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MASS TIMES

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| 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

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

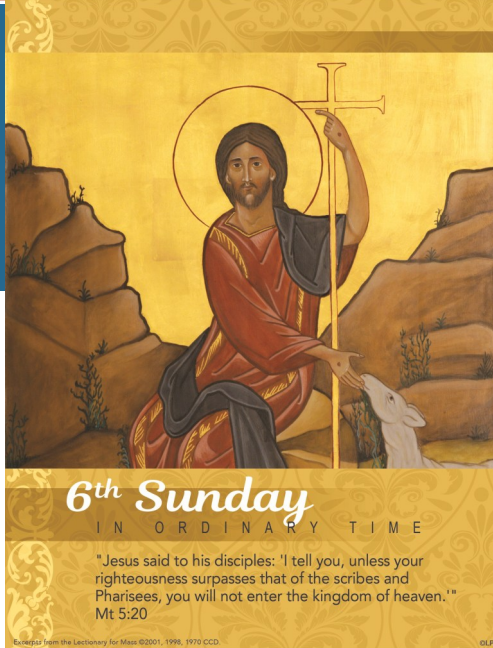
CONFESSION

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

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Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

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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 (2/14)

7 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/15) Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Erin Ferguson
in Memory of her Grandmother, Jackie

Shoop

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4 PM Swing Dance followed by

Mardi Gras Potluck

MONDAY (2/16)

Office Closed (Presidents Day)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/17)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (2/18) Ash Wednesday

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6 PM Mass followed by Confession

THURSDAY (2/19)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FRIDAY (2/20)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration

5:45 PM Stations of the Cross with

Soup Supper following

6:30 PM Confession

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (2/21)

7 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

**GOOD SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM
WILL BE OFFERING HANDMADE
RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM THE HOLY
LAND AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.**

SUNDAY (2/22) First Sunday in Lent

Altar Flowers Donated In Loving Memory
of Alfred, Signe, and Peter Klausner
and Paula Klausner Jones

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass Rite of Sending

12:30 PM RCIA

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

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SATURDAY (2/14)

8AM Guise Vu Chink (Nguyen Family)

† Jack G. Engler (Jack Engler)

5PM Members of the Parish

Special Intention

(Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (2/15)

8:30AM Baby Longville

(Veronica Longville)

11AM Travis and Lauren Cole

(Alicia Vinklarek)

2PM Anderson Family (Alicia Vinklarek)

MONDAY (2/16)

12PM Andrew Longville

(Veronica Longville)

TUESDAY (2/17)

8AM Mary Nguyen (Fr Joseph Mary)

† Nathaniel Capps (Melinda Wells)

WEDNESDAY (2/18)

8AM Lloyd Thomas Smith III in Honor of
His Baptism (Diane Auger Smith)

12PM Teresa Lynch (Alicia Vinklarek)

6PM Holy Comforter Staff

THURSDAY (2/19)

6PM Teresa Nguyen (Fr Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (2/20)

12PM Vincent Nguyen (Fr Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (2/21)

8AM Dominic Nguyen (Fr Joseph Mary)

5PM Colette Hall and Kelton Flinn

(Alicia Vinklarek)

SUNDAY (2/22)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM Baby Longville

(Veronica Longville)

2PM Ethan Longville

(Veronica Longville)

SAINTS OF GOD

2/14 Saints Cyril and Methodius

2/15 Saint Claude de la Colombiere

2/16 Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

2/17 7 Founders of the Servite order

2/18 Blessed John Feisole

2/19 Saint Conrad of Piacenza

2/20 Saints Jacinta & Francisco Marto

2/21 Saint Peter Damian

2/22 Chair of Saint Peter

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT



"THERE IS NO MORE PROFITABLE PRACTICE AS A COMPANION TO HOLY AND SPIRITUAL FASTING THAN THAT OF ALMSGIVING."
Pope St. Leo the Great (400-461 A.D.)

Week Ending February 15, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$4,082
- Online Giving \$4,433

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Below Weekly Budget (\$985)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

Our parish operating budget for the current 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 225 families to contribute \$2,200 per year, or about \$42 per week. Thank you for your support!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

2/8/2026 Outreach

2/18/2026 Ash Wednesday (*Saint Vincent de Paul, Holy Trinity Conference*)

2/22/2026 Maintenance Fund

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Sharing His Love with Others*



Your support of the Appeal provides for twenty-one distinct ministries such as the education of seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and his Church; assists college students to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; ensures that vital resources are made available for children and families facing homelessness and hunger, and so much more. Your generosity will be appreciated!

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Here we are entering the Lenten season this coming week. The annual observance of Lent is the special season for us to ascend to Easter. The Lenten season theme is of repentance and baptism. The season assists both the Catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. You will notice that during this season the "Alleluia" is omitted until the Easter Vigil. The Lenten Season begins this Wednesday, "Ash Wednesday," February 18th and ends on the Holy Thursday, as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

On Ash Wednesday, we will have an 8 am Mass in Latin. Then a Noon and a 6 pm Mass in English, and you will be able to receive your Ashes on your forehead. In addition, beginning this Friday, February 20th, we begin Stations of the Cross at 5:45 pm. We will have Stations every Friday at 5:45 pm during Lent, followed by Soup Supper. Our Knights of Columbus will support and provide soup for Soup Supper.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklerek, LMC

Religious Education

Melinda Wells, DRE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ◆ **Christian Formation and Sacraments:** Sundays, 9:45-10:24AM
- ◆ **Christian Initiation of Adults:** Sundays, 12:30-1:30 PM
- ◆ **Rite of Sending (*Catechumens-Unbaptized*):** February 22, 11 AM Mass
- ◆ **First Scrutiny (*Catechumens*):** March 8, 8:30 AM Mass
- ◆ **Penitential Rite (*Candidates-Baptized*):** March 8, 11 AM Mass
- ◆ **Second Scrutiny (*Catechumens*):** March 15, 11 AM Mass
- ◆ **Third Scrutiny (*Catechumens*):** March 21, 5 PM Mass
- ◆ **Lenten Talk by *Father Joseph Mary*:** March 22, 10:AM

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*
Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God. **Responsorial Psalm**
Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17
A prayer for mercy

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-19*
Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.
Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:1-11*
Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

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, Cassandra Johnson-Francisco, 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, 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, Nathaniel Byrd

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

George and Katherine Awwad, representatives of The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem will be visiting our parish on February 22st and 22nd. They will be offering a beautiful collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items made by Christian families in Bethlehem and the surrounding Holy Land villages.

Your purchase directly supports these families and helps sustain Christian presence in the land of Jesus' birth, where many are struggling due to conflict and limited economic opportunities.

Please take a moment after Mass to visit their display and consider purchasing a hand-crafted item for yourself or as a meaningful gift.

Your support makes a real difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Holy Land

OUTREACH: Due to the storm last week, the food pantry was closed but soup kitchen was open. Thank you to our volunteers and all who contribute to make this outreach possible!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:



Our next meeting is February 17, 2026 via Zoom. You are welcome to attend! For more information about our conference or to donate, visit www.svdp-ht.org or info@svdp-ht.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 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, attend WWMN's next meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Stairwell Library, or if you cannot, 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. Contact Steven Sisman, mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org

HAITI: Before and after all Masses on the weekend of February 21–22, the Haiti Tri-Parish Ministry will host the first of the Tri-Parish Haiti Sponsorship Fairs in St. Thomas Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the ministry that serves our brothers and sisters in Saltadère and remains the originating mainstay of our shared mission. We will be especially open to welcoming new committee members who feel called to share their time, creativity, and compassion. If you're new to the parish or have been here for years, your presence can make a real difference.

Announcements

St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish is seeking a mission-driven Business Manager to oversee the financial and administrative operations of the parish. For more info, email Lori Donlon at admin@stauva.org.

TREASURES OF THE TRADITION: Adult Formation sponsors two online reading groups this spring: **(1) Dante's Inferno.** A slow (8 pp / week) and thoughtful trip through the great poet's imagination of hell, focusing on theological and psychological issues. Weekly; starts late February. **(2) Reading Scripture: The Tradition.** Explore vital questions about how to interpret the Bible by reading Church Fathers, Doctors, and Vatican documents. Every other week from early March. Everyone's first meeting is a free trial, with reasonable rates and a sliding scale thereafter. Schedule is set by the group's needs, so please express interest ASAP by contacting John Bugbee <bugbee@TheTreasures.org>, or visit <https://TheTreasures.org> for more info!

FROM THE PASTOR



Repent and Believe

Part IV

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).

In his famous psalm of repentance (Psalm 51), David reminds us Just as every coin has two sides, every Christian’s conversion is comprised of two sides: **repentance and believing**. To understand repentance completely we must study not only what we turn from but who we turn to and how. When we repent of our sins, we must turn in faith to the One who secured our salvation, Jesus the Christ. Faith consists first in the knowledge that we are sinners in need of redemption.

Faith trusts that Jesus Christ is the only person who can offer forgiveness because he died for our sins so that God might reconcile himself to us. As Jesus himself taught, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”(Jn. 14:6)**. Faith is trust in Christ. So this faith is not only intellectual and emotional, but it is also a matter of the will. As one spiritual writer put it, faith is a “surrender of the soul as guilty and defiled to Christ, and reception and appropriation of Christ as the source of pardon and spiritual life.” Faith is to give ourselves over entirely to Christ, to admit our helplessness to save ourselves and to lean solely on his righteousness for our salvation. This surrender in faith leads to a change in the way we live-**Metanoia**- which always results in growing holiness and fruitfulness (James. 2:14-26).

When repentance and faith are joined in the Christian life, we have the fundamentals of sanctification. God’s work of sanctification, our growth in holiness and being conformed more and more into the image of Christ, is made evident in our life in two actions. First, putting sin to death, or in other words, repenting of our sin and working to stop sinful behaviors and thoughts. Second, putting on the new man or woman that we are in Christ, by faith. Paul gives a great description of these two fruits of sanctification in Colossians 3:1-17. He starts off this section with an exhortation, **“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God... For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God”** (Col. 3:1,3).

Just as we die with Christ because we are united to him, the Bible teaches we are raised with him to newness of life. That is why Paul exhorts us to “seek the things that are above” (Col 3:1). It is because faith unites us to Christ in his resurrection that we not only repent of our sin, but increasingly grow in holiness and righteousness by the gracious work of God in our hearts, minds, and souls.

In Ps 51, David is grieving his sin before his Maker. He knows he is utterly lost and in need of God’s forgiveness when he prays, **“God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me”** (v.10). The earthly king is asking God to restore what’s been lost: the joy and peace that can only be found in right relationship with God (vv.10–12).

We must be aware that our sin grieves God, and it should grieve us, too. For those who do not trust Jesus for salvation, sin separates them from an eternity with God. For those who do trust in Him, their salvation is secure, but sin can still prevent them from experiencing an abundant, vibrant relationship with God now, on this side of heaven.

The time has come! Jesus—*Immanuel*, “God is with us”—has come near. Repent and return to Him. And then keep turning back to Him. Believe the good news is true, and that it’s true for you.

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