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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

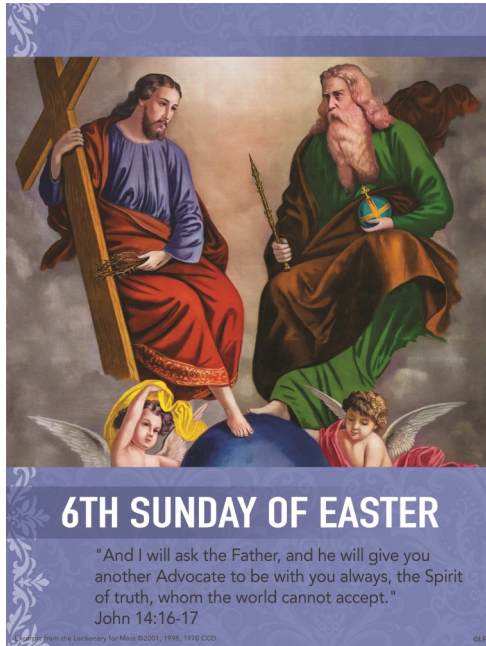
CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: As members of Holy Comforter Catholic Church, located in Charlottesville, VA, redeemed by Jesus Christ and sustained by the Word and the Eucharist, we pursue growth in holiness. We are called to worship, discipleship, evangelization, and charity, bringing the presence of the risen Christ to our parish and all those in need, consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 followed by a light reception for all Mothers and Fr. Joseph Mary's 45th Ordination Anniversary

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (5/11)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (5/12)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (5/13)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (5/14)

12 PM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7-8 PM Confirmation at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish

Please note: No 6 PM, NO Adoration and NO CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY (5/15)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration until 3 PM

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (5/16)

6:30 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8 AM Mass

5PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY(5/17)

Altar Flowers donated by Melinda Crews

In honor of Mark Crews' Birthday

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Holy Comforter's Special Feast
Day "Pentecost" Potluck

Sunday, May 24, 4PM

HC Lower Level

Please sign up to bring a dish or two on Flocknote.

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

5/12 Saint Leopold Mandic

5/13 Saint Our Lady of Fatima

5/14 Saint Matthias

5/15 Saint Isidore the Farmer

5/16 Saint Margaret of Cortona

5/17 Saint Paschal Baylon

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (5/9)

8AM † Casey Lee Vanvolkenburg
(Kennedy Kahle)

5PM † Suzanne Lank
(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)
† John Davis (Ed Walendowski)

SUNDAY (5/10)

8:30AM Jane Till Danilek
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM † Pam Heron (Cynthia Reedy)
† Tom Cox (John and Renee Allison)

MONDAY (5/11)

12PM Courtney Rose Norris
(Rebecca Toscano)

TUESDAY (5/12)

8AM Jen Tafuto and her new baby
(Rebecca Toscano)

WEDNESDAY (5/13)

8AM Stephanie Crews (Mel Crews)

THURSDAY (5/14)

6PM Anne Jensen

FRIDAY (5/15)

8AM Marianna, Carter, Nicholas, Kristin,
Cathal and Baby Kelly

SATURDAY (5/16)

8AM T. Michael Elrod

5PM Lubomyr Demchuk

SUNDAY (5/17)

8:30AM † Elizabeth Hall
(Joe and Monica Davis)

11AM † James Savino
(Patricia McAdams)
† Suzanne Lank (Alicia Vinklarek)

2PM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

5/9 Saint John of Avila

5/10 Saint Damien de Veuster
of Molok'ai

5/11 Saint Ignatius of Locani

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 \$3,898
 - Online Giving \$2,550
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
Below Weekly Budget (\$3,052)

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

Happy Mother's Day! Thank you to all the Moms for your love and support. As we continue this Easter Season, let us also give thanks to our Blessed Virgin Mary for her "YES" to God our Father!

We also give thanks to Fr. Joseph Mary, our Pastor who shepherds us and helps us with our spiritual life. He celebrates his 45th Anniversary of his Ordination. Please join us for a simple reception after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, May 10th for all Mothers and Fr. Joseph Mary. Fr. Joseph Mary will be honored by your presence.

We do have one schedule change this week. On Thursday, May 14th, our 6 pm Mass is moved to Noon. Fr. Joseph Mary will be at St. Thomas for the 7 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Barry Knestout. Please pray for all who will be confirmed.

Continued prayers for a blessed Easter Season.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC, Liturgy Coordinator

Please join us Sunday, May 10th, directly after the 11AM Mass, for a light reception to celebrate all Mothers and Father's 45 Ordination Anniversary! (Parish Life Ministry)

Religious Education

Melinda Wells, DRE dre@holycomforterparish.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ◆ RCIA: Sundays, 12:30-1:30PM
- ◆ Confirmation Rehearsal: Monday, May 11, 7:00PM
- ◆ Confirmation: St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish Thursday, May 14, 7:00PM

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

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, Lisa-Jane Faust, 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, Willem 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, Patrick Mayer, Dot McAllister, Brett McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Robert Maute, Mary Nguyen, Lucy Pardee, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Anne de Rigal, 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 10, 2026: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15) Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 804-359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you parishioners for your continued support to Outreach through donations, contributions and volunteering. Donations of crackers 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 19, 2026, via Zoom. You are welcome to attend. For more information about our conference, or to donate, 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, Holy Comforter's Men's Ministry, meets Saturday mornings. For information, 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. We also congratulate Philo, completing his 13th year at St. Michel School. The final 3½ years of the Haitian system equal a community-level diploma. Students in this program seek scholarship support, and one full scholarship is available.

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

WORKS OF MERCY: Our ministry sends a variety of cards to 40 residents at the Cedars Healthcare Center throughout the calendar year. We are looking for individuals, families, or groups to assist with signing cards. Supplies (cards, stickers, pens) will be provided and may be taken home. A ministry member will pick up the completed cards at church and deliver them to Cedars. No mailing! Some residents get very little personal mail. They appreciate happy and uplifting cards. For more information, please mail Sharon Dudley at mercy@holycomforterparish.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE HIRING: Charlottesville Catholic School, Charlottesville, VA, 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



how God promises that He will never forsake us. He gave us His Mother and our Mother to care for and love us today. So let us pray with our Blessed Mother Mary and thank her for the gift of her son.

Speaking of the love that our Blessed Mother Mary has for us, this week, on Wednesday, May 13th, we celebrate the optional memorial of “Our Lady of Fátima”. Our Blessed Mother Mary, was given the title of “Our Lady of Fátima” after making six appearances before three peasant children near the village of Fátima, Portugal, in 1917. The story of her appearance was that Mother Mary shared her concerns for us through these children. Our Lady of Fátima supposedly gave the children three secrets and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and emphasized the necessity of devotions to her Immaculate Heart in order for souls to be saved. After much investigating, the local bishop approved them as worthy of belief and public devotion. The appearances of the Virgin Mary was then recognized and endorsed by the Vatican. However, at the end of the 20th century, there was growing speculation concerning the three secrets allegedly revealed to the children in 1917. Two of the messages had been disclosed in the 1940s and interpreted as the prediction of the end of World War I and the start of World War II and the rise and fall of communism. It wasn’t until May 2000 that the third was finally announced that the third message of our Blessed Mother’s vision of the May 13, 1981, assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

Now, let us remember to thank our earthly Mothers for the life and the care that they gave us. In my heart, I look at Mother’s Day as a Holy Holiday as we honor all Mothers alive and deceased for their unconditional and unselfish love in giving us life.

Fun Fact: I looked up when Mother’s Day was first celebrated. Hoping I would find a connection with our Blessed Mother. What I found on the “Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum” website were women, like Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, going back to 1870, paved the way. Julia was a Boston-based poet, suffragist and abolitionist who called for a post-Civil War “Mother’s Day for Peace” in her 1870 Mother’s Day Proclamation. Then, around 1909, Anna organized early Mother’s Day services in West Virginia and Philadelphia to honor her own mother, Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis’ legacy. Her mother died on the Second Sunday of May. However, it was not until President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first National Mother’s Day just before the start of World War I in 1914.

Let us pray, Hail Mary full of grace....

God bless, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

Happy Mother’s Day! I love the month of May. And, how appropriate that we celebrate Mother’s Day in May, which is dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Mother’s Day is so special to all of us. Mothers give us life and care for us. And, none of us would be here if it were not for our Mothers. As did our Blessed Mother Mary, she gave us new life by saying “Yes” to God. Mother Mary gave birth to our Lord and Savior. She nursed Him, she cared for Him, she loved Him with all of her heart. Then pierced by the sword, she saw Him beaten and crucified. However, her yes was the ultimate Unconditional Yes. The only love greater than our own mother and our Blessed Mother’s love is God’s Love for us.

Back in March, I went to a Lenten day of reflection with my Lay Missionaries of Charity Sisters in Christ in Annandale, Virginia. It was lovely and very spiritual for me. The Priest who gave the talk referenced Isaiah 49: 8-16, “The Liberation and Restoration of Zion”. In verses 8-13, the Lord says to Zion. However, I paid most particular attention to verse 14: *“The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” But God replies in verse 15-16 “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even if she forgets, I will never forget you. See upon the palms of my hands, I have engraved you, your walls are ever before me.”*

Just for a minute or two, pause and think about these two verses,

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