

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/2)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM: Baptism: *James Henry Weber*
1 PM: Wedding: *Jennifer Hays and Michael Wagner*
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

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45 AM: Presentation *Lent Resources for Parishioners and Families*
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation
11 AM: Children's 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
2:30 PM: Baptism *Samantha Rose Stanley*

MONDAY (3/4)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
10:30-11:45 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (3/5)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
5:15-9 PM: Schola Rehearsals
6:30 PM: Holy Comforter 2020 (*Lower Level*)

WEDNESDAY (3/6) ASH WEDNESDAY (FAST AND ABSTINENCE OBSERVED)

7 AM: Latin MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:15 PM: Rosary Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
6 PM: MASS

THURSDAY (3/7)

7 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen
6:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
7-8 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (3/8)

NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6 PM: Stations of the Cross (*Followed by Potluck Supper, Lower Level*)

SATURDAY (3/9)

8 AM: MASS
10 AM: Baptism: *Sophia Grace Davis*
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (3/10) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation *With Jesus to the Cross (Chapel)*
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation and First Sacraments Preparation
11 AM: MASS
12:30-1:15 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2

8 AM President Trump (Alice Makielski)
5 PM Tina and Zita Blumenfeld

Sunday, March 3

8:30 AM †Sheila and †Vincent Zink (The Mickiewicz Family)
11 AM Member of the Parish
1:30 PM Susan Martin (The Blumenfeld Family)

Monday, March 4

NOON Tina and Zita Blumenfeld

Tuesday, March 5

NOON †Paul C. Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

Wednesday, March 6

NOON Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)
7 PM Tina and Zita Blumenfeld

Thursday, March 7

7 AM Jim Van Dyke; Tina and Zita Blumenfeld

Friday, March 8

NOON Tina and Zita Blumenfeld

Saturday, March 9

8 AM Joseph Blumenfeld
5 PM Member of the Parish

Sunday, March 10

8:30 AM †Richard C. Yost (The Petroni-Conaway Family)
11 AM †Donald Goodrich (Judy Harmon)
1:30 PM Abigail Blumenfeld

HOLY COMFORTER 2020



Your help is needed to plan events for our parish 140th Anniversary. Our next meeting will take place at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 5 on the lower level. Join us!



GIFTS FROM GOD

FEBRUARY 23 AND 24, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$4,309
Weekly Offertory Budget	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$3,191)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Sunday will be our monthly collection for Outreach, normally 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 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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

A prayer for God's protection

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

3/3	St. Katharine Drexel
3/4	St. Casimir
3/5	St. John Joseph of the Cross
3/6	St. Colette of Corbie
3/7	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
3/8	St. John of God
3/9	St. Frances of Rome



*But when you pray, go to your inner room,
close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.*

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: Bill Phillip, Phillip Carr, Kitty Moore, Richard Fagan, Raymond Painley, 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

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Building Our Family of Faith

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. Last year, our parish used the funds to supplement the costs incurred during the renovation of our Sanctuary. As we move toward our 140th anniversary, there will be many projects undertaken that we can see to completion with the funds returned to our parish this year.

All pledges can be paid in **12** monthly installments which makes it easy to support the important ministries of our Diocesan Church while also supporting our parish needs. Thank you in advance for your partnership in the 2019 Appeal.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

(From the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI Bishop Desinord Jean of Hinche visited with twinning parishes of the Diocese of Richmond. His priorities are a diocesan farm, a vocational training garage, and a hospital for nursing training. He also plans for a warehouse to accommodate contribution from Food for the Poor which will allow all students in the diocesan schools to have a school lunch. Please pray for our sister Diocese of Hinche and her Bishop.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee

The next meeting will be held on March 24 at 1:30 PM here at Holy Comforter. 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

LENT RESOURCES FOR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES

How will you encounter Christ during Lent this year? Attend a presentation by CRE Sue Dougherty this **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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND POTLUCK SOUP SUPPER

Begin your Lent as a family with prayer! Join us on **Friday evening March 8 at 6 PM** for family-friendly Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary, followed by a potluck meatless soup supper on the lower level. Please use the Sign-up Genius that was sent via email to indicate how you can help, or contact Sue Dougherty by phone or email.

FIRST SACRAMENTS

This week, families should complete Chapter 10 at home. The final preparation class prior to the retreat will be on **Sunday, March 17**. This will be an important meeting to summarize the lessons. Please reserve **Saturday, April 27 from 9-12** on your calendar for the First Holy Communion Retreat.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

This week children will receive rice bowls and other family resources that can be used by your family during Lent. We hope that you will take advantage of them.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

This Sunday all students will meet with Sue Dougherty to discuss Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we will have a guest speaker from International Neighbors. **Next Sunday, 3/10, NO CLASS** was scheduled due to the Antioch retreat.

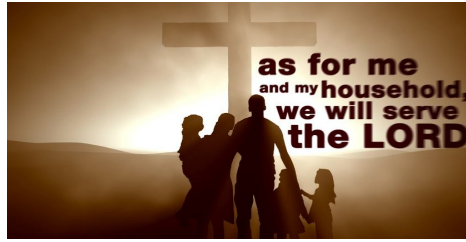
COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Holy Comforter Catholic Church seeks a full-time Coordinator of Religious Education (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 Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F. at jlukyajm@holycomforterparish.org by April 1, 2019.

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

FOR MY BENEFIT, MY FAMILY AND MY CHURCH, I WELCOME AND EMBRACE LENT



“Joshua said to all the people..., ‘But, if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’” (Josh.24: 2, 15)

I feel that we can make the Lenten season of this year 2019 special in spite of all the betrayal, and the scandals that have taken place in our beloved Church. It is very challenging to stand with our mother the Church and continue to be a Catholic. I can choose to make this graced period of Lent an opportunity to recommit myself, my family and Church community to the Lord who loves me and has made a covenant with me. My desire is to renew that covenant. Where should we begin?

The God of glory appeared to Abraham in Mesopotamia, loving him and choosing him to be saved, not when he was righteous, but when he was worshiping the moon god, called Nanna or Sin. In fact, the name of Abraham’s father, Terah, refers to the moon god. The Lord took the initiative, seeking and saving Abraham when he was an unrighteous person.

Throughout Israel’s history, the Lord took the initiative. The Lord led Abraham out of Mesopotamia and into Canaan and made a covenant with him. The Lord gave him children, and chose Isaac and later Jacob. The Lord sent Jacob and his children to Egypt, then sent Moses and Aaron centuries later to deliver their descendants. The Lord afflicted the Egyptians with plagues and defeated all the Egyptian gods. The Lord brought Israel out safely through the Red Sea while destroying the Egyptians. The Lord destroyed the Amorite kings of Sihon and Og. The Lord defeated Balak by turning the curses of Balaam into one blessing after another.

The Lord continued to save and sent His son. **“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (Jn. 3:16)** Christ in continuation of the covenant, loved the church and gave himself for her salvation. Just as God chose the pagan Abraham and granted him saving faith, even so, he still chooses sinners to be saved, making those who are dead in their sins alive in Christ. He does so by grace, not because of any merit on the part of the sinners. Salvation is by grace alone through faith from beginning to end.

Think about what the Lord has done for you, your family and your Church! Think of our election in Christ before the creation of the world. We were born sinners, conceived in sin. God gives us existence and leads us every step of the way, giving us food and clothing, health and well-being. God continues to defeat the enemies of our faith, preserving and protecting us. God caused us to hear the gospel and regenerated us, granting us the gift of repentance and saving faith. God brings us to a church where the gospel is clearly preached and the true God is worshiped and proclaimed. God has given some of you godly spouses and children, that you may raise them to fear the Lord and serve him in this world. This Lord prepared a lesson from the Scriptures for us to read, that we may discover his will and do it delightfully. This same Lord will guide us to the end of our lives, and bring us into his presence, without fault, in exceeding glory and joy.

How great is the love the Lord has lavished upon us! Do we really deserve any of these favors? But he has showered his great love and rich mercy upon us. May such personal review inspire us to love and serve him all the more! What can we really give to the Lord for all his goodness to us? We must understand that everyone is a servant; either we will serve demons or we will serve the true and living God. The heart of Christianity is to serve the covenant Lord who saves us from our slavery to sin. Let this Lent be an occasion to discover what is in that covenant and how I can best fulfill my part in that covenant. ***(To be continued...)***