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Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM
Traditional Latin	2 PM
DAILY	
Monday + Friday *(except First Friday)*	12 PM
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6:30 PM
Saturday	8 AM
Thursday Holy Hour	7 PM
CONFESSION	
Sunday	1:30-2 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday *	6:30-7:30 PM

**First Friday & Holy hour 7:00-8:00 PM*

Thursday 6:30-7PM *and by appointment*

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM

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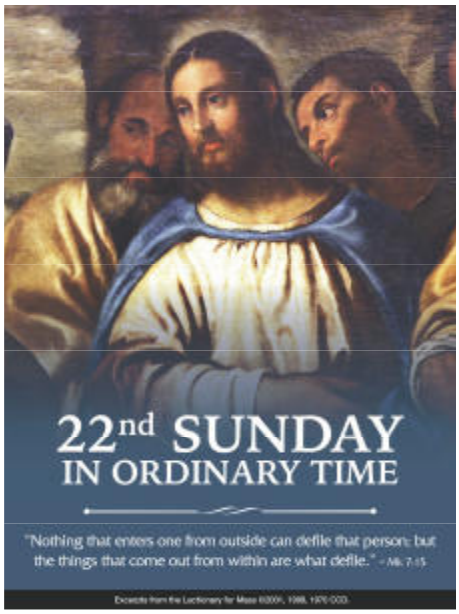

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT -We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service,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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (8/28)
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population)
(livestream) Masks & distancing required
SUNDAY (8/29) Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Altar Flower Donations Glady Accepted
8 AM Mass
11 AM Mass *(livestream)*
1:30-2 PM Confession
2 PM Latin Mass
MONDAY (8/30)
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
7:30 PM High School Catholic Reading Group (Lower Level)
TUESDAY (8/31)
7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY (9/1)
7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
THURSDAY (9/2)
7 AM Mass
12 PM-1 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
7-8 PM Holy Hour
Friday (9/3) First Friday
2:45 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary of Reparation
6:30 PM Mass
7 PM Confession
SATURDAY (9/4) First Saturday
8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass (Vulnerable Population)
(livestream) Masks & distancing required
SUNDAY (9/5) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 AM Mass
11 AM Mass *(livestream)*
1:30-2 PM Confession
2 PM Latin Mass
MONDAY (9/6) Labor Day-Office Closed

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the American People, and all people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Hail Mary(x3)
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.

Rosary of Reparation

Join us at Holy Comforter every Friday. The *Penitential Psalms begin at 2:45 PM* with the powerful *20-decade Rosary of Reparation at 3 PM.* For more information, please contact Tina Blumenfeld at tmsblum@gmail.com

Welcome New Parishioners

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

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

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SATURDAY (8/28)
8 AM Jonathan & Melodie Schrank & Family
5 PM † Marlene Schmidt (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (8/29)
8 AM † Catherine and † Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)
11 AM Members of the Parish
2 PM John Smith for His 99th Birthday (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (8/30)
12 PM † Charmaine Nowicki (Jill Paitsel)
For Victims of Injustice (Fr. Joseph Mary)

TUESDAY (8/31)
7 AM Scarlett Makielski (Patricia McAdams)

WEDNESDAY (9/1)
12 PM Lengle Family (Patricia McAdams)

THURSDAY (9/2)
12 PM Val Tursi (Jill Paitsel)

FRIDAY (9/3)
6:30 PM † Christie Andersen (Patty and David Myatt)

SATURDAY (9/4)
8 AM Matthew & Miranda Schrank and Family
5 PM † Judi Thompson (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (9/5)
8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM † Khuong Phan (Thuy Hoang)
2 PM † Mycolas Lengle (Patricia McAdams)

SAINTS OF GOD
Blessed are You

8/28 Saint Augustine of Hippo
8/29 Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist
8/30 Saint Jeanne Jugan
8/31 Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
9/1 Saint Giles
9/2 Blessed John Francis Burte` and Companions
9/3 Saint Gregory the Great
9/4 Saint Rose of Viterbo
9/5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 2021	
OFFERTORY	$10,088
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	($8,300)
ABOVE WEEKLY BUDGET	*$1,788*

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER
ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace
9/12/2021 Outreach

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Building Our Family of Faith
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LITURGICAL NOTES

ENTRANCE: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I have called out to you all the day; for you, O Lord, are good and forgiving and plenteous in mercy to all who call upon you.
OFFERTORY: O Lord, look down in order to help me; let them be covered with confusion and shame, who seek after my soul to take it away.
COMMUNION: O Lord, I will be mindful of your justice alone; you have taught me, O God, from my youth; and so, unto old age and gray hairs, O God, forsake me not.
Christ teaches us that defilement comes from within the heart and not without. The "tradition[s] of the elders" mentioned in the Gospel were meant to impart spiritual wisdom to the Jews about the need to keep one's soul clean. Hence, we see an interior disposition in this weekend's antiphons. We must practice the virtue of humility and remember our neediness before God, realizing that good inspirations and deeds always begin with Him. Our prayer should be for deliverance from the foe "who seek[s] after my soul to take it away." The Devil is our true enemy and desires our damnation. Our weapons against him are prayer and good works, which is why St. Paul says to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only". May faith and works find a willing home in our souls and be our strength against the enemy. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!
Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Monday Evenings: HS Catholic Reading Group 7:30 PM
- August 29, Sunday, 10 AM: RCIA Inquirers Meeting (LL)
- September 11, Saturday, 12 PM: RCIA Catechists Orientation (LL)
- September 12, 9:15-10:15 AM: Children's & High School Christian Formation Begins (LL) ***Registration Forms are on the Religious Education Table in the Commons & on the church website holycomforterparish.org***
- September 12, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 RCIA Meeting (LL) Conference Room
- September 19, Sunday, 9:15: First Sacraments, Mandatory Parents Meeting, ***Registrations forms on the RE Table in the Commons and Online***
- September 26, Sunday, 9:15-10:15: First Sacraments Class

Christian Formation begins Sept. 12 and will soon be here! ***Please sign your children up.*** Also, there are opportunities to be a **Catechist or Junior Catechist for Pre-K, K-1, 4-5, and Confirmation Class. RCIA Catechists are needed too!** If interested**,** *contact: Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education,* dre@holycomforterparish.org or call (434) 295-6559. **Thank you!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

OUR PARISHIONERS (Includes the ill and homebound)

Normand Auger, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Deacon Henry, Pam Heron, Barbara Isaac, James Leitch, Michael Ludgate, Scarlett Makielski, Marie and Joe Murray, Marian Ortmann, Kitty Moore, Yulia Savona, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mary Wheeler

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Blandine Attey, Christine Bentejack, Maureen Bradley, Mary Caretti, Steven D'Arca, Kathleen Gough, Julie & Meghan Kajihara, Steve Kirchmeyer, Sibylle Llewelyn, Coty Lockett, Melodie Mougeolle, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Mary Polce, Janet Reed, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Miranda Schrank and Family, Aiden Smith, Andrew Wood, Lisa Wells, Francis Wojtala.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Joey Smith, Matthew Schrank, Benjamin Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, Joseph Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, Trey Linebrink, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

Please join us at the noon Mass on the last Friday of each Month as we will be praying for ill and homebound parishioners.

PLEASE NOTE: We are updating the prayer list for family and friends. If you would like a name added or removed, please call* 434.295.7185 or *email reception@holycomforterparish.org

To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the office 434.295.7185

Holy Comforter Parishioners, Francis & Erminia Olimpio-Poni Janabio are fundraising to adopt their orphaned niece, Sarafina, in South Sudan. *Please use this link for more information;* https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-better-life-for-sarafina

MINISTRIES

Outreach: We appreciate your continued contributions and donations to Outreach! We distribute food bags during Food Pantry on Tues & Wed, 10:30am-1:30pm, and give out bagged lunches during Soup Kitchen on Thurs, 12-1pm. Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place outside the 3rd Street door. Please leave any food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless!

Works of Mercy Committee: This ministry identifies members who are disconnected from active parish life and we implement different ways to help them connect. We pray for all on the bulletin prayer list. We also visit, call or send cards and more. If interested in getting involved or if you know someone who could use works of mercy, check the signs in the Commons bulletin boards, or call the office for more information.

St. Michel Parish: Earth Quake Update: Port-au-Prince news is the damage in the southern peninsula was catastrophic with 1800 plus dead and rescue has barely begun. Please keep Saltadere and Haiti in your prayers. Haiti mission trip scheduled for early September your prayers are welcome for safety and success of mission. **Haiti Ministry Needs:** Planning for the October 4 charity golf tournament outing is underway. Contact Dan Wassilchalk at 410-852-6126 or dmw9v@virginia.edu *for more information or to help* ***Hope For Haiti Golf Tournament*** *10/4/2021 (as of Aug. 2) Initial Foursomes Available – 32 (128 golfers)*

9 Aug— Foursomes Available: 21 (84 golfers)

Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Next Meeting: September 12, 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Contact: Dan Wassilchalk at dmw9v@virginia.edu or Ginny Zeller at ginnyannzeller@gmail.com. Website: https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMFORTER PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Life Committee invites you...

PLACE: Penn Park, Shelter 3 TIME: 3:30

Bring a dish to share.

Please Join Us!

The Knights of Columbus The Abbate Agency presents: Long-Term Care Planning Seminar. In this seminar, we will discuss some of the challenges you may face and the solutions you and your family should consider. We'll go through what long-term care is and how the Knights of Columbus can help you prepare. This seminar is open to all in the community. To save your spot for August 31 at 7 p.m. via Zoom, please register at https://aug31.abbatekofc.com

Adult Formation, Treasures of the Tradition: In September, join the Adult Formation program for three lively discussion groups hosted at https://thetreasures.org : ***(1) Divine Comedy -*** Dante's gorgeous and eye-opening trip through the Inferno, Purgatory and Heaven. **(2)Christian Spirituality from the Roots -** Learn from the sources about the human journey to God: Plato, Origen, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and more. Every other week. (3)**Film Director Érik Rohmer's Moral Tales -** Seven powerful films,a Catholic whose tradition informed his searching explorations of human relationships. Every other week. **The groups move at a slow pace** (see website for details). Schedules TBD by your needs, contact the organizers ASAP through the site or email bugbee@thetreasures.org.

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FROM THE PASTOR

"Without the Blessed Virgin,
we would not have the Holy Eucharist."
Part IV
"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you."
Luke 1:28

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"In the Eucharist the Church is completely united to Christ and his sacrifice and makes her own the spirit of Mary as expressed in her Magnificat" (E*ncyclical, Ecclesia de Eucharistia).* The Eucharist, like the canticle of Mary, is first and foremost praise and thanksgiving. When Mary says: "*My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,"* she already bears Jesus in her womb. She praises God "through" Jesus, but she also praises him "in" Jesus and "with" Jesus. This is itself the true "Eucharistic attitude." The Eucharist has been given to us so that our life, like that of Mary, may become completely a Magnificat! The Lord deserves our continuous praise because of what he has done and continues to do in our lives.

Because as St. Paul said, we don't know how to pray, I could say that Mary, as the Mother of the Eucharist, can take us by the hand and lead us to a closer relationship with the Eucharistic Christ. We know Mary was present with the apostles who prayed *"with one accord"* (Acts 1:14) for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Mary was most certainly present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the early Christians who were devoted to "the breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42). She is the same Mary present with us at our Eucharistic celebrations.

"To be in the good books" of Jesus, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will lead to our being well disposed to give honor and praise to her Son, especially in the Eucharist. For the purposes of perpetual nourishment from the Eucharist, the devotion and practice of exposing the consecrated host in a monstrance is a worthy course of action to take. It was unfortunate that Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament almost disappeared after Vatican II, so taken were the liturgists with the meal aspect of the Eucharist. What should not forget is that this holy meal is also a Sacrifice representing that of the Cross and it is the Lord who is truly present, giving Himself to the Father on our behalf. Our presence in adoration is also in imitation of Mary who remained at the foot of the cross as Jesus offered himself to the Father at the crucifixion.

St. Pope John Paul II responded to the crisis concerning the reduction of the Eucharist to a 'meal' alone by writing *Dominicae Cenae* in which he emphasizes all aspects of the Eucharist as a Presence-Sacrament, a Sacrifice-Sacrament, and a Communion-Sacrament. In this document he called for Eucharistic adoration:
"The Church and the World have great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go and meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the World. Let our adoration never cease." Love of Our Lady and The Eucharist ought to be central to the life of every Catholic Christian. We need the Eucharist. We need the Mother of the Eucharist to teach us how to relate to the Eucharistic Jesus because she knows better.

To be continued…

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