

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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📕 MASS TIMES

(Please see the weekly calendar for August and early September temporary changes)

| Saturday Vigil (Masks Requi Sunday | red) 5 PM 8 AM + 11 AM |
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| , Traditional Latin | 2 PM |
| Monday + Friday | 12 PM |
| (except First Friday) | |
| Tuesday-Thursday | 7 AM |
| First Friday | 6 PM |
| Saturday | 8 AM |
| HOLY HOUR Thursday First Friday | 7 PM 7 PM |
| CONFESSION Monday, Wednesday, Friday Thursday First Friday Sunday | 6:30-7:30 PM 6:30-8 PM 7:30 PM 1:30 PM |

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-4 PM For those who are vulnerable or feel insecure, we invite you to attend Saturdays at 5 PM or view the 11 AM Sunday Mass via livestream on our Facebook page: facebook.com/holycomfortercville



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lt 14:28, 33

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Extraordinary Ministers | of the Eucharist |
| | Heather Burns |
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| Lectors | Matt Freeman |
| Offertory Counters | Lee Faust |
| Sacristans | Suzanne Bailey |
| Uganda | Theresa Lynch |
| Ushers | Dennis Dougherty |

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed! September 23-25, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza in Reston VA. Only 20 spots available. To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search on Virginia. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Strangler at 703-378-4150 or <u>mstang1987@aol.com</u>

> Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays <u>dre@holycomforterparish.org</u>

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (9/3)

8 AM Mass **3 PM** Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) SUNDAY (9/4) TWENTY THIRD

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers donations gladly accepted 8 AM Mass 11 AM Mass **2 PM** Latin Mass 4 PM Vespers MONDAY (9/5) Labor Day Office Closed 12 PM Mass TUESDAY (9/6) 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass WEDNESDAY (9/7) 10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass THURSDAY (9/8) 12 PM Mass 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM Confession 7-8 PM Holy Hour FRIDAY (9/9) 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (9/10) 8 AM Mass **3 PM** Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) SUNDAY (9/11) TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Altar Flowers donations gladly accepted 8 AM Mass 9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass

1:30 PM Confession 2 PM Latin Mass 4 PM Vespers

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

9/3 Gregory the Great 9/4 Saint Rose of Viterbo

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. 8 AM Randy and Sharlene Saathoff and Family Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we SUNDAY (9/4) who are in trial, but deliver us from Family 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 12 PM † Jack and † Margaret Kirkland already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to FRIDAY (9/9) be separated from you. Amen.

9/5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta 9/6 Blessed Claudio of Granzotto 9/7 Blessed Frederic Ozanam 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9/9 Saint Peter Claver 9/10 Saint Thomas of Villanova 9/11 Saint Cyprian

Welcome **New Parishioners**

Taylor and Sarah Hathaway

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

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185 reception@holycomforterparish.org MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (9/3)

5 PM Members of the Parish

8 AM † Joseph and Maryann Masci and 11 AM Brendan and Maria Walsh 2 PM † Brendan James (Margaret)

MONDAY (9/5) 12 PM † Deborah Okada

TUESDAY (9/6) **12 PM** Constance Metzger Verlander

WEDNESDAY (9/7) 12 PM Karen Olsen and Family

THURSDAY (9/8)

12 PM Intentions of Mirta Lapinell

SATURDAY (9/10) 8 AM † Bruce and † Anne Jolly 5 PM † Jane Till Danilek

SUNDAY (9/11)

8 AM Members of the Parish **11 AM** Dick and Sherry Schemmel and Family 2 PM Jon Schnur

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PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2022

| Offertory | \$8,193 | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$8,500) | |
| Below Weekly Budget | (\$307) | |
| WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2022 | | |
| Offertory | \$2,226 | |
| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$8,500) | |
| Below Weekly Budget | (\$6,274) | |

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginia + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

| + Justice and P | eale |
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| 9/11/2022 | Outreach |
| 9/25/2022 | Retired Religious |

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR Simplify with Online Giving

Looking for ways to simplify your busy back-toschool schedule? Try Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even set up automatic payments that will occur periodically, so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. Please visit <u>https://</u> <u>holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/</u> for the **Online Giving** link.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: <u>You are righteous</u>, <u>O Lord</u>, <u>and right is your judgment</u>; deal with this servant of yours according to your mercy.

Offertory: I prayed to my God, I, Daniel, and I said: "Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of your servant, and cause your face to shine upon your s anctuary; look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom your name has been invoked, O God."

Communion: Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth. Today's readings highlight the virtue of detachment. Without it we cannot enter the kingdom. Interestingly, our Lord's parables in the Gospel highlight the necessity of deliberation, of intentionally renouncing our claims on our lives and possessions and placing them at the service of God. We see this echoed in the Communion Antiphon: "Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them". In taking up our daily cross, we see both God's justice and mercy at work: suffering purifies us by teaching us to rely on God alone. How far above our ways are God's ways! "You are righteous, O Lord, and right is your judgment". The spiritual masters teach us that crosses that occur as part of our daily circumstances are often more fruitful than those that we seek because we learn docility by accepting whatever comes our way. With trust let us embrace daily hardships as a gift from God to help us grow closer to Him. "Jesus, lead the way through our life's long day, when at times the way is cheerless, help us follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land."

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

CHILDREN'S AND HS CHRISTIAN FORMATION/FIRST SACRAMENTS starts Sunday, September 11, 9:15-10:15 AM! Catechists and Co-Catechists are needed for grades K-1, 5-6 and HS Confirmation. The Sign-up sheet and Registration Forms are on the RE Table in the Commons.

Substitute Catechists also needed!

RCIA IS BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 12:30-1:30 PM (LL)

Volunteers needed for the new RCIA Hospitality Team! If you would like to host dinners for the RCIA Participants, introducing them to other Parishioners from our amazing Holy Comforter Parish Family, sign up at the RE Table in the Commons. Please contact Victoria Lannon (Head Catechist) at 434-465-5623 gregnbuk@gmail.com or Melinda Wells, DRE for moreinfo!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDNARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises. **Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19* Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God. . Gospel Luke 15:1-32 Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

September 4, 2022 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Victoria Lannon, Kitty Moore, Mary Nguyen, Mary Polce, Hank Rainville, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and children. FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Christine Benteejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Joseph Checkler, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Mary Morrisard-Larkin, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Joseph Schrank, Julia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, B. Waugh Crigler, Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala, Andrew Wood and Carol Wood.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a name added or removed, please call the Office 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



The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...Vincentians see the face of Christ." Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? We meet

each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the conference room at the Church of the Incarnation. Please email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Sign up for our: Friends of the Poor Walk September 27, 2022, 6 pm after the 5:15 pm mass at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish! Please help us help others by signing up for walk at:

fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2755

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations! During the month of July, we gave out pantry bags to 97 households/269 individuals and served 290 lunches during soup kitchen. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless! (Our USDA Food Pantry does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA)

WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: A parishioner at Westminster Canterbury, would like a ride to the 5PM Saturday Vigil Mass or the 11 AM Sunday Mass 2x a month. Please email Mercy@holycomforterparish.org Thank you! PARISH LIFE MINISTRY Please join us for our Annual Potluck Picnic at Pen Park on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4 pm. We hope to see you there! Our Annual Ministry Fair will be after all Masses, the weekend on Sept.17 & 18. Please stop by the Ministry tables to see how you could use your God given talents and gifts with others. Happy birthday and anniversary to all celebrating in September. Father will give blessings after all Mass times on 9/17 & 9/18. And Parish Life will have a cake at their Ministry table after the 11 am Mass to celebrate

HAITI MINISTRY: The final week for our major fund raiser for year The "Hope for Haiti" golf tournament is now one week away! Please go to the page to register. We need golfers. https://dmw9v9.wixsite.com/ hopeforhaiti/home . The next Haiti meeting will be in October. I am hoping to have a Zoom meet and greet with our Haiti committee on 15 September at 7 PM. I will introduce our new Pastors and Father Miliene. It will be a short session, and dependent on the internet connection. We may invite Father Asmythe to attend our Haiti meetings in the future. Also, Port au Prince area is not improving and crime is creeping into surrounding areas. Weaponry of the gangs now includes Barrett 50 BMG rifles and fifty caliber belt machine guns. Please pray for the capital of Haiti .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES! Charlottesville Catholic School's first two community events of the year are coming up soon! The Annual All-Terrain 5K and Kids Fun Run will be held on Saturday, October 1; the Charlottesville Catholic Golf Tournament at Glenmore will be on Monday, October 3. Please visit our website (cvillecatholic.org) for more information and to register. HOLY COMFORTER LOST & FOUND: It's official! Holy Comforter has a Lost & Found space in the piano room (LL). Expensive items will be in the care of the front desk. Please contact the receptionist if you are missing such items. Currently, there is a Kindle and gold jewelry waiting TREASURES OF THE TRADITION: Join the Adult Formation program for lively discussion groups beginning in September: 1. Dante's Inferno - a rollicking adventure story with profound theology behind it. Moves on to Purgatory and Paradise afterward for those who wish! 2. Trinity and Incarnation from the Origins - Learn the practical meaning of Christianity's two central mysteries from church "doctors" and "fathers," for example St. Irenaeus, Origen, St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Bonaventure, St. Maximus Confessor, and St. Thomas Aguinas. The Reading burden for the groups is low (10-25 pp / week), and participants can come often or seldom. First meeting is a free trial to see what we do! Schedules TBD by your needs, https://thetreasures.org or email bugbee@thetreasures.org STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, PALMYRA: Seeking Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. A Bachelor's Degree

in Religious Studies or related field. 35 hour per week position. Submit a

Diocese of Richmond employment application with a cover letter/resume

to: pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC

On the Liturgy

Part V

Daniel Kirkland

Last week I wrote about some basic gestures in the Liturgy and how they direct our attention to the action of the Liturgy and foster interior dispositions of worship. Reverence was identified as the root of all fruitful gestures lest we find ourselves engaging in empty ritualism. This week we will briefly investigate some aspects of *sacred space* and how church architecture is supposed to accommodate liturgical action, which ultimately directs us to heaven.

In addition to creating a space suitable for worship, church buildings themselves often had something to teach about what was taking place within their walls. When entering most traditionally constructed churches, the most obvious feature is that there is often a sense of progressive ascension. We ascend the outside steps to enter the church. As we move towards the altar, there is even more ascension with steps elevating the altar and, depending on the church, elevating further the tabernacle, which houses the Blessed Sacrament. This upward movement is often highlighted by the architecture of the building itself. Gothic churches like Notre Dame de Paris are characterized by towering pillars and soaring, pointed arches or buttresses, immediately drawing the eye upwards. Our own parish is neo-Romanesque in style, which is characterized by rounded arches and thick walls. Like the gothic style, it has a wonderfully vertical dimension that seems to lift us up (and it creates a great acoustical space!).

Another feature of church architecture is the separation of the nave (where the laity worship) and the sanctuary. This is to highlight the difference in roles within worship. The baptistry was often placed at the front of churches to represent baptism as the means by which we become grafted to Christ's Mystical Body (the Church), enabling us to enter the church and offer worship to God in a priestly manner within the nave. This is the *universal* priesthood of the Faithful.. From the very beginning, the apostles and their successors have chosen certain men to continue their specific work in the *ministerial priesthood*, which entailed governing the Church and transmitting the Sacraments. The sanctuary is where the ministerial priests, set aside as it were, offer their worship; the Faithful participate in this worship from the nave. Since the Eucharist is made present in the sanctuary, barriers were erected after the manner of the Temple in Jerusalem to shroud the mysteries taking place. In the East to this day, a wall of icons with doors that close during the consecration (the *lconostasis*) separates the faithful from the awe -inspiring moment when Jesus Christ is made truly present in the

bread and wine. In the West, the altar rail demarcated the sanctuary, allowing the Faithful to see what was taking place (though the prayers of consecration were shrouded in relative silence). What is so wonderful about the altar rail is that it also **united** the nave and sanctuary, serving as the table at which the Feast of the Lamb took place. The heavenly mysteries were administered with the Faithful lined across the rails as if at a banquet!

One last remark on architecture - we see in churches a specific *orientation*. The altar (and tabernacle behind it where pertinent) is the central focus of the main church. At the Crucifixion, Christ was both the priest and victim, offering Himself for our salvation. Because of this, the altar has always been viewed as representing Christ and the place where His saving action takes place. The Liturgy of the Word is important for our instruction, but ultimately the Liturgy of the Eucharist is where the central mysteries of our Faith unfold. From very early on, then, we see the altar and crucifix in a place of central prominence in the church. Just as important is the location of the altar, i.e., Liturgical East. The priest and people worshiped facing the East, or *ad orientem*, where the sun rose, seeing in this Christ, the Sun of righteousness, coming "forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber" (Ps. 19). Facing east was so important that churches like the Vatican have altars facing eastward, though the church itself is facing the west. So it was not actually foreign to celebrate Mass facing the people (versus populum)! This was rare in the broader Western Church, though, and the majority of Roman Catholics worshiped in the same direction as the priest with all oriented toward Christ. Pope Emeritus Bendict XVI had this to say about ad orientem worship: "A common turning to the east during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. This is not a case of doing something accidental, but of what is essential. Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord. It is not now a question of dialogue but of common worship, of setting off toward the One who is to come. What corresponds with the reality of what is happening is not the closed circle but the common movement forward, expressed in a common direction for prayer" (The Spirit of the Liturgy).

Let us strive to turn our hearts toward Christ as we worship Him in our beautiful parish where heaven and earth meet in a joyful embrace!

To be continued...

