



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## JANUARY 25, 2026

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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

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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 (1/24)

7 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (1/25) Third Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

Altar Flower Donations Appreciated

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

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 (1/26)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (1/27)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (1/28)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration with Confession

### THURSDAY (1/29)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### FRIDAY (1/30)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

### SATURDAY (1/31)

7 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (2/1) Fourth Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

Altar Flower Donations Appreciated

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

## 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

## SAINTS OF GOD

1/24 Saint Francis de Sales

1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul

1/26 Saints Timothy and Titus

1/27 Saint Angela Merici

1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

1/29 Servant of God Brother Juniper

1/30 Blessed Mary Angela  
Truszkowska

1/31 Saint John Bosco

2/1 Saint Ansgar

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

[Reception@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:Reception@holycomforterparish.org)

### SATURDAY (1/24)

8AM Mona Peglow (Alicia Vinklarek)

5PM Mary Frances Lilly

### SUNDAY (1/25)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM † Joan Eisenhardt  
(Veronica Deighan)

### MONDAY (1/26)

12PM Joseph Kannapell and  
Regis Sedlock (Barbara Cassidy)

### TUESDAY (1/27)

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

### WEDNESDAY (1/28)

8AM Ferguson Family (Alicia Vinklarek)

### THURSDAY (1/29)

6PM Samantha Longville  
(Veronica Longville)  
† Therese Auger

### FRIDAY (1/30)

12PM Deceased Members of the Parish  
and Benefactors of Holy Comforter  
Viveanna Smithley and  
† Aaron Smithley  
(Michaela Reyes)

### SATURDAY (1/31)

8AM The Ill and The Homebound  
5PM † Nina Constance Looney  
(Petroni Conaway Family)

### SUNDAY (2/1)

8:30AM Baby Longville  
(Veronica Longville)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM Steve Scheller  
(Veronica Longville)

# 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 18, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$16,473
- Online Giving \$3,220

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

*Above Weekly Budget \$10,193*

### 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



Approximately one-third of contributions to our parish are received online. Online Giving is safe and convenient, and many appreciate the option to schedule recurring

payments for offertory and our second collections. Last year we paid \$5,500 in fees to provide this service and now invite you to help us reduce the expense. When you log in to your Online Giving account, please agree to the \$3 transaction fee, which is also a tax-deductible gift to our parish. Thank you for your support!

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

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

- 1/11/2026** Outreach
- 1/18/2026** Respect Life
- 1/25/2026** Maintenance Fund

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



## LITURGICAL NOTES

This week, January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> is the third week of Ordinary time and Catholic Schools week. We will have a speaker from Charlottesville Catholic School speaking at each Mass. The theme is “United in Faith and Community” which emphasizes the importance of faith and community within Catholic education.

Also, for those who may have missed the Epiphany Acclamation, here are the dates of the moveable feast/Holy days:

- On the eighteenth day of February will fall on Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
- On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the seventeenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the twenty-fourth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.
- On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
- On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

## Religious Education

*Melinda Wells, DRE*

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### Religious Education 2026 Calendar

- ◆ **Christian Formation and Sacraments:** Sundays, 9:45-10:24 AM
- ◆ **CIA (Christian Initiation of Adults):** Sundays, 12:30-1:30 PM
- ◆ **Confirmation Retreat:** January 31, 9 AM– 1 PM  
Place: Saint George Church
- ◆ **Penitential Rite (CIA Candidates-Baptized):** March 8, 8:30 AM Mass
- ◆ **First Scrutiny (CIA Catechumens-Unbaptized):** March 8, 8:30 AM Mass
- ◆ **Second Scrutiny (CIA Catechumens-Unbaptized):** March 15, 11 AM Mass
- ◆ **Third Scrutiny (CIA Catechumens-Unbaptized):** March 21, 5 PM Mass
- ◆ **Rite of Sending (Catechumens-Unbaptized):** February 22, 11 AM Mass

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** *Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13*

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 146:6-10*

The Lord is faithful forever.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

God chooses the weak to show his power.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 5:1-12a*

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

# 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**

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 Debieese, 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, Mary Nguyen, Lia Thoms Price and Family, 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](mailto: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](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)**

**The Catholic Diocese of Richmond** is seeking an **Administrative Assistant** to support the Office of Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministry. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4aQ2VgK> As well, Office of Finance is seeking a qualified **Accounts Payable Technician** for a full-time, fully in-person role. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/49gXIGR>. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Full Time **Information Technology Specialist** to work in the Roanoke area. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/48c4Hz3>. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is now accepting applications for its **Campus Ministry Fellowship Program** for the 2026–2028 cycle. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4p1NEgg> The Office of Communications is seeking a **Managing Editor** for The Catholic Virginian. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/43lv91L> For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org)

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** Thank you, parishioners, for your continued donations of food, contributions, and time to the food pantry. It is wonderful! For the month of February, donations of canned fish or meats are welcomed. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:**

 Our next meeting will be held in person on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference room at the Church of the Incarnation at 7pm. If you are interested in learning more about the conference, please join us. If you would like more information or to donate, please visit [www.svdph-t.org](http://www.svdph-t.org) or email [info@svdp.org](mailto: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. Please email [youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org) to contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski for more information, registration, and a calendar,

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:** Walking With Moms In Need is looking for a parishioner or anyone else interested in supporting social media outreach efforts for the ministry. If interested, please attend WWMN's next meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Stairwell Library, or if you cannot attend, please call Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775.

**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](mailto:mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org)

**HAITI:** A brief Haiti note this week as we make room for the St. Thomas Weekly Propers. A fuller update will go out by email; please contact me if you wish to be added or removed from the list. Father Asmith brought the St. Michel student choir to Our Lady of Altigrace for their feast-day celebration; Our Executive Committee met and confirmed the Sponsorship Fair at St. Thomas for **21–22 February**, with similar events planned at Holy Comforter and Our Lady of the Rosary; We reviewed finances, including approximate annual income and expenses; Dr. August Sanusi reported that the Fall Haiti Dinner netted **about \$77,000**; The Golf Tournament is confirmed for **14 May**.

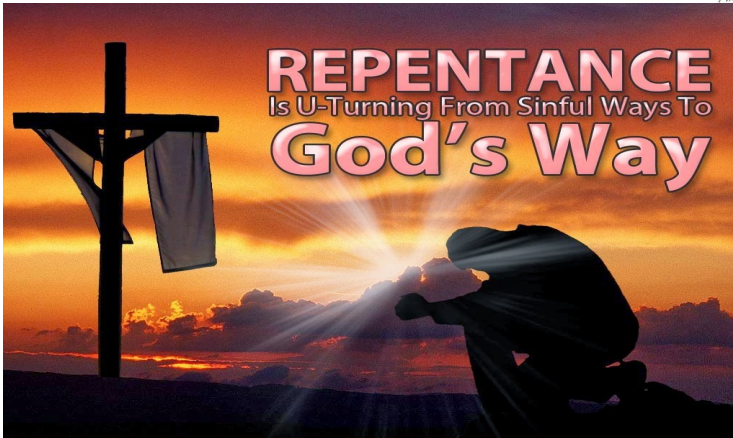
## Announcements

**55+ Social Seniors First Outing of the New Year** will be dinner at Vivace Restaurant, 2244 Ivy Road, Charlottesville on Tuesday, Jan 27th at 5:30. Please arrive on time. Come join fellow parishioners 55+ for a fun evening, delicious food, and good conversation. Each person will pay for their own meal, with average meal prices from \$18 to \$35. A room is reserved for our gathering. The room holds a total of 15 people so sign up early on the sign up sheet on the credenza. If you are unable to attend please cancel at least 4 days in advance to allow others to sign up. Any questions please contact Barb Cassidy at [bcc32968@gmail.com](mailto:bcc32968@gmail.com).

**Charlottesville Catholic School's** Open house is **Wednesday, January 28th from 4:00–6:00 PM**. Come tour our campus, meet our faculty, and learn more about our faith-centered community. All are welcome!

**Stella Maris Women's Ministry** presents a Women's Lenten Retreat, February 14. God's Lavish Mercy and How to Profit from Your Sins, a morning retreat led by Father Joseph Hagan. Beginning at 8:30am-1PM at STAUVA with mass it will include brunch, fellowship, spiritual conferences and time for confession. Women of all ages and stages are welcome--we look forward to having you join us! For info and sign up go to (<https://tinyurl.com/5nzmdz4>). Please reach out to [STAUVA.Women@gmail.com](mailto:STAUVA.Women@gmail.com) or call Caroline Golomb at (434) 633-4300 with any questions.

# FROM THE PASTOR



## *Repent and Believe*

*Part I*

*Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi*

**“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”( Mk. 1:15).**

**“Repent and believe!”** are the key words Christ uses in the Gospel of Mark to begin His earthly ministry (Mk. 1:15). And for your information: After the Baptism of the Lord, the last Sunday of Christmas season we begin ordinary time. **The word “ordinary” comes from the Latin word, ordo, ordinis, that means “in order.”** So, in Ordinary Time, we go through our readings in order. This year 2026 On weekdays, except for special feasts, we take on the **Gospel of Mark** in order and will be proclaimed for the next five and half weeks of Ordinary Time on weekdays until we get to **Ash Wednesday**. **The First Reading for the next five weeks will be from the 1 and 2 Samuel. The First Readings are based on a two-year cycle. This is Year II. The Responsorial is based on the First Reading.**

**If Christ calls us to repent and believe, let’s not skip the first step. For If we skip repentance, what do we believe Jesus saves us from.** From time to time we hear the story of the prodigal son found in the gospel of Luke 15.: a young foolish son squandering his inheritance, only to scramble back home when he had nowhere else to turn. To me, the story is always more about the father. I assume the lesson here is that I should be as forgiving of “foolish people” as that father was. At the same time reading that same story, and re-

alizing that I am not the father in that scenario, I am “the young fool”. Then the story is as much about **Repentance as it is about Forgiveness.**

Scripture tells us the son came to his senses. He found clear eyes to look around and see the mess he had made, then delivered a simple yet profound confession and repentance to his father: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I’m no longer worthy to be called your son” ( Lk. 15:21). Simply said BUT we must accept that **Repentance** was not easy, as it is not easy for us. The son was not even sure if his father would take him back. But the father received him with open arms as a beloved son.

I would like to point out that **Repentance was Jesus’ first and last sermon.** For in the gospel of Matthew, His first sermon in Mat. 4:17 says, **“From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** And in Revelation 3:16 we find Jesus’ last words he preached which were, **“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.”** Repentance is important! Repentance means changing our minds and coming into agreement with God’s thoughts on things. God’s mind is better than our minds every time!

**To repent is to throw away our net** of divisions. To repent, it is to fish our brothers and sisters by using the net of love, the net mutual acceptance and understanding. To repent is to make human relationship to become the seashore of our salvation where we encounter the God of love and of unity. To repent is to repair the net of human relationship broken down by the lack of love, by tribalism, racism and divisions. God’s mercy awaits those who are ready to tear down the wall of division and of exclusion. **The Kingdom of God is at hand,** says the Lord. Let us make the effort to repent before it gets too late. May the Word of God of this season of ordinary time enlighten our mind, heart and life in our journey toward our repentance and reconciliation. We are all brothers and sisters.

**To be continued...**

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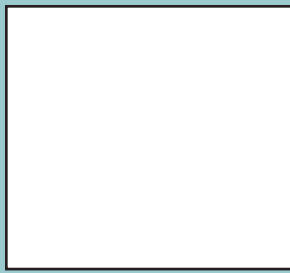
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