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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

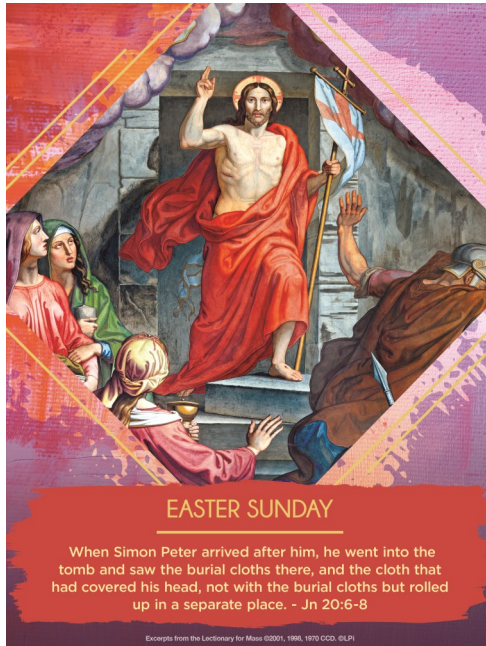
CONFESSION

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
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EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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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 (4/4)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

7:30 PM RCIA Catechumen Baptism

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/5) Easter

Easter Flowers have been provided by many generous donors.

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (4/6)

OFFICE CLOSED

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (4/7)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY (4/8)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

THURSDAY (4/9)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration, Vespers, and Confession

FRIDAY (4/10)

11 PM *Parking Restrictions Begin*

12 PM Mass

12:30-3 PM Adoration following Mass

6:30 PM-7:30 Confession

SATURDAY (4/11)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8 AM Mass

2 PM *Parking Restrictions End*

5PM Mass

SUNDAY (4/12)

Easter Flowers have been provided by many generous donors.

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1-2:30 PM Confession

3 PM Divine Mercy Mass

Please Note: Charlottesville Marathon Parking Restrictions begin Friday (3/10) at 11AM and end Saturday at 2PM 3/11.

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

4/7 Saint John the Baptist de La Salle
4/8 Saint Julie Billiart
4/9 Saint Casilda
4/10 Saint Magdalene of Canossa
4/11 Saint Stanislaus
4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (4/4)

8:30PM For Those entering the Church at Holy Comforter this Easter Vigil

SUNDAY (4/5)

8:30AM Baby Longville

(Veronia Longville)

11AM Members of the Parish

Convalidation of Winifred & CJ

2PM † Douglas McAdams

(Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (4/6)

12PM Baby Longville

(Veronia Longville)

TUESDAY (4/7)

12PM Christopher Dusang

(Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (4/8)

12PM Gwendolyn Hess (Heidi Hess)

THURSDAY (4/9)

6PM † Scarlett Makielski (St Elisabeth of the Trinity Discalced Carmelite Sisters)

FRIDAY (4/10)

12PM Christopher Dusang

(Elisa Schnur)

SATURDAY (4/11)

8AM The Hennig Family (Heidi Hess)

5PM Gabriel Hess (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (4/12)

8:30AM Donna Weston (Heidi Hess)

11AM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

3PM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

4/4 Saint Isadore of Seville

4/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer

4/6 Saint Crescentia Hoess

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.)

Due to an early publication deadline, the Offertory Contributions for **Week Ending March 29, 2026** will be reported in next week's Bulletin.

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Sharing His Love with*



Others Thank you for your support of this year's **Annual Diocesan Appeal!** We have raised **\$20,230** toward our goal of

\$27,950. Materials are available in the pews and in the Commons to answer your questions and to contribute. **Your generosity is appreciated!!**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

Our parish operating budget for the current fiscal year is \$494,000 which requires 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!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

4/2/2026	Holy Thursday
4/3/2026	Holy Land Good Friday
4/12/2026	Outreach
4/26/2026	Maintenance Fund

SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! Thank You!!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy EASTER! The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed! We made it! This week we celebrate Easter and the Octave of Easter! As such, Mass times for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are at Noon. Thursday, Mass will remain at 6 pm followed by Adoration, Vesper, and Confessions.

Next Sunday, April 12th, we celebrate Divine Mercy. We began the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday and will end on Divine Mercy Sunday with Mass at 3 pm, instead of 2 pm. Confessions will still start at 1 pm on Sunday and extend until 2:30 pm.

I am so excited that we are celebrating Easter and am looking forward to seeing everyone at Mass.

Blessings for a Great Easter!

God Bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

Religious Education

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ◆ **Christian Formation and Sacraments:** Sundays, 9:45-10:45AM
- ◆ **RCIA:** Sundays, 12:30-1:30PM
- ◆ **HC First Holy Communion Retreat:** Saturday, April 25, 8AM Mass- 12PM
- ◆ **Practice for Holy Communion:** Sunday, April 26, 9:45-10:45AM (LL)
- ◆ **HC First Holy Communion Mass:** Saturday, May 2, 5 PM Vigil Mass (First Holy Communion Children arrive at 4:30PM)
- ◆ **May Crowning Mass:** Sunday, May 3, 8:30AM Mass
- ◆ **HC First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 3, 11AM Mass

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles* 2:42-47 The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24* God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading *1 Peter 1:3-9* We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.
Gospel Reading *John 20:19-31* Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

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, 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 Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Charlie Foster, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Brian Gough, Dan Grogan, Fr. Theodore J. Haag, OFM, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Wilem Hommel, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Joe Kanapell, Betty Kapeluch, Suzanne Lank, 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, Lucy Pardee, 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 434-295-7185.

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the church office 434-295-7185 or reception@holycomforterparish.org

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL... *May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, hope, and love this Easter season. Wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Easter.*

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for our Charlottesville Catholic School 30th Anniversary Gala Auction on Saturday, April 18th at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel. Rejoice! Christ is risen! Discover CCS! Applications are open for JK-8th grade for the 2026-2027 school year—visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions or call 434-964-0400 today to schedule a tour!

Outreach: Thank you for the donating canned fruit during the month of March. For the month of April, donations of small cans of soups are appreciated. We thank you for your contributions, donations, and volunteer time to Outreach. Have a blessed Holy Week! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:



Our next meeting is April 7, 2026 at the Church of the Incarnation Conference Room. You are welcome to attend. For more information about our conference, or to donate, Please visit our website www.svdhp-ht.org or email info@svdp-ht.org.

HOLY COMFORTER'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! *Please note there will be no youth group on Good Friday (April 3) nor April 10 due to Easter Break.* 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, & faith-building. Email

youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org to contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski for more information, registration, and calendar.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: If you have not yet returned your LifeSpring baby bottle for Walking with Moms in Need's Lenten alms campaign, please bring it in next Sunday Thank you for your generosity *You can also show your respect for life* by supporting the 2026 Charlottesville Walk for Life which will take place on April 26. You can sign up and walk with our parish or support a walker with a donation. For more info visit the Walking with Moms in Need webpage.

THAT MAN IS YOU: Band of Brothers men's ministry is running a 90-day Men's Exodus challenge 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. Please Contact Steven Sisman, mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org

HAITI: Glory to God on this celebration of His risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank all our sponsors, donors, and ministry members for your generosity and, above all, for your prayers for our twin parish of St. Michel in Saltadère. Our Tri-Parish Haiti Ministry continues to walk closely with our Haitian family during a time of great uncertainty in the Central Plateau. Today we also support our largest Lenten "Feed the Poor" distribution to date thanks to you. Your prayers and generosity continue to bring hope, stability, and dignity to our Haitian brothers and sisters.

HOLY COMFORTER'S ALTAR GUILD is looking for a flower arranger to help beautify our sacred space. If you are interested and have flower arranging skills, Please contact Jean Mickiwicz Jean4greens@yahoo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

55+ SOCIABLE SENIORS: TAKE 2 - Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 23 from 11:30 to 2:00 for our first luncheon out at Piers Seafood and Grill, 101 Seminole Court, Charlottesville. If you haven't eaten there yet, the food is delicious. Average price \$15 to \$30. A sign up sheet will be placed on the credenza after Easter. Look forward to a fun time!!

All are invited to a silent retreat hosted by the Discalced Carmelite Seculars. Retreat Master: Rev. Ralph-Elias Haddix, OCD. Topic: "John of the Cross and the Divine Encounter", May 22-24 2026. San Damiano Retreat House (White Post, VA). \$325/person; \$500/married couple. Meals included. Please pre-register by 4-15-2026. Please RSVP: Anna at annastelow748@gmail.com.

FROM THE PASTOR



THE VICTORY IS WON, ALLELUIA!

Part VII

Rev. Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him” Romans 6:8-9

Victory ultimately belongs to the Lord our God. Since the days of Israel’s Exodus from Egypt, whenever God’s people depended on Him alone, He gave them victory over their enemies (Ex. 15). Old Testament prophets consistently pointed to a future Savior who would bring the fullest expression of God’s triumph: “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah (9:9). We know these prophecies refer to Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, who has overcome the world. Jesus won the supreme victory at the cross. Sin was atoned for, and the power of sin and death was broken (Jn. 12:31). After Christ’s crucifixion and burial, He rose from the dead three days later, and

now we share that victory. Satan thought he had won the ultimate contest with the death of Christ. Instead, that death released our chains, set us free from the prison of sin, and disarmed the supernatural powers of evil: “When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”(Col. 2: 13-15

The key to achieve victory in Jesus is Faith in Christ: “For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God” (1 Jn. 5:4-5). The first step to victory in Jesus is accepting Christ as Savior. We receive the Lord by grace through faith, and we live in His victory by grace through faith as well. Our salvation is a gift of God’s grace, and our victory in Jesus is a gift of God’s grace.(Eph. 2:4-8).

What is the extent of Jesus Christ’s victory that He imparts to us? The victory that Jesus shares with us includes victory over the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1Jn. 2:16). “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal. 5:24).

The truth is that, as long as we remain in this fallen world, we’ll still have struggles to overcome and battles to fight. At times we will fall and fail. But we continue to get back up, asking God to equip us with His grace and power to overcome (2Cr. 12:9).

Victory in Jesus is real and attainable now because our Lord Jesus has defeated Satan and every evil power of the world. We achieve victory in Jesus by resting in Christ and trusting Him to triumph for us(Rm. 5:17). While we remain on earth, the Lord reigns victoriously through those who have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and translated into His glorious kingdom of light. Praise be God. **Alleluia—HAPPY EASTER.**

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