

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/16)

8 AM: MASS

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/17) SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated by The Petroni Conaway Family

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First

Sacraments Preparation

11 AM: MASS

NOON: Baptism: *Levi Cayangyang*

12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation

Preparation

MONDAY (2/18) PRESIDENTS' DAY (Parish Offices

Closed Today

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (2/19)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

5:15 PM: Schola Rehearsals

WEDNESDAY (2/20)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

6:30 PM: Sung Vespers

7 PM: Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (2/21)

7 AM: MASS (*PLEASE NOTE THIS TIME CHANGE*)

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (2/22)

8:30 AM-12 PM: Regina Coeli (*Lower Level*)

NOON: MASS (*For Deceased and Ill Members of the*

Parish)

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

2/17	Founders of the Order of Servites
2/18	St. Simon of Jerusalem
2/19	St. Conrad of Piacenza
2/20	St. Eucherius
2/21	St. Peter Damian
2/22	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
2/23	St. Polycarp

SATURDAY (2/23)

8 AM: MASS

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/24) SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated by Cynthia and Les Berlin

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

8:30 AM: MASS

9:45 AM: Adult Formation (*Chapel*)

9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation

11 AM: MASS

12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation

12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 16

8 AM Tim Dorss

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, February 17

8:30 AM †Mary and †Edward Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)

11 AM Jackson Kulick

Monday, February 18

NOON Witold Witkowski, birthday (The Witkowski Family)

Tuesday, February 19

NOON Lisa and Arthur Hilton (The Hilton Beard Family)

Wednesday, February 20

NOON Caitlin and Alan Hilton (The Hilton Beard Family)

Thursday, February 21

7 AM Laurie and Andrew Hilton (The Hilton Beard Family)

Friday, February 22

NOON †Dr. Joseph Louis Zito (Ben Shealy)

Saturday, February 23

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, February 24

8:30 AM †Dorothy and †Donald McGuinness (The Mickiewicz Family)

11 AM Member of the Parish

1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

FOOD PANTRY

There is an immediate need for paper bags to distribute groceries in our Food Pantry. Please bring your donation to the Outreach Ministry.

GIFTS FROM GOD

FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$4,697
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,803)</i>

ONLINE GIVING

When the weather conditions make it difficult for you to travel to Mass, you can make your weekly contribution online. By scheduling your tithe online, our parish knows when to expect your support which creates a safer flow of cash to meet our operating expenses. Look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

A song in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Do you need time to reflect? Do you need peace in your heart? Do you need to find a welcoming place for prayer? Come join the Rosary Prayer group on Wednesday evenings in the Chapel at 6:15. All are welcomed!!

HELP NEEDED

Offertory Collection Consider joining our collection counter team! We love our parish and are dedicated to our service. Plenty of street parking is available when we meet at 8 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly office@holycomforterparish.org or 434.295.7185 with questions or to volunteer.

Sacristy

We are in need of Sacristans to help with altar care, laundering of altar linens, and cleaning wax from brass candles. This is a rewarding ministry that can accommodate most schedules. Several tasks can be performed in your home. If interested, please contact Suzanne Bailey at (434) 296-5033 or slank@ntelos.net.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at office@holycomforterparish.org if you would like a name added to or removed from this list. To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Hank Rainville, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, Jack Valloric, Mildred Dudley, Pam Heron, Mary Griffin, Mike Charlie, Eileen Foster, Fran Cannon Slayton, Michael Ludgate, Frank Pologruto, Al Bracuti, Rose Bowker.

Friends and Relatives: Christy Ackerman, Mary Caretti, Hallam Harper, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Marian Dolliver, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Alice Starbucks, Louis Ross, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, John Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Parishioners will visit Saltadere in March. They will visit the school, evaluate the computer lab. They will examine the water system and will visit the clinic. Please keep these travelers in your prayers.

St. Michel Clinic will soon have a skilled birth attendant monitoring the expectant mothers who will assist and mentor the traditional birth attendants on the clinic staff. If you can help with the salary for this new staff member, contributions will be gladly accepted. Kindly add "St. Michel Clinic" to the memo line of your check.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

The next meeting will be held on March 24. For more information about getting involved in this ministry, contact Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Charlottesville area Holy Trinity Conference is holding information sessions for prospective volunteers. We hope to see many Holy Comforter parishioners there: February 19, 6:30-7:30 PM, Church of the Incarnation; March 11, 6:30-7:30 PM, Holy Comforter. Please contact Chuck McCurdy, cwm@virginia.edu for more information.

VALLEY CURSILLO NEWS

Are you looking for a deeper dive into your spiritual journey as a Catholic Woman? Then, if so, we invite you to join us for the next **Women's Cursillo Weekend, May 16-19, 2019**, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown. Cursillo is a 3-day course in spirituality and teaches an awareness of Christ in every moment of our lives. The emphasis is on our Catholic sacraments and the richness they bring to our faith. Come walk this journey alongside other Catholic women and be filled with the JOY Christ offers each one of us!

Applications are available in the Commons and at www.valleycursillo.com. For more information, please contact Holy Comforter's Cursillo representative, Les Berlin lester_berlin@yahoo.com And, save the date for the next **Men's Cursillo Weekend: October 3-6, 2019**.

CATHOLICA SUMMER PROGRAM

An Adventure Program at the Heart of the Church for Young Men. Consider the trip of a lifetime for your son this summer: Catholica Summer Program.

This program takes place in Rome, Italy from June 11 - 22 and features daily Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, a comprehensive program of "adventure tours" throughout Rome, classes in church history and Italian, hiking in the mountains, swimming in the Mediterranean and so much more.

Cost is \$3,300.00, with airfare from JFK. Fundraising opportunities are available. Please visit prorome.com or contact the program director Joseph Long at 540.466.6070 or jlong@prorome.com.

Sign up before February 28 for a \$200 discount.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FIRST SACRAMENTS

This week, students should complete **Chapter 8** at home. The next class with Mrs. Blumenfeld will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 24**. First Holy Communion is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at the 5pm Mass.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Catechist needed: Our K-1 catechist, Patti Sudendorf, will be moving back to her hometown of Chicago in March. A catechist is needed to partner with her assistant, Ashley Wright, to complete the school year from March 17 through May 5. If you can assist, please contact Sue Dougherty at cre@holycorforterparish.org or 434-295-6559 as soon as possible.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

This week, ALL students will participate in an experience of prayer led by guest youth minister John Kronstain. Next week, Students should submit registration for the March Antioch retreat no later than Monday, Feb. 18. Next Sunday, Confirmation students will meet with Jackson Kulick and other students will address the question "Does God really hear our prayers?"

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

TO HOPE! A Celebration: This exploration of the post Vatican II order of the Mass through the musical composition by jazz pianist and composer Dave Brubeck continues this Sunday through March 3 at 12:15 on the lower level. Join the conversation at any point in the series. For more information, please contact the Coordinator for Religious Education, Sue Dougherty.

LENT: Lent begins in just a few weeks! How will you and your family journey with Jesus to the cross this year? Save the date to learn about a variety of Lenten resources available to individuals as well as families at a presentation by Sue Dougherty on **Sunday, March 3** at 9:45 on the lower level.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The music ministry at Holy Comforter is in need of singers and instrumentalists to assist in glorifying God in worship. Please consider adding your instrumental skills or your voice as a cantor at 5 PM or 8:30 AM, as a choir member at 11 AM, or a schola member at 1:30 PM. Do not let your limited abilities stop you from contributing to this divine work! The Mass is a "sacrifice of praise" because we have to work at it. As I have said, my great passion in music ministry is to equip parishioners with the skills not only to worship God but enrich their own lives. The classes I offered back in Nov/Dec have been fruitful and enjoyed by those who have participated. Look for me after Mass or e-mail me, Daniel Kirkland, at music@holycorforterparish.org. GOD bless you all.





From Our Pastor
Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

TIME FOR NEW LIFE IN JESUS IS NOW (Part 5)

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rm. 6:4).

Thinking about shaking things up in your life? Then be ready for some transformation. I love the story of the metamorphosis of the caterpillar destined to be a cool butterfly. On the outside, the cocoon itself appears calm; however, on the inside a struggle to change is taking place.

A number of people fly to Spain to experience a two-week personal pilgrimage by walking the famous path of the *El Camino Santiago* or the way of St. James. Any person who has ever done this with very serious intentions, feel the call to make some significant changes. If you are paying attention, you can feel it in your soul when it's time for change. Consider this: if you are operating from the same old thoughts, using the same familiar language and existing in the same pre-historic environment, you have become outdated. A change is needed.

The first thing you must do is desire to change so much that you are willing to give up that old person you use to be. Start with getting real concerning your pain and decide what you really want instead. Life is lived out in seasons, so ask yourself, am I entering a season where change is needed? If so, create a plan, inform yourself on your resources, and lace up your boots to go on your own personal pilgrimage. Two, taking on the butterfly story again, when the butterfly immerges from its cocoon, its wings are folded and soft. It is in its expanding and flapping that it becomes strong and able to fly. In other words, when you are in motion you get stronger and create energy to perform. Are you prepared to take yourself to an unfamiliar territory? If so, talk is cheap. You must take action and unleash yourself today. When you've experienced transformation, it is because the healing of hurts, habits, and hang-ups have taken place. Change is never easy, but necessary; you will know when it's occurring because your mind and heart will meet at the intersection of self-love, which releases the ability to love others. So take up your marching orders and head up the trail for a transformed life. As a new creation by the Savior, we do not have to live in the old corruption of sin. Far too many people are running around, today claiming to be recreated beings, new creations in Christ, and yet they are still living in the old corruption of sin. If they did not say so, you would never know they were Christians. They live act and talk just like people who are still living in bondage to the world but there has never been a change in their lives. I believe one of two things is wrong with a person who claims to be a Christian but does not exhibit a changed life.

In his letter to the Romans, chapter 8, Paul stresses the importance of the indwelling presence of the *Holy Spirit* in the life of the believer; it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit whereby the believer can overcome his status quo of his/her life of sin disposition and live a life of holiness. He encourages us *to walk according to the Spirit* (8:2-4), *set your mind on the things of the Spirit* (8:5-8), *put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit* (8:13), *be led by the Spirit* (8:14), *know the Fatherhood of God by the Spirit* (8:15-17), *hope in the Spirit* (8:23-25) and *pray in the Spirit* (8:26-27). In other passages, Paul mentions *Be filled with the Spirit* (Eph 5:18), *Serve in the Spirit* (Rom 7:6; 15:16) and *Love by the Spirit* (Rom 15:30; Gal 5:22-23; Col 1:8). With all this God wants us to just be committed to walking in the newness of life.

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