

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

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

11 AM: MASS

12:15 PM: Adult Formation: "To Hope" (*Lower Level*)

12:15 PM: Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation

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

1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (2/25)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

10:30-11:45 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)

NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (2/26)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry

NOON: MASS

5:15-9 PM: Schola Rehearsals

WEDNESDAY (2/27)

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 (2/28)

8 AM: MASS

NOON: Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)

7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (3/1)

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

NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)

6:30 PM: First Friday MASS and Adoration

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

2/24	St. Ethelbert
2/25	St. Tarasius
2/26	St. Porphyrius
2/27	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
2/28	St. Hilary
3/1	St. Suithbert
3/2	St. Agnes of Prague

SATURDAY (3/2)

8 AM: MASS

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

5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (3/3) EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 23

8 AM President Trump (Alice Makielski); Tina and Zeta Blumenfeld

5 PM Members of the Parish

Sunday, February 24

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

11 AM Member of the Parish

1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

Monday, February 25

NOON David Jones, birthday (Ben Shealy); Tina and Zeta Blumenfeld

Tuesday, February 26

NOON Lilly Meyercord, birthday (Ben Shealy)

Wednesday, February 27

NOON Tina and Zeta Blumenfeld

Thursday, February 28

8 AM Tina and Zeta Blumenfeld

Friday, March 1

6:30 PM Tina and Zeta Blumenfeld

Saturday, March 2

8 AM President Trump (Alice Makielski)

5 PM Tina and Zeta Blumenfeld

Sunday, March 3

8:30 AM †Sheila and †Vincent Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)

11 AM Member of the Parish

1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP



Come join the Rosary Prayer group on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM in the Chapel. All are welcomed!!

GIFTS FROM GOD

FEBRUARY 16 AND 17, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$4,617
Offertory (online)	\$4,450
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
Above Weekly Budget	(\$1,567)
Outreach (plate and online)	\$1,940

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 10th was our monthly collection for Outreach which is taken on the second Sunday of each month. On a monthly basis we also ask your support for our Christian Formation programs and our Justice and Peace Ministry, and on alternating months we accept contributions for Haiti and The Catholic Virginian. In addition, there will be eight (8) National and Diocesan Collections this year, with the next for Catholic Relief Services on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

Donations may be made any time. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Building Our Family of Faith

With a goal of over \$3.2 million, the 2019 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas: Advancing Social Justice, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities. We look forward to sharing with you more about the Appeal and its impact in the very near future.

This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous pledge to this effort.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16

The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

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: 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.

Friends and Relatives: Anne Marie Richards, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Rose Bowker

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

VALLEY CURSILLO NEWS



Catholic Women are cordially invited to the next **Women's Cursillo Weekend, May 16-19, 2019**, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, near Harrisonburg.

Applications and informational brochures are available in the Commons and at www.valleycursillo.com. 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 17-20, 2019**.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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.

HAITI

The Bishop of Hinche is visiting the Diocese of Richmond
He will confer with the various Haiti twins and the diocesan-wide committees on Haiti. He is accompanied by two of his priests. Please keep these travelers in your prayers.

St. Michel Clinic has hired a skilled birth attendant to provide ongoing maternity care. 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 or visit saltadere.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The last of three information sessions for the new Charlottesville area Holy Trinity Conference will be held on March 11 from 6:30-7:30 PM here at Holy Comforter. Please contact Chuck McCurdy, cwm@virginia.edu for more information.

COORDINATOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Comforter Catholic Church seeks a full-time Coordinator of Religious (CRE) to begin on June 1, 2019. The CRE oversees all Christian Formation programs, including religious education for Pre-K through high school; adult formation; sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation; RCIA; and family faith formation. The CRE reports to the pastor and is guided by the Diocesan Office of Christian Formation and supported by an active Christian Formation Committee. Applicants should have at least two years of catechetical experience and a college degree in theology/pastoral ministry or education or related field. Excellent organizational, supervisory, and communication skills, and a willingness to collaborate with the pastor and other parish ministries are essential, as is a solid understanding of our Catholic faith. Salary and benefits are consistent with diocesan guidelines. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi at jlukyajm@holycomforterparish.org by April 1, 2019.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FIRST SACRAMENTS

This **Sunday, 2/24**, students will meet with Mrs. Blumenfeld *in the CRE office* for class to discuss **Chapter 9**. Next week, families should complete **Chapter 10 at home**. The final preparation class prior to the retreat will be on **Sunday, March 17**.

Please *save the date* of **Saturday, April 27 from 9:00-12:00** for the First Holy Communion retreat.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Substitute catechist needed. We are in need of a substitute to assist in the K-1 Christian formation class on **Sundays, April 28 and May 5**. If you are willing to help, please contact Sue Dougherty, CRE by phone or email as soon as possible.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

This **Sunday, 2/24**, Confirmation students will meet with Jackson Kulick and remaining students with Sue Dougherty. Next **Sunday, 3/3**, all students will discuss Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we will have a guest speaker from International Neighbors.

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 RESOURCES FOR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES

How will you encounter Christ during Lent this year? Attend a presentation by CRE Sue Dougherty on **Sunday, March 3 at 9:45** to learn about the many resources and parish activities that can help you engage in the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to lead you to the celebration of the Resurrection.

New Offering *Coming Soon!*

WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS:

A Lenten Guide on Sunday Mass Readings



Enhance your Lenten experience with a discussion of the Sunday readings and the opportunity to continue to reflect on the Scriptures through the weeks of Lent- **March 10 – April 14, from 9:45-10:45** in the Chapel. See the flyer and sign up on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

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

TIME FOR NEW LIFE IN JESUS IS NOW (Part 6)



“By your endurance you will gain your lives.” (Lk. 21:19)

I wonder how many people have ever participated in any endurance type activities. If you have ever run a marathon, you understand what endurance means. Do you have any experience of a long period of separation from your loved ones? Has anyone endured having a family member or friend with a long-term serious illness? Some of us may have endured a number of challenges without realizing how well we have endured. Don't lose heart if the transformation you need doesn't happen right away. I think for most of us, it's not an overnight thing. It's a lifelong process, much like sanctification is. That's why **“we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor 4:16)** by God's Spirit. He is both working in us and through us, meaning we are active participants, meaning we must “work out our own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil 2:12), so we're not to just let God do it all for us. It is only God **“who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy” (Jude 1:24)**, but we must strive to live a life of holiness and be blameless before God. That's what it means to be transformed into the image of Christ. God's Spirit works in us as we work out our own salvation, and day by day, we become more like Christ (Matt. 10:24-25). A disciple seeks to be like his master. Christians, we believe, are disciples of Jesus (Acts 11:26). We should follow His steps because He left us a sinless example (1 Peter 2:21-22). Sports heroes inspire young people in athletics. Washington and Lincoln are models for patriotic citizens. So godly people like Abraham, Moses, King David, and Blessed Virgin Mary motivate us to serve God. But the greatest example of all is that of Jesus. As we face each decision in life, we should ask, **“What would Jesus do?”** This will give us strong motivation to change our lives. (Gal. 2:20).

Sometimes some people convince themselves, **“I just can't change. It's too late. Besides, I'm only human.”** They are not just belittling themselves; they are denying God's transforming word. They will fail simply because they will give up instead of persisting to use God's power. Psalm 37:5 says; **“If you commit yourself to the Lord and trust Him, He will accomplish His will for you.”** No matter how strong a temptation you face, no matter how long you have practiced a sin, if God says to change, you can change by His grace (Eph. 6:10-18).

However, lack of motivation is a major reason some people do not change to please God. They do not have sufficient desire to change. Instead they want to please themselves or their friends and family. Often they are too concerned with the things of this life. Until our motives are right, this message can be of little use to you. But when we are determined that serving God is our most important purpose in life, then we will find the means to make the necessary changes. **“Seek first the kingdom of God...”** (Mt. 6:33).

Paul told the Corinthians that athletes control their habits so they can win a temporary, earthly honor (1 Cor 9:25). Christians have an even stronger motive. **“We seek the crown of eternal life”** (James 1:12). **“We should set our minds on our eternal reward, not on earthly things”** (Col. 3:1-6; 2). When we lack the motivation to change, let us think about why we should love God, think about the importance of being like Christ, and think about our eternal destiny.