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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

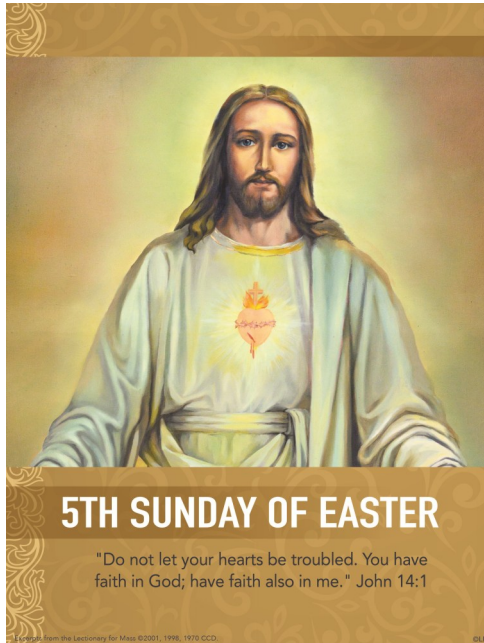
CONFESSION

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 (5/2)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers
5PM Vigil Mass (First Communion)

SUNDAY (5/3)

Altar Flowers were donated by Dick and Sherry Schemmel in Honor of Holy Comforter's First Communicants.

8:30 AM Mass (May Crowning)
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
1 PM Confession
2 PM Mass

MONDAY (5/4)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/5)

8 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/6)

8 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6-8 PM Adoration

THURSDAY (5/7)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
6 PM Mass followed by Vespers and Adoration
7-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (5/8)

12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (5/9)

8 AM Mass
6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers
5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (5/10) Altar Flowers donated by Melinda Crews In honor of Stephanie Crews' Birthday

8:30 AM Mass
11 AM Mass
1 PM Confession
2 PM Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

5/2 Saint Athanasius
5/3 Saints Philip and James
5/4 Saint Isidore of Seville
5/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer

5/6 Saint Crescentia Hoess
5/7 Saint John the Baptist de La Salle
5/8 Saint Julie Billiart
5/9 Saint Casilda
5/10 Saint Magdalene of Canossa

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 (5/2)

8AM No Mass
5PM Holy Comforter's First Communicants

SUNDAY (5/3)

8:30AM Members of the Parish
11AM † Patrick Howell (Bridget and Kathleen)
2PM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)
† Chanley Mohney (Cythia Reedy)

MONDAY (5/4)

12PM O'Neill Family and Ancestors

TUESDAY (5/5)

8AM O'Neill Family and Ancestors

WEDNESDAY (5/6)

8AM † Vivian McGauley (Jack Engler)

THURSDAY (5/7)

6PM † Dainel Jacob Rasnake (Kennedy Kahle)

FRIDAY (5/9)

8AM † Robert & † Michelina Del Rosso (Michael Del Rosso)

SATURDAY (5/9)

8AM † Casey Lee Vanvolkenburg (Kennedy Kahle)
5PM † Suzanne Lank (Mary Frances Lilly and Family)
† John David (Ed Walendowski)

SUNDAY (5/10)

8:30AM Jane Till Danilek (Fr. Joseph Mary)
11AM Members of the Parish
2PM † Pam Heron (Cythia Reedy)
† Tom Cox (John and Renee Allison)

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT



For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16)

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 26, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,197
 - Online Giving \$3,088
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
Below Weekly Budget (\$3,215)

2026 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *Sharing His Love With Others*

Thanks to your support of this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal, **we have met our goal of raising \$27,950!** Materials are available in the Commons to answer your questions and to contribute. **Your generosity is appreciated!!**



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

- 5/10/2026** Outreach
- 5/17/2026** Diocesan Home Missions
- 5/24/2026** Maintenance Fund

SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter!
Thank You!!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Goodbye blessed April, and HELLO beautiful May.

The month May is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, as a special month of devotion, prayer, and veneration. Also, our Easter season will come to an end on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday. Stay tuned for information on how we will celebrate as a community for our annual gathering.

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo's prayer intention for this month, is that everyone might have food. He wants us to pray for commitment to reducing food waste and ensuring quality food access. He also wants us to pray for PEACE in the world.

Good News: Fr. Joseph Mary has returned to us, and we now resume our regular weekly schedule with the addition of May Crowning at the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 3rd. Continued prayers for a blessed Easter Season.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

Please join us Sunday, May 10th, to celebrate Father's ordination! We will have cake to celebrate directly after the 11AM Mass (Parish Life)

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 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
- ◆ **Confirmation:** St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish Thursday, May 14, 7:00PM

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17* The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.
Responsorial Psalm 66:1-7,16,20
Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading *1 Peter 3:15-18*
Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.
Gospel *John 14:15-21* Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

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, Sharon Lawrence, 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026 *"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." (John 14:12)* Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you parishioners for your continued support to Outreach through donations, contributions and volunteering. Donations of small cans of soup this month are appreciated. Have a blessed Easter Season. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY

CONFERENCE: Our meetings occur on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. Our next meeting is May 5, 2026, in the Church of the Incarnation Conference Room. You are welcome to attend. For more information about our conference, or to donate, please visit www.svdp-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. To contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski for more info, email youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org for registration and calendar.

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: Preparations for the May 14 Hope For Haiti Golf Tournament continue with the roster already half filled. Players and Foursomes needed. For further information, please contact Dan Wassilchuk at 410-852-6126 or dmw9v@virginia.edu.

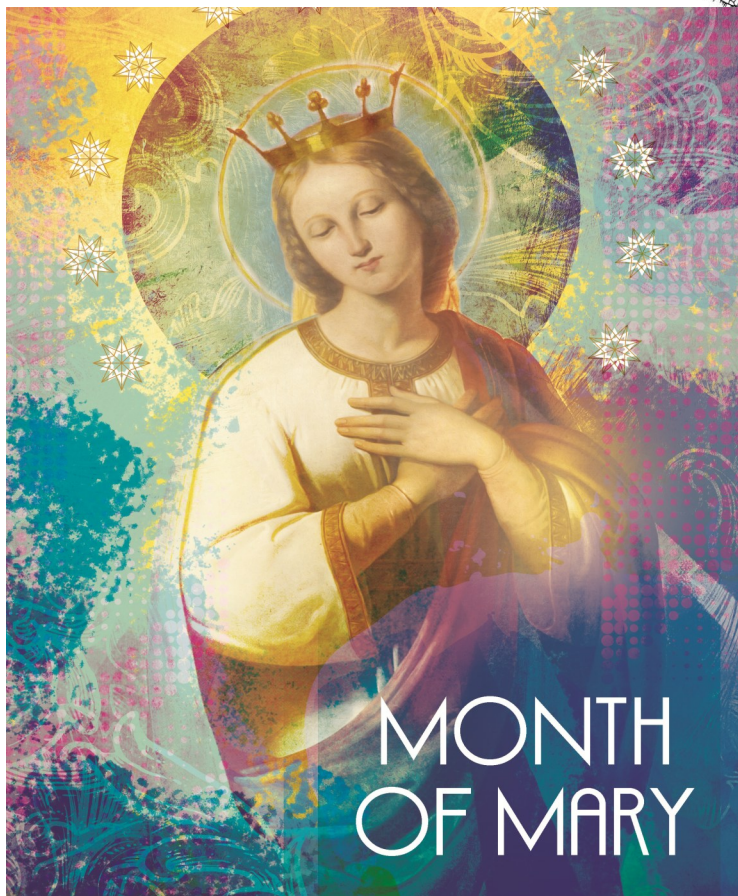
HOLY COMFORTER'S ALTAR GUILD is looking for a flower arranger to help beautify our sacred space. If you are interested and have flower arranging skills, Please contact Jean Mickiewicz Jean4greens@yahoo

PARISH LIFE: PLEASE JOIN US SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, TO CELEBRATE FATHER'S ORDINATION! WE WILL HAVE CAKE TO CELEBRATE DIRECTLY AFTER THE 11AM MASS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE HIRING: CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL seeks Elementary Teacher (JK-5, 2026-2027) and Middle School Science Teacher (6-8, 2026-2027). VA teaching license required. Candidates should provide engaging, hands-on instruction, use 21st Century skills, communicate effectively, and collaborate well. Practicing Catholics preferred. Send resume, Diocesan application, 3 references, and license to Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal, 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



One of the most cherished traditions during May, is the May Crowning of Mary. This event recognizes our Blessed Virgin Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth and the Mother of God. In many of our Catholic communities, we gather to adorn statues of Mary with floral wreaths, offering prayers and hymns as a gesture of love and respect. The May Crowning of Mary is also a personal expression of love for Mary as the Queen of our hearts.

May Crowning is traditionally held on May 1st, but can be celebrated any day in May. A statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland, or crown of flowers, honoring Mary as “Queen of the May.” Our May crowning of Mary will be at our 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 3rd.

Due to our Blessed Mother Mary’s vocation as the Mother of God, she has been given a special place of honor in Heaven. Her requests have never been refused. This is most advantageous for us, the faithful, because from the cross our Lord gave His Mother to us as our own to be a maternal love for us as our Mother. We are filled with humble gratitude to Jesus for giving us His Mother and grateful to our Blessed Mother Mary for Her loving care of our well-being and our spiritual progress. Our devotion to Mother Mary in May is believed to bring spiritual graces, protection, and guidance to us. Through prayer, especially the Rosary, the faithful experience Mary’s maternal love and intercession, which helps deepen their relationship with Jesus and grow in holiness.

In summary, May is a month of special reverence for our Blessed Mother Mary, combining historical tradition, theological significance, and devotional practices that allow us Catholics to honor her role in our salvation, as we seek her guidance and protection. By surrendering our lives to her maternal care, we align our spiritual journey with the renewal of nature and the grace of God’s mercy.

God bless, Alicia Vinklerek, LMC

Hello May! Can you believe we are almost in the middle of the year?

The Month of May is always dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. But do we know why the dedication is celebrated in the month of May?

The early Church celebrated a major Marian feast day in the middle of May, most likely in response to the pagan festivals of fertility designated for the month. Over time, May was held by the faithful to belong to Our Lady. However, the formal dedication of May to Mary came about in the eighteenth century. A Jesuit Priest, Father Latomia, in the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, initiated the dedication in order to bring a spirit of holiness to the college in response to infidelity and immorality among the students at the time. The devotion spread quickly to other Catholic colleges and churches, and several Popes adopted and encouraged it throughout the entire Church.

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