



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM

Monday-Friday 7 AM-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

is streamed Daily at
facebook.com/holycomforterville

CONFESSION

Monday-Saturday 6:30-7:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 AM-3 PM

Celebrating
14
Years of Faith
in Charlottesville
1880-2020



EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."

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Food Pantry Mon-Wed 10 AM-12 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 (4/11)

8 PM Easter Vigil MASS (*private**)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

RESURRECTION (4/12)

9 AM LATIN MASS (*private**)

11 AM MASS (*private**)

1 PM-6 PM Church open for prayer

MONDAY (4/13) (DIOCESAN HOLIDAY-

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

1 PM MASS (*private**)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/14)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

Office Open 9AM—3PM

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

1 PM MASS (*private**)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

WEDNESDAY (4/15)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

Office Open 9AM—3PM

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

1 PM MASS (*private**)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (4/16)

7 AM-6 PM Church open for prayer

Office Open 9AM—3PM

12 PM Soup Kitchen (The Haven)

7-11 PM MASS and Adoration (*private**)

FRIDAY (4/17)

7 AM-2 PM Church open for prayer

Office Open 9AM—3PM

5 PM Service (*private**)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/18)

6:30—7:30PM Confession

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (4/19)

11 AM MASS (*private**)

1 PM-6 PM Church open for prayer

**All Liturgies may be viewed via livestream
facebook.com/holycomforterparish*

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the American People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Adopted from Pope Francis.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Weekly Offerings

Make your offertory and second collection contributions with Online Giving. Please visit holycomforterparish.org for the online giving link.

Contributions can also be mailed in or brought into the office. *Thank you so much!*

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family! Registration Forms are available in the Office and on Commons Credenza.

Kristina Kilgallen
D'arcy Collier
Yulia & Coby Savona

REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Church office at (434) 295-7185 or send an email to reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Until further notice, all Sunday Masses will be offered for the Members of Holy Comforter Parish. Mass intention requests made prior to March 16 have been rescheduled to a Daily Mass the following week. Please refer to the schedule below.

SATURDAY (4/11)

Libby and Bob Handy (Lauren O'Neill)
Linda and Paul Bondor (Thomas Bondor)

SUNDAY (4/12)

Members of the Parish

MONDAY (4/13)

For Victims of Domestic Violence
(Dominique Faust)

TUESDAY (4/14)

For the sick and depressed (Dominique Faust)

WEDNESDAY (4/15)

For the end of abortion (Dominique Faust)

THURSDAY (4/16)

For the Parrillo Family
(Kate Burke & Jim Benedict)

FRIDAY (4/17)

Lauren (Lauren O'Neill)
† William Beard (Brian & Darlene Beard)
Thomas Bondor (Lauren O'Neill)

SATURDAY (4/18)

President Donald Trump
(Alice "Scarlett" Makielski)
Sue Newman (Mary Francis Lilly)

SUNDAY (4/19)

Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE YOU

4/11 Saint Stanislaus

4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

4/13 Saint Martin I

4/14 Blessed Peter Gonzalez

4/15 Blessed Caesar de Bus

4/16 Saint Bernadette Soubirous

4/17 Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

4/18 Blessed James Oldo

4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 30– APRIL 7, 2020

Thanks be to God for your continued generosity

Offertory (including online)	\$22,192
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$14,692

GIVE ONLINE

Please consider supporting our parish by making a recurring gift online at holycomforterparish.org

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020

Building Our Family of Faith

Holy Comforter Parish Target: \$20,920

April 2nd Parish Donor Report: \$14,130

Contributions may be made at: <https://richmondccatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/>

Thank you for your support!

OUR PARISH IS HERE FOR YOU!
WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE SERVING OUR PARISHIONERS AT THIS TIME.

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PLEASE PRAY

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 Little 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, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, 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., Aiden Smith.

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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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

FIRST READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:42-47
THE FIRST COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIANS GROWS AS ITS MEMBERS MEET TO PRAY AND BREAK BREAD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9
We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

He is Risen! Christ keeps his promises and Easter is a very strong reminder of this. The other Apostles were scattered and in hiding but at Christ's most difficult moment, John the beloved, Mary Magdalene and His Blessed Mother Mary were there. As He suffered on the cross, they suffered with him and loved him in the pain of what they witnessed. They chose to not turn away but shared in His suffering with Him. I can just imagine how they must have been so amazed and the most joyful of all when they saw him alive... raised from the dead! Yes, He is Risen, Indeed! During the past Lenten Season, we have all experienced a deeper level of sharing in the suffering of Christ. But Easter reminds us that in our grief and suffering, Christ is alive to take our yokes and bear our burdens. 1 Corinthians 15:55 reminds us that through Christ's resurrection, we shall also rise, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" We the blessed, have been given the opportunity to have the knowing of His passionate love for us. It is a passionate love that raises us from certain death into eternal life! This joyful knowing of His love is the expression of Easter and enables us to be His ambassadors to a world that is sick with sin. We have been given the cure for that sickness and it is Christ's salvation through his sacrifice because of His passionate love for all. As you go forward in the celebration of this Easter Season, may God bless you with the boldness that comes from this knowing of His love. HE IS RISEN! ALELLUIA! ALELLUIA! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALELLUIA!

Melinda Wells, Coordinator of Religious Education

Easter Flowers were provided by our Parishioners:

Mr. and Mrs. Normand Auger
In Honor of
Auger Family, Riendeau Family
In Memory of
Gaston Auger, Michelin Auger, Andre Deslaurier
Ms. Mary Frances Lilly
In Memory of
Dorothy Swing and Raymond Francis Littley,
Marguerite Cecilia and Albert John Lilly
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mackey
In Memory of
Joan Fusco, R. Clifford Fusco,
Patricia Mackey, Joseph Mackey
Mr. Peter Roane and Mrs. Michele Skarvelis
In Memory of
Mable P. and Frank A. Dodaro,
Barbara H. and Donald "Pete" Roane,
Alfred M. Goodison, III
Richard Severin
In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Severin, Jr.
Ms. Gloria Vitale
In Memory of
Helen and Joseph Vitale
Emma and Hershail Grubb

LITURGICAL NOTES

I am risen, and I am always with you, alleluia; you have placed your hand upon me, alleluia; your wisdom has been shown to be most wonderful, alleluia, alleluia." This is the entrance antiphon for Easter Sunday. It really captures the character of the season. Christ is risen, which is our promise of victory over death. He is always with us and will not abandon His Church in her need. The Wisdom of God has worked inconceivable wonders and turned a seemingly hopeless situation into absolute victory. "Alleluia," that happy, happy word, is a cry of joy, a sneer at the devil who thought he had the last word. The offertory tells us that "The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgement." What is the verdict? Death is defeated. It does not have the final say. Then what is left? The communion antiphon calls us to respond in this way: "let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." Christ has defeated sin and death. Welcome Him into your life once more through spiritual communions, acts of love, Rosaries, Divine Mercies, and whatever you can think of! Ask Him to rule your life and cast out that which blocks others from seeing Him in your soul. HE IS RISEN!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Music & Liturgy

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY Holy Comforter continues to serve clients Monday-Wednesday 10 AM– Noon. In order to limit the number of people in the lower level to 10 at a time, the distribution takes place outside the building at our 3rd Street entry door.

SOUP KITCHEN We are preparing grab-and-go lunches on Thursdays that are being served at The Haven. Thank you for your support! (434) 293-8989 or outreach@holycorforterparish.org

COVID-19 : is in Haiti, however, as of April 2, no cases in Saltadere or in Hinche. St. Michel Clinic does have some hydroxychloroquine on hand if needed. Like us they are staying home and cannot attend Mass. Please continue to pray for Father Petina and St. Michel parish. Thank you. To view the March 5 to 15 Trip report: [see website below](#).

***Haiti Ministry Needs:** Volunteer help with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. See contacts below.

***Plans for an Autumn charity golf outing** are underway. See contacts below for how you can help.

***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: TBD. All are welcome. Contact:** e-mail Anne Knasel at anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: <https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news>

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FROM THE PASTOR



FROM THE PASTOR. FROM SUFFERING AND PAIN TO EVERLASTING JOY. (PT.I).

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

VERY REV. JOSEPH MARY LUKYAMUZI, V.F.

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! And with that greeting I welcome each one of you from the holy journey of Lent. One of the praises we have been missing is the Alleluia, a term of great joy, which we share with the angelic choirs of heaven. Our focus during the Lenten journey has been walking with Jesus and listening to what he had to tell us. The readings during the Masses for Lent and in the Liturgy of the Hours focus heavily on the

spiritual journey of Old Testament Israel to make things right by amending our ways and embracing true repentance. Now we can sing the Alleluia, a strong reminder to us of how we should celebrate our faith with the joy of Christ having conquered sin and death. Jesus Christ rose from the dead to save us and to lead us into the joys of the heavenly kingdom. Though still struggling with the current pandemic, we are very hopeful to receive the joy that nobody or anything will ever take it away from us. We can then rejoice and sing: "Jesus Christ has risen today, Alleluia!"

On behalf of our parish Staff and all our spiritual leaders in this parish: HAPPY EASTER! Our mission is that: We exist to bring the message of LOVE and HOPE as transmitted to us by Jesus Christ to our family of Holy Comforter. No ambiguity here, no wavering as to our purpose, and no assertion that we do this perfectly or even better than anyone else: just a clear pronouncement to you all that the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel is of critical importance to us, and it animates our very existence as reflected in our parish Mission Statement.

Easter is meant to bring us into the amazing reality of a personal and intimate encounter with the living Christ, and in Him we encounter one another. This is a reality that shows us God's new creation has begun. Easter brings joy and hope beyond our imagination sharing in the hurts and good times of one another.

I share in the pain of those who have had challenging moments during this sickness. To all of you who have lost your loved ones, I convey my sincere condolences and I assure you of my prayers. Keep in mind, Easter brings hope to the person who has been devastated by death. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the greatest hope! May Jesus Christ, the way to everlasting life, be with you! He is risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! May the joy and hope of Easter be with you and your families This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Yours in service of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi (Pastor).