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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

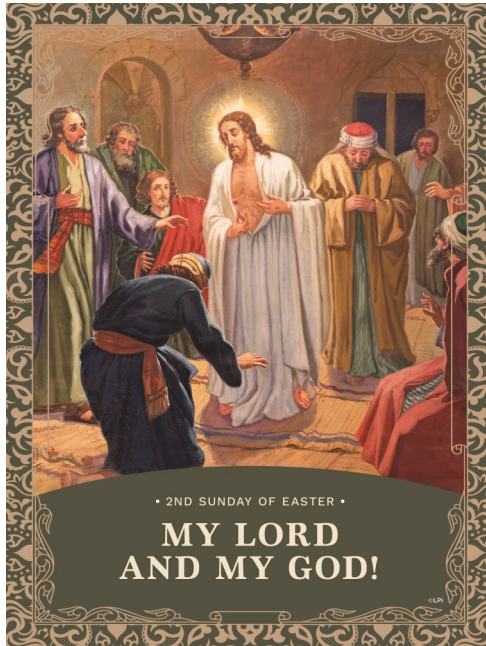
CONFESSION

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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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 (4/11)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8 AM Mass

2 PM *Parking Restrictions End*

5PM Mass

SUNDAY (4/12) Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

MONDAY (4/13)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/14)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (4/15)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (4/16)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration,

Vespers, and Confession

FRIDAY (4/17)

12 PM Mass

12:30-3 PM Adoration following Mass

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/18)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8 AM Mass

5PM Mass

SUNDAY (4/19)

Easter Flowers have been provided by many generous donors.

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

Please Note: Charlottesville Marathon Parking Restrictions begin Friday 4/10) at 11AM and end Saturday at 2pm 4/11.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

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)

Special Intention of

Elizabeth and Peter Frazier

3PM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (4/13)

12PM Christopher Dusang (Elsa Schur)

TUESDAY (4/14)

12PM Brian Hess (Heidi Hess)

WEDNESDAY (4/15)

12PM † Mike A. Charlie (Idette Charlie)

THURSDAY (4/16)

6PM † Robert & † Mary Joan Sheredy (Bridget Davis)

FRIDAY (4/17)

12PM O'Neill Family & Ancestors

SATURDAY (4/18)

8AM Catherine Claire Smith in honor of her birthday (Diane Auger Smith)

5PM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (4/19)

8:30AM Matthew & Miranda Schrank and Family (Melinda Wells)

11AM † Henry Hilarian Benedict t (Niharika Shah)

3PM Aaron & Laurie Mashoian and † Alexandra Mashoian (Karafa Family)

SAINTS OF GOD

4/11 Saint Stanislaus

4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

4/13 Saint Martin I

4/14 Blessed Peter Gonzales

4/15 Saint Caesar de Bus

4/16 Saint Bernadette Soubirous

4/17 Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

4/18 Blessed James Oldo

4/19 Saint Gianna Beretta Mola

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT



"ALL GOOD GIVING AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE..." James 1:17

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!

Week Ending April 5, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$9,830
- Online Giving \$9,570

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$9,900

Week Ending March 29, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,843
- Online Giving \$6,358

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$701

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Sharing His Love with Others*

Thank you for your support of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal! We have raised **\$20,400** 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!!**

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

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy EASTER again! That's right, we are still in the Easter Season. Easter Sunday was just the beginning. This past week we ended the Easter Octave on Saturday and now we continue to celebrate Easter all the way through Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. However, this Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. If you are not familiar with Divine Mercy Sunday, we have pamphlets out in the Commons and in the office area. In addition, on our website and in Flocknotes there are links that you can access. Due to this Sunday being Divine Mercy Sunday, our Sunday schedule has changed. Here is our schedule:

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

1:00 – 2:30 pm Confessions

3:00 pm Mass

Continued prayers for a blessed Easter Season.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

Religious Education

Melinda Wells, DRE dre@holycomforterparish.org

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11

God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

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, 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 - Last chance to register for an unforgettable night of celebration! Join us for our 30th Anniversary Gala Auction on Saturday, April 18 at the Omni. Enjoy a festive evening featuring a cocktail hour, seated dinner, exciting live and silent auctions, and plenty of music! **Registration closes April 2** — don't miss out! **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!**

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of March, the Food Pantry handed out bags to 477 individuals and served 289 individuals in the Soup Kitchen. Donations of small cans of soup this month would be appreciated. We thank our parishioners for your continued support through donations, contributions and volunteering to Outreach. Have a blessed Easter Season. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 Our next meeting is April 21, 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! 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 *Please show your respect for life* by supporting the 2026 Charlottesville Walk for Life 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: Thanks to your generosity and after months of prayer and persistence, we now have official permission to move food and medicine across the border, making delivery safer and more reliable. This is a breakthrough for our Haitian family and need is staggering. On Easter Saturday, we distributed over two tons of rice, half-ton of beans, and forty cases of sardines to the poorest families who cannot afford today's inflated prices. Last but not least, the "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament is 33 days away.

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 Mickiewicz 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



"Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13

Part 1

Rev. Fr. Joseph Mary Luyamuzi

"If you, Lord, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness and so you are revered." Psalm 130:3-4

The verse, "Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment", which I have chosen to meditate on this time is a central theme in the book of James, highlighting that while God's judgment is firm, it is overruled by mercy, especially for those who show mercy themselves. Through Christ's sacrifice, mercy wins where strict justice would condemn, offering forgiveness to those who believe rather than the punishment they deserve, highlighting a divine priority of love. God is described as compassionate and slow to anger, meaning His mercy and forgiveness are his primary posture, rather than mere judgment. So, then mercy does not negate justice but fulfills it through the sacrifice of Jesus, where judgment was executed, allowing mercy to be extended.

Jesus' death on the cross was in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world. In the message of

Divine Mercy revealed to Saint Faustina, Jesus asks that at 3 O'clock we immerse ourselves in His Passion. John the Baptist immersed people in water because it is a symbol of cleansing. Through His death on the Cross, Jesus cleansed mankind's souls with the water that flowed from His side, and then he gave the soul new life with the blood that receded from His sacred body. What happens on the Feast of Mercy is that He makes this extraordinary grace available to sinners once again, and our souls can be cleansed and renewed, we are given a new life, a new beginning. On this day Jesus allows you to stand at the Foot of the Cross. He is making you present at the moment He expired, for it was at that moment that Divine Mercy won for the world.

It is believed that on this day your soul can become as pure as on the day of your baptism. This means you are starting your life all over again and you only have to worry about the sins you commit in the future; your past sins no longer exist. No matter what sin you have committed in your past life you get complete remission (forgiveness) for all past sins with no time in Purgatory. So on the Feast of Mercy, we are been taken to that hill of Calvary and we, like Dismas, are being looked on by Jesus, He is there with us on that day cleansing us with the water that flowed from His side, which happens when we get confession, the sacrament of reconciliation, and then we are beginning a new life by the transfusion of His sacred Blood, which we receive in Holy Communion, in His presence.

So, we are immersed on this day in Blessed Water and His Divine Blood. Our presence at the Feast of Mercy is also giving witness to our faith, our belief in why Jesus died on the Cross. On the Feast of Mercy, our souls are being commending to the Father, by His Son, Jesus Christ. The action of Faith we have to undertake then is showing mercy to others as a manifestation of having received God's mercy, for those who are merciless will face judgment without mercy as the Lord says. So, to complete the circle we must forgive our enemies and pray for them as well as asking to be forgiven for the sins we have committed.

To be continued...

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