

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/23)

8 AM: MASS
3:30 PM: Dante Discussion Group (*Lower Level*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (3/24) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Altar Flowers Provided by the Mackey Family in Honor of William Mackey

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
11:30 AM-1:30 PM: Confirmation Preparation (*Lower Level*)
12:15 PM-1:30 PM: High School Youth Ministry (*Lower Level*)
1:30 PM: Latin MASS
1:30 PM: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee (*Lower Level*)

MONDAY (3/25)

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

TUESDAY (3/26)

7 AM: MASS
10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Midday Prayer
5:15-9 PM: Schola Rehearsals

WEDNESDAY (3/27)

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

THURSDAY (3/28)

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

FRIDAY (3/29) (Lenten Abstinence Observed)

NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (3/30)

8 AM: MASS
3:30 PM: Dante Discussion Group (*Lower Level*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM: Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (3/31) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Donations for Altar Flower Gladly Accepted

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation *With Jesus to the Cross (Chapel)*
11 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23

5 PM †Evelyn Berlin (Justice and Peace Ministry)

Sunday, March 24

8:30 AM Member of the Parish
11 AM †Elsie Harris (Mary Frances Lilly)
1:30 PM †Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

Monday, March 25

NOON †Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

Tuesday, March 26

7 AM †Charles Wheeler (Mary Wheeler)

Thursday, March 28

7 AM †Philomena Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

Saturday, March 30

5 PM †Evelyn Berlin (Mary Frances Lilly)

Sunday, March 31

8:30 AM †Ron Lavis (Eileen Lavis)
11 AM Member of the Parish
1:30 PM Member of and Visitors to our Parish

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

First Reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-7

A prayer of praise to God.

Second Reading

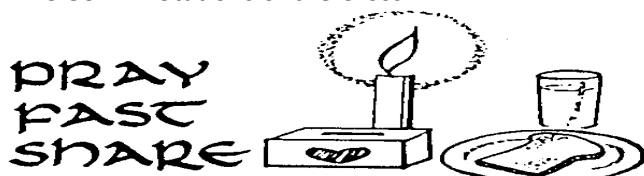
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.



GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 16 AND 17, 2019

Offertory (plate)	\$4,747
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	(\$2,753)

Outreach (plate and online) \$1,775

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Our annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken next weekend, the 4th Sunday of Lent. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Holy Comforter Parish Target: \$22,740

March 14 Parish Donor Report: \$1,450

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

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Travelers to Saltadere: Our brothers and sisters of St. Michel are keeping Lent (Careme) with Prayer, Pardon, Penitence and Sharing. In solidarity of God's love, please keep Father Petina and our twin parish in your prayers.

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

IMPACT



Please plan to attend the **Nehemiah Action on Thursday, April 11th from 6:30-8 PM. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center.** For more information and to obtain tickets, please contact Suzanne Bailey, slank@ntelos.net

NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY FORMING!

Members of this ministry will coordinate with our homebound Eucharistic Ministers to identify the needs of our fellow parishioners. If you would like to assist others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, contact Diane Auger Smith dianeaугersmith@gmail.com

OUTREACH

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the following assistance was provided:

Food Pantry Bags Distributed: Jan 214, Feb 225

Soup Kitchen Meals Served: Jan 859, Feb 699

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: Ben Tensley, Randy T. Johnson, 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

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

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

3/24	St. Catherine of Sweden
3/25	The Annunciation
3/26	St. Margaret Clitherow
3/27	St. Rupert of Salzburg
3/28	Pope St. Sixtus III
3/29	Sts. Barachisius and Jonas
3/30	St. John Climacus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND ANNUAL TRI-PARISH WORKSHOP

SAVE-THE-DATE! May 18, 9 AM-1 PM at Charlottesville Catholic School. The guest speaker is Sister Marie Kerns, a former hospice nurse. Father Joseph Mary will join us for Mass and lunch. Details to follow.



Please join our Minister of Music for **Midday Prayer** at Noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

PROJECT PRAYER PARTNER: Lent 2019

"Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, I am in the midst of them." These words of Jesus remind us that there is power in praying together! This Lent, you can identify another parishioner who can help you maintain your spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and with whom to share your personal prayers. Find a partner to pray with and for you by completing the sign-up sheet on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Offered every Friday during Lent, 3/8-4/12 at 6:30 PM and on Good Friday, 4/19 at 3 PM. Please sign up in the commons to serve as a cross or candle bearer. For more information, call Jim Morrisard 434.973.6570.

LENT RESOURCES FOR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES

Various booklets and handouts to help you with your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are available on the Christian Formation table in the Commons.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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

LENTEN FISH FRY

The third annual Alaskan Fish Fry will be held on March 29 from 5-7 PM at the Church of the Incarnation. All proceeds benefit Incarnation Youth Ministry and the Charlottesville Catholic School. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be ordered online in advance at cvillecatholic.org/upcoming-events/fish-fry. Children 5 and under are free!

Volunteers are needed to assist our Knights of Columbus Fr. Louis A. Rowen Council 3670 with the Fish Fry. Please contact koc3670@yahoo.com for more details.

GREAT LENT SPEAKER

Steven Hemler, president of Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) and author of *Search No More: The Keys to Truth and Happiness* will be at Charlottesville Catholic School with a dynamic presentation on April 10 at 6 PM. His presentation is titled *Why We Need the Church: Being "Spiritual" is not Enough*. Come enhance your Lenten journey!

RSVP to a.kowalski@cvillecatholic.org or 434-964-0400. Visit cainaweb.org for more information

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, the Confirmation students will meet from 11:30-1:30 for final preparation before Confirmation. All other students will meet at the regular time from 12:15-1:30. Confirmation students are reminded that they must give to me their baptismal certificate, sponsor form, and saint name this Sunday. **NO CLASS NEXT SUNDAY, 3/31** due to spring break for public schools. Next Sunday, March 24, Confirmation students will meet with Jackson Kulick for the final Confirmation session before receiving the sacrament on April 9.

FIRST SACRAMENTS The final preparation class prior to the retreat will be this **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

NO CLASS NEXT SUNDAY, 3/31 due to spring break for public schools.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRY FAIR

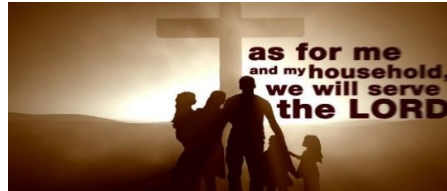
Christian Formation needs you! Plans are underway now to fill positions for the 2019-20 year. Please stop by the Christian Formation Ministry Fair in the Commons to volunteer your gifts as a catechist or assistant for children, youth, or adults. Members of the Christian Formation Committee are on hand to answer your questions.

DANTE DISCUSSION GROUP

At 3:30 on Saturday, March 23, Holy Comforter's Dante discussion group will begin reading Dante's "Paradise" - the last and theologically richest part of the Divine Comedy, Dante's trilogy on the afterlife. All are welcome, our pace is slow and easy, and knowledge of the earlier parts is not required! We meet on the lower level; please contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu for more details.

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

FOR MY BENEFIT, MY FAMILY AND MY CHURCH, I WELCOME AND EMBRACE LENT (Part 4)



“But God found fault with the people and said: “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.” (Heb. 8:8)

Lent by its practices invites us regularly to engage in forms of covenant renewal that require confession and repentance. This Lent, we need to acknowledge that we, each in our own way, have failed to live up to the covenant of love established in the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord, Jesus. Each and every one of us sins; we turn away from the Love who is Jesus. Since we have failed, individually and collectively, to live up to our part in the covenant, how can we renew it? Lent affords us the opportunity for deep reflection on our relationship with God as concretely lived in the relationship with one another. The whole purpose of Lenten events is to facilitate holiness of life, where holiness is not simply a personal condition one sought after, but a communal experience of deepening fellowship with Christ and one another. It is important to note that from time to time we renew our vows of consecration, especially when we gather at the table of the Lord as generations of our fathers and mothers have met, that we may joyfully and solemnly renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God. In the communion of the saints, past and present, the priest invites individual believers to journey together toward a more complete union with Christ through Word and Eucharist.

The entire purpose of Lent is a preparation to encounter the risen Lord as one moves through the events of Holy Week. It embodies the admonition of Hebrews to strive for holiness without which no one shall see the Lord; - ***“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord” (Heb.12:14).*** For before one can proclaim the word of life again, one must taste, touch, and see the risen Lord. All of the spiritual senses are awakened in the journey of Lent.

Beginning with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, Lent invites us to remember that we were formed from the dust and yet are destined for glory. The imposition of ashes places us as disciple of Jesus on the narrow path once again as we seek to humble ourselves before the Lord.-***“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.” (Lk. 13:24)*** The direction of movement in Lent is from a participation in Christ’s sufferings to the glory of his resurrection. It serves as a reminder that the way of holiness is a re-ordering of affections and desires that sanctifies and enlarges one’s vision.

The Lenten season is a period of covenant renewal, the sanctification of hearts and minds in preparation to behold the risen Lord. What we find between Lent and Easter is a focus on holiness even as Easter launches one toward Pentecost where the focus is on mission. The sanctified life opens the door to life in the Spirit that form our calling and charismatic existence. And so, let us prepare to yield ourselves to Christ again and again and again and again.

(To be continued...)

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Comforter seeks a full-time Coordinator of Religious (CRE) to begin on June 1, 2019. The CRE oversees all Christian Formation programs for children, youth and adults. Applicants should have at least two years of catechetical experience and a college degree in theology/pastoral ministry or education.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F. at jlukyajm@holycomforterparish.org by April 1, 2019.