



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

MARCH 15, 2020

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✠ MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 5 PM
Sunday - 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM,
1:30 PM (Latin)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday & Friday - 12 PM
Tuesday - Thursday - 7 AM
Saturday - 8 AM
First Friday Mass - 6:30 PM

CONFESSION

Thursday *(before Holy Hour)* 6:30-7 PM
Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM
Sunday 7-7:45 AM & 12:30-1:15 PM
and by appointment

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

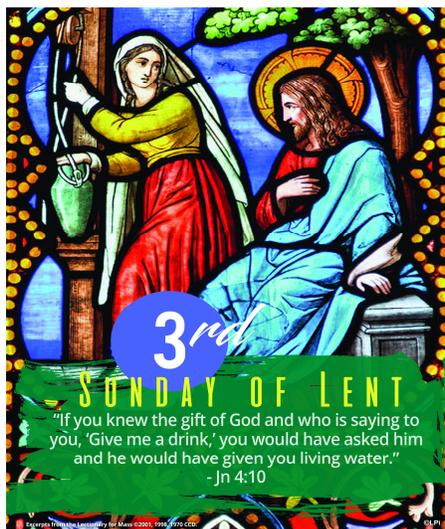
Thursday Holy Hour 7 PM
First Fridays *after MASS* 7 PM

ANGELUS

Monday-Friday 12 PM

MIDDAY PRAYER (Sext)

Tuesday-Thursday 12:05 PM



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FASTING 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.

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.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service and evangelization within our parish, our local communities and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/14)

8:00 AM MASS and Rosary
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation
(Chapel)
3:30-4:45 PM: Mysticism of the Self *(Lower Level)*
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (3/15)

Donations for Altar Flowers Gladly Accepted
7:00 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
8:30 AM: MASS
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*
9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA *(CRE Office)*
9:45-10:45 AM: Essays and Sacraments *(Lower Level)*
9:45-10:45 AM: Bible Basics for Catholics *(Lower Level)*
11:00 AM: MASS
12:15 PM: Knights of Columbus *(LL)*
12:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

MONDAY (3/16)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (3/17)

7:00 AM: MASS
10:00 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer
4:30 PM: Youth Schola Rehearsal *(Lower Level)*

WEDNESDAY (3/18)

7:00 AM: MASS
10:00 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer
NOON: AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*
7:00 PM: Choir and Schola Rehearsal *(Loft)*

THURSDAY (3/19)

7:00 AM: MASS
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer
6:30 PM: Confession *(Chapel)*
7:00 PM: Holy Hour and Adoration

FRIDAY (3/20) - LENTEN ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

9:00 AM-NOON: Regina Coeli *(Lower Level and Chapel)*
NOON: MASS
NOON-1:00 PM: AA Meeting *(LL)*
6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross *(Sanctuary)*

SATURDAY (3/21)

8:00 AM MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
3:30-4:45 PM: Mysticism of the Self *(Lower Level)*
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS *(Good Shepherd of Bethlehem)*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (3/22)

SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Relief Services
7:00 AM: Reconciliation *(Chapel)*
8:30 AM: MASS *(Good Shepherd of Bethlehem)*
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation *(Lower Level)*
9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA *(CRE Office)*
9:45-10:45 AM: Essays and Sacraments *(Lower Level)*
9:45-10:45 AM: First Sacraments Prep *(LL)*
11:00 AM: MASS *(Good Shepherd of Bethlehem)*
12:00 PM: Baptism *James Schoelwer*
1:30 PM: Latin MASS *(Good Shepherd of Bethlehem)*

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Thomas Andrews; Rosine Apaloci; Kathleen E Birak; Kevin Noah Diop; John & Victoria Dougherty; Neil & Sylvia James; David Keppel; Justin Martin; Scott Peel; Beatrice Tine; Bernadette Tine

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (3/14)

8:00 AM: Gratitude to God for all His Blessings (The Faust Family)
5:00 PM: Marianne and Ed Walendowski (The Faust Family)

SUNDAY (3/15)

8:30 AM: †John G Engler (Engler Family)
11:00 AM: Members of our Parish
1:30 PM: †Elizabeth Smith (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (3/16)

NOON: †Quintella Dudley (Melinda Wells)

TUESDAY (3/17)

7:00 AM: Intentions of Lauren O'Neill

WEDNESDAY (3/18)

7:00 AM: Sharon Burke and Wayne Shuey (Kate Burke)

THURSDAY (3/19)

7:00 AM: Anne Marie Gaglio (Mary Frances Lilly)

FRIDAY (3/20)

7:00 AM: †Jane Till Danilek (Dan Danilek)

SATURDAY (3/21)

8:00 AM: †Geoffrey Frampton (Margaret Marsh)
5:00 PM: †Roger Scanlon (Soup Kitchen Volunteers)

SUNDAY (3/22)

8:30 AM: †Ronald Lavis (Eileen Lavis Family)
11:00 AM: Members of Our Parish
1:30 PM: Coby Savona Jr. (Alicia Vinklerek)

SAINTS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE YOU

3/14 Saint Maximilian
3/15 Saint Louise de Marillac
3/16 Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

3/17 Saint Patrick
3/18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
3/19 Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary
3/20 Saint Salvator of Horta
3/21 Blessed John of Parma
3/22 Saint Nicholas Owen

PRAYER & WORSHIP



GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 7 – 8, 2020

Offertory (plate)	\$4,061
Offertory (online)	\$6,281
Offertory (other)	\$5,000
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$3,781
SECOND COLLECTION	
Outreach (plate and online)	\$2,506

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next week, our parish will accept contributions for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Donations to our Offertory and to all Second Collections may be made any time. To contribute online, please look for the link on our website,

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020

Building Our Family of Faith

Holy Comforter Parish Target:

\$20,920

March 5th Parish Donor Report:

\$4,260

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving our parish and our Lord in this way, please contact Heather Burns (EMs) h.stanza@gmail.com or Matt Freeman (Lectors) mfndcva@gmail.com Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Eileen and Al Bracuti, Phillip Carr, Maureen Clark, John Eros, Richard Fagan, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Mary Griffin, Colette Hall, Ruth Henahan, Pam Heron, Michael Ludgate, Theresa Lynch, Kitty Moore, Jim Morrisard, Marie and Joe Murray, Dan Petruso, Shawn Simpson-Smith.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rev. Bonaventure Lussier, OCD, Joan Littley Clark, Virginia Cooper, Randall Saathoff, Trevor Joscelyne, Gordon Brookman, Lucien Garo, Felicia Anderson, Leroy Anderson, Maryjane Fuller, Gayle Christensen, Dorothy Lilly, Raymond Painley, Michelle Edwards, Fran Cannon Slayton, Barbara Lachance, Mike Charlie, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Gustavo Caceres, Kwasi Johnson, Ben Tensley, Randy T. Johnson, Christy Ackerman, Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, 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, Mr. Kosh, 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, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Brian Driscoll, Aimee Nyiramugisha.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

(shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Holy Comforter Parish Lent Resource List is available on the Christian Formation Table in the Commons Area. Please take one as an enhancement and help to your Lenten Season spiritual journey. **Bible Basics for Catholics** will meet this Sunday, March 15, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Lower Level. This Bible Study is taught by our own Father Joseph Mary. Please join us!

The Essays and Sacraments discussion group meets TODAY, Sunday March 15, 9:45-10:45am in the lower level. An eight-week discussion on the wonders and mysteries of the seven sacraments, using personal essays by prominent Catholic writers as inspiration. **First Communion** meets TODAY, Sunday March 15, 9:45-10:45am in the lower level, 2-3 grade classroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Beginning March 29th, Father Joseph Mary will be offering the opportunity for parishioners to receive an anointing immediately following the 11 AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month.

Seven Last Words Concert

Our concert will take place on Sunday, March 29, at 4pm. Please sign the RSVP in the commons if you'd like to join us for the reception!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

SAVE THE DATE! Our Pastoral Council will host a parish-wide celebration for all volunteers on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 14th.



LITURGICAL NOTES

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts." This passage from Romans - the second reading - captures the essence of the message imparted to us today at Holy Mass. It consists of two parts: the soul's longing for God ("hope does not disappoint") and the satiation of that thirst ("poured out into our hearts"). The entrance antiphon alludes to the former with its opening statement, "My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord." The Responsorial Psalm then calls us to receive the life-giving waters of the love of God ("harden not your hearts"). The offertory antiphon more clearly lays out the message for us, saying that the ordinances of the Lord bring "joy to all hearts." Finally, the communion antiphon explicitly quotes the Gospel passage about the "spring within, welling up to eternal life." Loving God, therefore, and seeking to unite ourselves with Him through the regenerating waters of baptism, the life-giving "waters" of grace through the sacramental life and prayer, and the joy of serving of our neighbor satisfies the infinite longings of the human soul. Unity with the Church and compassion for our brethren are the two doors of the gate to the narrow path. Tread it with the music of heaven in your heart!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

HAITI

Welcome back: Parishioners who visited our twin parish have returned. Report and pictures to follow. Please continue to pray for Father Petina and St. Michel parish. Thank you.

Haiti Ministry Needs: Volunteer help with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. See contacts below. Plans for a June charity golf outing are underway. See contacts below for how you can help.

Singing Rooster Coffee: Purchase this fair-trade coffee near coffee and donuts on the lower level. **Sketches of Saltadere notecards for many occasions and holidays**, designed by St. Michel students, are available at the Haiti table.

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting: March 29 at 1:30 in the community room at St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome. Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyanzeller@gmail.com. Website: <https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site>

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Women's Cursillo Weekend April 30—May 3, 2020. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com. All applicants must have a sponsor. If you need a sponsor, contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371. Application deadline is April 16th, 2020. Application deadline is April 16th. The next Men's Cursillo Weekend is October 15-18, 2020, at Camp Overlook. Application deadline is April 16th.

Charlottesville Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. For more information call 434-964-0400, email admissions@cvillecatholic.org, or visit www.cvillecatholic.org

FROM THE PASTOR



I WALK WITH JESUS, PART VIII

VERY REV. JOSEPH MARY LUKYAMUZI, V.F.

Jesus said to the devil: *"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test"*(Mt.4:7).

Continuing to walk with Jesus in the desert, the gospel of Matthew records that the devil took Jesus to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Mt. 4:5-7).

"Throw yourself down." Satan was thrown down from heaven, as the Lord said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Lk.10:18) He wishes to try to get Jesus to throw Himself down. And so, by tempting God, to be humiliated. The whole city will see it. "Look," the devil seems to say, "this is a better way to reign. Their hearts are Yours, if You only do it my way, not God's way." In this way, he hopes to get Jesus to strike His foot against a stone. Yet know Jesus is the cornerstone, rejected by the builders, who will build His Church from the Cross of suffering and humility.

The devil, of course, knows scripture. He knows the Messiah has the protection of the angels, should He desire their assistance. If Jesus summons His angels to save Him and bear Him up, then the devil wins. His sole ambition is to get this Nazarene to do his will. Notice, too, that the devil cannot bear to quote the rest of the text from Psalm 91: **"You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down"**. (vs. 13). These are metaphors for Satan and his followers. They are the lion, the cobra and the dragon, upon whom the Christ shall tread in victory. Jesus' reply is chaste and decisive, quoting Deuteronomy: **"You shall not tempt the Lord your God"**. (6:16).

Jesus does not say, "you shall not tempt me," lest He give away His identity to the evil one. He simply asserts that no one can put God to the test by rash actions. Satan started his temptation with the words, "If you are the Son of God." Now that's a very clever way to tempt someone. Satan tried to play with our tendency to be boastful. He wants to take advantage of our "pride of life." The devil used Scripture to try to convince Jesus to test God with a foolish act! Sometimes friends or associates will present attractive and convincing reasons why you should try something you know is wrong. They may even find Bible verses that seem to support their viewpoint.

Listening to Jesus carefully he is saying to us; all good deeds must arise out of prudence and trust in divine providence. We must not foolishly tempt God. In this case, we must not voluntarily throw ourselves into danger and then appeal for God's help. No one is permitted to put their life in danger when there is a recourse that is born of the greater good. God will make it known when it is time to give one's life for Him. Then, and only then, will grace be given unto a holy death, be it from another (martyrdom, hopefully) or from natural causes. It is foolish to recognize danger or temptation and think that we will somehow be exempt from the consequences if we linger. If we believe Scriptures warnings concerning temptation, we will surely flee. The only real protection that we have is the approach taken by Joseph when he was tempted by Potiphar's wife. "...and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out" (Genesis 39:12)
(To be continued.)