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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

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

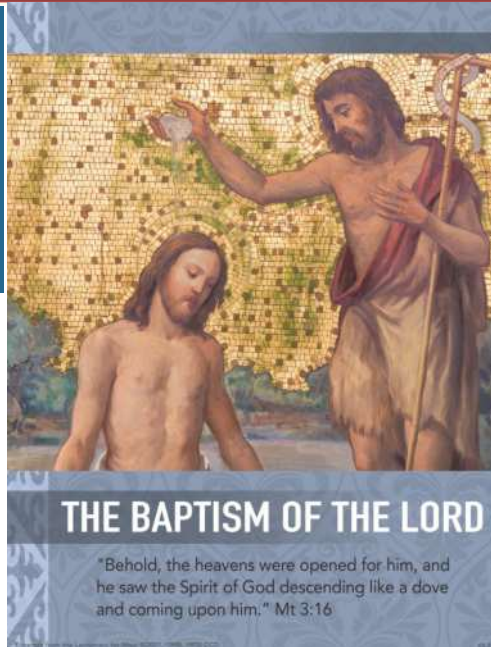
CONFESSION

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

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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 (1/10)

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/11) The Baptism of the Lord

Christmas Flowers provided by

Many Generous Donors

Second Collection: Outreach

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM Christian Initiation of Adults

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4-6 PM Swing Dance

MONDAY (1/12)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (1/13)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (1/14)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration with Confession

6-8:30 PM IMPACT Meeting (LL)

THURSDAY (1/15)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FRIDAY (1/16)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration

No Youth Group

SATURDAY (1/17)

6:30-8 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers (LL)

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/18) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flower donations are appreciated

Second Collection: Respect Life

8:30 AM Mass

No Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM Christian Initiation of Adults

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 (1/10)

8AM Stelow Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Gerling Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)
Heather Burns (Diane Auger Smith)

SUNDAY (1/11)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM Steve & Carol Ham and Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

2PM Lia Thoms Price and Family
(Melinda Wells)

MONDAY (1/12)

12PM Logusch Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

TUESDAY (1/13)

8AM Taylor Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (1/14)

8AM Sisman Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (1/15)

6PM Gallagher Family and
Haynes Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (1/16)

12PM Karafa Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (1/17)

8AM Kevin Haag and Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/18)

8:30AM † Mary Benfante
(Melinda Wells)

11AM † Sister Mary Rinaldi, FMA
(Deighan Family)

2PM † Sharon Lee Caster
(Food Pantry Staff)

SAINTS OF GOD

1/10 Saint Gregory of Nyssa

1/11 Blessed William Carter

1/12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

1/13 Saint Hilary of Poitiers

1/14 Saint Gregory Nazianzen

1/15 Saint Devasahayam Pillai

1/16 Saint Berard and Companions

1/17 Saint Anthony of Egypt

1/18 Saint Charles of Sezze

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10)

Week Ending January 4, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$5,058
- Online Giving \$4,693

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$251

Week Ending December 28, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,725
- Online Giving \$1,823
- Christmas \$8,769

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$4,817

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

It is our top priority to provide a reverent and meaningful setting for worship. To that end, the Liturgy and Music ministries spent \$87,000 last year which was primarily supported by offertory contributions. The **Liturgy Ministry** budget provides for the altar and Mass supplies, worship aids and flowers, while the **Music Ministry** provided salaries, honorariums, and the maintenance of our musical instruments. Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

- 1/11/2025** Outreach
- 1/18/2025** Respect Life
- 1/25/2025** Maintenance Fund



SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! **Thank You!!**

LITURGICAL NOTES

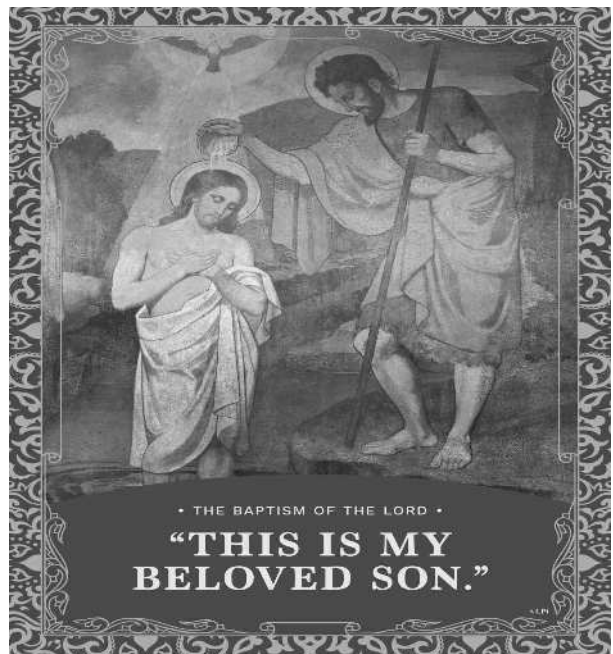
The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry where we seek and deepen our relationship with Jesus.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklerek, LMC

Religious Education

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR



MINISTRIES

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

Alex Ahn, Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Christine Bentejac, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Lauren Rundall, 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, Fr. Theodore J. Haag, OFM, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Wilem Hommel, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Joe Kanapell, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Brett McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, 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

Interested in learning about Catholic Social Justice Teaching?

The Flocknote company is giving us an opportunity to read Pope Leo XIII's encyclical "Rerum Novarum" in a year through free weekly emails with encyclical and reflective excerpts starting 1/6/2026. For info & signup, go to <https://flocknote.com/catholic-social-teaching-in-a-year/>. If you would like to participate in parish level discussion on this important document, contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net; (434) 326-3166

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

ADVENT COLLECTION: Thank you all for the wonderful response to the collection for LifeSpring Pregnancy Center and the Ronald McDonald House. Your generosity was amazing!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:



Thank you for generous donations to our Christmas Lights Campaign this holiday season. Your donations will be used to help our friends with their utility bills. Our next meeting will be held over Zoom on Jan 20 at 7pm. You are welcome to attend the meeting. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email info@svdp.org

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! For more information, registration, and a calendar, please email youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org to contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski. **No Youth Group Friday, January 16.**

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: There will be a 2026 initial meeting of Walking with Moms in need on Sunday, January 18 at 10:00 AM in the little library in the stairwell of the commons. Please join us!

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 more info, please email Steven Sisman at mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org

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 mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org

HAITI: The **Baptism of the Lord** reveals a God who works through humility and quiet strength. Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit is poured out on all peoples. This truth grounds our Tri Parish Haiti Ministry: we walk not as benefactors, but as companions and coheirs in Christ. At our **Tri Parish Haiti Meeting on 18 January**, we will continue planning for the "Hope for Haiti" Sponsorship Fair planned for 7-8 February at St. Thomas, review the 2026 budget, consider staff salary updates, explore university scholarships, and begin long-term rectory planning. As Jesus rises from the Jordan, the Father declares Him beloved. Our mission flows from that same identity—bringing hope where it is needed most.

Announcements

Wishing our parish families a blessed and joyful New Year! May 2026 be filled with God's grace, good health, and continued community. With gratitude for your support of Charlottesville Catholic School—Happy New Year!

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ~Mark 1:9-1

As we celebrate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we also celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of our unity with the Holy Trinity. As such, we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that? Well, He chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our sins and suffering our consequences. He allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son.

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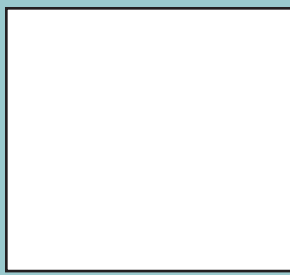
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