Weddings weddings@holycomforterparish.org
Altar Flower Guild – Jeanne Mickiewicz
Jean4greens@yahoo.com
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Melinda Wells
Religious Education Committee—
Suzanne Bailey slank@ntelos.net
Christian Initiation of Adults (CIA)
Diane Auger Smith
dianeaugersmith@gmail.com
THAT MAN IS YOU Band of Brothers)—
Steven Sisman steven.sisman@gmail.com
Youth Group—Anna Sisman/Tristan Majewski
youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org
- SOCIAL MINISTRIES** Chuck McCurdy
cwm@virginia.edu
Outreach-Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry
Bridget Davis bridget@holycomforterparish.org
Walking with Moms in Need –
Garrett Smith gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com
Haiti— Robert O’Brien raobfpc@gmail.com
Uganda-Gregory Lannon gregnbuk@gmail.com
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Trinity
Conference – info@sudp-ht.org 434-226-8022
K of C—Nicholas Pierson gk3670@vakofc.org
- PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE** Elizabeth Gilbert
parishlife@holycomforterparish.org
- BUILDING AND GROUNDS** Greg Gerling
ggerling1@netscape.net
- MAINTENANCE** Ed Mickiewicz

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 (12/20)

7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 12/21) Fourth Sunday of

Advent

Altar decorations donated by Alicia

Vinklarek, in Honor of Her Parents

† Martha and † Raymond Melancon's
Wedding Anniversary.

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM *Children's Pageant
Rehearsal* (No Christian Formation)

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM Christian Initiation of
Adults

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (12/22)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

7 PM Simbang Gabi Mass

TUESDAY (12/23)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (12/24) Christmas Eve

OFFICE CLOSED

4 PM Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

4:30 PM Caroling

5 PM Family Mass

11 PM Caroling

11:30 PM Mass

THURSDAY (12/25)) Nativity of the

Lord (Christmas)

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY (12/26)

OFFICE CLOSED

12 PM Mass

SATURDAY (12/27)

8AM MASS

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 12/28) Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Altar decorations donated by
Holy Comforter Parishioners

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to join
our Holy Comforter Parish Family.
Registration Forms are in the Office
and on the Commons Credenza.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE EUCHARIST

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament
of the Eucharist You left us the
outstanding manifestation of your
limitless love for us. Thank You for
giving us the opportunity to
experience this love in receiving the
Sacrament at this Mass. May Your
Eucharistic presence keep us ever
free from sin, fortified in
faith, pervaded by love for God and
neighbor, and fruitful in virtue,
that we may continue to receive You
throughout life and attain final union
with You at death.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (12/20)

8AM Family and Friends of Mona and
Steve Peglow (Mona Peglow)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (12/21)

8:30AM Mr and Mrs Peter Colo
(Marlene Wood)

11AM † John Gilbert Peglow
(Mona Peglow)

2PM † Manuel O. Calderon (Mona Peglow)

MONDAY (12/22)

7 PM † John J. Parr (Diane Auger Smith)

TUESDAY (12/23)

8AM † Michael Kerrigan
(Diane Auger Smith)
† Sharon Caster (Jack Engler)

WEDNESDAY (12/24)

5PM Tim & Azin Dorss and Family
(Tim Dorss)

11:30PM Brian Hess (Heidi Hess)
† Douglas McAdams (Heidi Hess)

THURSDAY (12/25)

8:30AM † Amy Longville (Jamie Longville)
Gaudalupe Sanchez
(Jamie Longville)

11:30AM Tim & Azin Dorss and Family
(Tim Dorss)

FRIDAY (12/26)

12PM Deceased Members of the Parish
and Benefactors of Holy Comforter
† Normand and † Therese Auger

SATURDAY (12/27)

8AM The Ill and The Homebound

5PM † Grace Marie Di Paolo (Silvia Di Paolo)
† Normand and † Therese Auger
(Diane and Garrett Smith)

SUNDAY (12/28)

8:30AM † Normand and † Therese Auger
(Diane and Garrett Smith)

11AM Carlos Ospina (Martha Ospina)

2PM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

12/20 Saint Dominic of Silos

12/21 Saint Peter Canisius

12/22 Blessed Jacopone da Todì

12/23 Saint John of Kanty

12/24 Christmas at Greccio

12/25 Nativity of the Lord

12/26 Saint Stephen

12/27 Saint John the Evangelist

12/28 Holy Innocents

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

Week Ending December 7, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$5,693
- Online Giving \$5,568

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$1,851

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory Report for **Week Ending December 14, 2025** will appear in next week's bulletin.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET



Our parish operating budget for the new fiscal year is \$494,000 which requires us to receive offertory contributions of **\$9,500 per week**. In order to meet our obligations, it is necessary for our families to contribute

\$2,200 per year, or about \$42 per week. Thank you for your support

MONEY MINUTE

As the end of the year draws near, please consider making a charitable donation from your IRA to benefit our parish. If you are age 70-1/2 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly.

Stock donations are also gladly accepted. Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

12/8/2025 Immaculate Conception

12/14/2025 Retired Religious

12/21/2025 Outreach

12/25/2025 Catholic Charities

12/28/2025 Maintenance Fund

SCAN HERE to support
Holy Comforter!
Thank You!!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy 4th Sunday in Advent. Hope your Advent is going well. Here we are in the final week. Are you ready for our Lord?

This week we celebrate with the Filipino Community in our area. They celebrate their Simbang Gabi Mass for 9 days prior to Christmas at different area Churches. This Monday, December 22 beginning at 7 PM, we will have the honor of celebrating with them at their Simbang Gabi Mass, here at Holy Comforter.

Christmas Eve Wednesday 12/24

4 PM Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

4:30 PM Caroling

5 PM Family Mass

11:00 PM Caroling

11:30 PM Mass

Christmas Day Thursday 12/25

8:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MELINDA WELLS, DRE



dre@holycomforterparish.org

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

Animal parts are still available if there are children interested in acting in the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant! **The 1st rehearsal is today, Sunday, December 21, 9:45AM -10:45AM.** There will be no Christian Formation this Sunday. Please contact Melinda Wells, DRE or just come to the rehearsal!

The 2nd rehearsal will 3PM, Christmas Eve. Please be prompt for the for the Christmas Eve rehearsal. The Pageant will be at 4PM.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-7,12-14

Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Happy are those who follow the Lord's ways.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Christine Bentejac, Ken Brunk, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Lauren Rundall, Elaine Cone, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Charlie Foster, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Dan Grogan, Genevieve Halfen, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Robert Maute, Vince Newton, Mary Nguyen, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Hank and Barbara Rainville, Lawrence Randolph, Saathoff Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Kathryn Savona, Schrank Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, Williams Family and Napier Family

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

If you would like your family member or fellow parishioner added or removed from the lists, contact the Works of Mercy Ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or church office 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

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Merry Christmas to our wonderful parish community! We are grateful for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in our mission. May your Christmas be filled with God's peace and the joy of the Holy Family.

HOLY COMFORTER PARISH SEEKING A PART-TIME MUSIC


COORDINATOR: Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent education and experience, as well as instrumental and/or vocal skills. One-three years of related experience and strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic Liturgy is required. Please submit a Catholic Diocese of Richmond application for employment and send it along with a resume to Fr Joseph Mary, 208 E Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902 or office@holycomforterparish.org.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you for your donations, contributions, and time that you give. It is very much appreciated. For the month of January, donations of any kind of canned soup would be wonderful. God Bless and Merry Christmas! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

ADVENT COLLECTION: This Advent we are collecting needed items for the LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers and the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to everyone who has donated items! There are a few days left to take a tag and return your donations by Tues, Dec 23rd. Thank you for your generosity to these families. Merry Christmas!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 Our next meeting will be held on Jan 6th 7pm at Incarnation's conference room. Please consider donating the Christmas Lights Campaign this holiday season. The donations are used to help our friends in need with utility bills. Thank you and wishing you a joyous Christmas season!

HOLY COMFORTER'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! All youth in grades 6 through 8 are invited to *Middle School Youth Group on Fridays from 7-8:30pm*. There will be fun, fellowship, and faith-building! Please contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski at youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org for info, registration, and a calendar, *Note there is no Youth Group scheduled for December 26th.*

THAT MAN IS YOU: Band of Brothers men's ministry is running a 90-day Men's Exodus challenge starting January 5th and continuing through the end of Lent. We will be using the paper version, so no purchase is necessary. The challenge will be led by our fellow parishioner, Salva Sierra. For info, please contact Steven Sisman at steven.sisman@gmail.com.

TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE If you've considered starting a Troops of St George Apostolate for priests, men, and young men, please reach out to Steven Sisman at Steven.Sisman@gmail.com


HAITI: Thank you to all who have so generously given to the Haiti ministry for the people of Saltadere. **After the night of the Hope for Haiti Dinner, an anonymous donor came forward offering to match all donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000 if we meet this goal by the end of the year. Any size donation counts. 100% of the funds go directly to the people of Saltadere. Since the dinner, we have collected \$7,840 towards this goal. That means we just have to raise an additional \$2,160 to get that matching gift. To donate, go to; <https://stthomasquinas.betterworld.org/campaigns/make-donation-2025> For questions: contact August Sanusi at asanusi7@gmail.com**

Announcements

Interested in learning about Catholic Social Justice Teaching? The Flocknote company, that provides the format for our weekly announcements, is giving us an opportunity to read Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "Rerum Novarum" in a year through weekly emails with excerpts from the encyclical and reflections. To learn more and to sign up for this FREE course which starts on January 6, 2026, go to <https://flocknote.com/catholic-social-teaching-in-a-year/>. If you would like to participate in parish-level discussions of this document, please contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net; (434) 326-3166)

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



21	22	23	24	25	 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
<p>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God's love with those you meet.</p>	<p>"Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others, whoever they may be, with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and proves more powerful than evil and death." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, July 13, 2025</p>	<p>Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14</p>	<p>In the bustle of Christmas celebrations, take a moment of silence to reflect on the gift of Jesus' Incarnation and to prepare to receive his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.</p>	<p>And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14</p>	



Copyright © 2025, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Quote from Pope Francis, copyright © 2022, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Quotes from the *Lectioary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America, second typical edition* © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Here we are, the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are almost there! Are you excited?

"The fourth Sunday of Advent is a time for preparation and reflection as the Church anticipates the coming of Christ. The liturgy includes prayers, readings, and reflections that guide the faithful in their spiritual journey." *Source: Richmond Diocese*

This Sunday, we light the fourth and last candle of the Advent Wreath. This is our final preparation before Christmas. This last candle represents LOVE. Love is the gift that Jesus gave all of us. Our readings will help us to reflect on His love and His mercy. Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of God's promise.

Isaiah 7:10-14, speaks of our Blessed Mother Mary. How the Angel Gabriel spoke to her, a young girl, a virgin, that she will conceive and bear a son. The Angel told her to name her son Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us". Then in Romans 1:1-7, Paul, reminds the early Christians of Jesus' divine and human natures, pointing out the significance of His Coming. Then Father will proclaim the Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24. In this Gospel, Joseph's recounts his dream, where the same Angel "Gabriel" instructs him to take Mary as his wife. Gabriel confirms the miracle that is about to happen.

This is a beautiful last week to reflect on God's Love in Jesus' birth. The love of a new born child and the mercy of our Father. Let's finish this advent season by reflecting on this great love that was made manifest in Jesus. For me, I recently attended an Advent day of reflection and the Priest gave a couple of stories of people who had suffered, physically, emotionally and mentally. In each story there was a rebirth through God's love and mercy. He said this rebirth was what he called their sacred place and sacred people who shared God's love to help them through their struggles. As such, when I reflected, I did so knowing that along the way I had a few places that were my sacred place and sacred people who shared God's love to help through my struggles. The most sacred person was my husband, Deacon Henry. However, at present, my sacred place is Holy Comforter and the people are you the Parishioners. Thank you for sharing God's love with me and each other.

God Bless and Happy 4th week of Advent, Alicia

TIMOTHY DORSS CPA, LLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Timothy Dorss, CPA

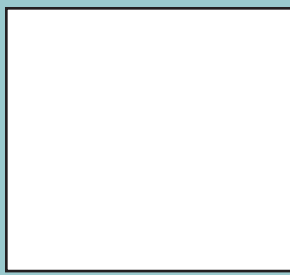
Business and Individual Tax Planning & Preparation

Solutions for all your small business accounting, bookkeeping and payroll needs

QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Desktop Experts

434-305-4165
Tim@DorssCPA.com
www.DorssCPA.com

408 East Market St.
Charlottesville, VA



AWARD-WINNING SENIOR LIVING IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

Our Lady of Peace

Residential • Assisted Living • Memory Care • Nursing Care

Schedule your personal tour today!

434-973-1155 our-lady-of-peace.com

Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

KELLER & GEORGE OPTICAL

IS NOW

PROPER FOCUS OPTICAL

Same owner, same fantastic service, same quality designer brands and beautiful frames!

WE'VE MOVED TO
1135 A MILLMONT STREET

Call us for an appointment
434 293 5364

- ★ Plumbing • Drain • Septic
- ★ Fast Emergency Services
- ★ Quality Workmanship
- ★ Locally Owned
- ★ Licensed and Fully Insured

Ask About Our No Dig Pipe Replacement

434-963-7668
www.rootermanva.com

PROROME

We plan and host world-class pilgrimages and tours throughout Europe. Join a trip today!

434-365-2743
www.ProRome.com

State Farm™ Auto • Home • Life Health • Business

Gary Albert, CPCU® CLU® ChFC® Agent

434-296-1222
insurance@garyalbert.com

Voted Charlottesville's Favorite Insurance Agency
16 Years in a Row

Owners Jim and Sile, Parishioners

graze craze

CHARCUTERIE BOARDS & BOXES

400 Preston Ave. Suite 125, Charlottesville VA

+1 (434) 227-5335

GRAZECRAZE.COM

For your grazing & catering needs.

catholicmatch®
Virginia

CatholicMatch.com/VA

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

Garden Spot Landscape Company

Hardscape Landscape Maintenance

434-973-4402

515 Rio Rd. West
Charlottesville, VA 22901
Jon Mickiewicz

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets

833-287-3502



Charlottesville Catholic School
2023 National Blue Ribbon School

Serving students in JK-8th Grade

1205 Pen Park Road
434-964-0400

Visit cvillicatholic.org
or email admissions@cvillicatholic.org

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Carey Woodington

cwoodington@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x8966

SAFE & SOUND HANDYMAN SERVICES

Expert helpers for all projects great and small

Painting • Tile • Plumbing • Electric
Interior & Exterior • Repairs & New Construction

Insured, Affordable & Reliable

– FREE Estimates –

Cell: (434) 825-1939