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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM*
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM**
Traditional Latin	2 PM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

HOLY HOUR

Thursday	7 PM
First Friday	7 PM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

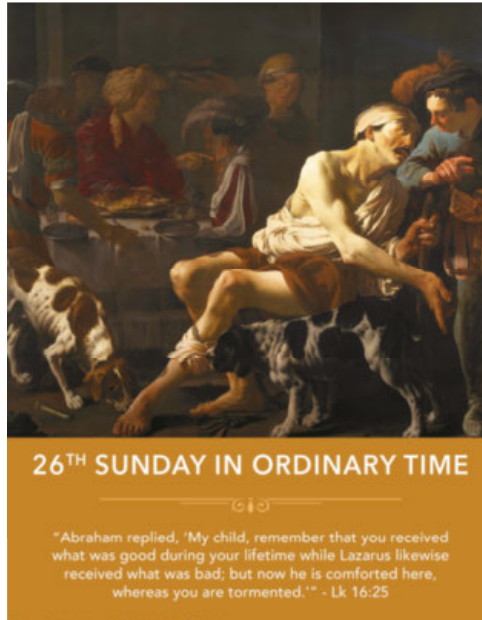
Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM-4 PM
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In Response to COVID-19:

*we require masks to be worn by all in attendance at our 5PM Vigil Mass.

**We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:
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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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Sacristans	Suzanne Bailey
Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time --

September 25, 2022

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Please Send Bulletin Submissions
by 3 PM Mondays
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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 (9/24)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (9/25) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated in Thanksgiving of Joanne and Peter MacKey's Wedding Anniversary

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA (LL)

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (9/26)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (9/27)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (9/28)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30 PM Youth Group (LL)

7 PM Choir

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (9/29)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (9/30)

9 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (10/1)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (10/2) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated by the Tylka Family

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA (LL)

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

4 PM Vespers

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.

9/27 Saint Vincent de Paul
9/28 Saint Wenceslaus
9/29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
9/30 Saint Jerome
10/1 Saint Therese of Lisieux
10/2 Feast of the Guardian Angels

Welcome New Parishioners

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 (9/24)

8 AM Theresa Lynch

5 PM Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek

SUNDAY (9/25)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM In Thanksgiving for Father Joseph Mary's Safe Return

2 PM † Mykolas Lengle (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (9/26)

12 PM Wedding Anniversary of Greg and Maria Andrea Gerling

TUESDAY (9/27)

7 AM † Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

WEDNESDAY (9/28)

7 AM Nathaniel Capps for Healing

THURSDAY (9/29)

7 AM Father Dan Kelly

FRIDAY (9/30)

12 PM Ill and Homebound Holy Comforter Parishioners

SATURDAY (10/1)

8 AM † Antonia and † Divo Costa (Lucy Brudner)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (10/2)

8 AM Diane Auger Smith on Making Final Promises in the Dominican Laity

11 AM Jane Till Danilek

2 PM † Linda Rafor (Patricia McAdams)

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

9/24 Saint Robert Bellarmine
9/25 Saint Joseph of Cupertino
9/26 Saint Paul VI

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Offertory	\$8,210
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$(290)</i>

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

All Masses this weekend will be celebrated by a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach who deliver food, shelter and hope to the poorest of the poor. We expect to be blessed and inspired in our faith as we are drawn near to those they serve in their global missions.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginia + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

9/11/2022	Outreach
9/25/2022	Retired Religious

FALL INTO A NEW WAY OF GIVING

Online Giving allows you to support our parish and our ministries even if you can't attend Mass. When you choose to make recurring gifts, you provide us with the consistent financial support we need meet our

operating expenses and to plan ahead for the programs that allow us to share God's love throughout our community. For the Online Giving Link, Please visit: <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/>

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LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: All that you have inflicted upon us, O Lord, has been dealt out in true justice, for we have sinned against you and we have failed to obey your commandments; but give glory to your name and deal with us according to the abundance of your mercy.

Offertory: Upon the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and we wept, as we remembered you, O Zion.

Communion: Be mindful of your word to your servant, O Lord, in which you caused me to hope; this has been my comfort in my affliction.

Mournful tones punctuate this week's Propers. Amos the prophet communicates God's chastisement of exile for Israel but especially for those who used their wealth for themselves and not for the betterment of their neighbors and nation. The Entrance Antiphon offers with childlike simplicity our response when faced with our sins: "I messed up, I deserve punishment - but please have mercy and don't be angry with me." What consolation we find in the Communion Antiphon, though! Amidst our afflictions, God has given us a cause for hope, which we now know as the victory of the Cross over our sins and death. "Be mindful" of Your promise to us, Lord, that no sin, even if it be as scarlet, stands in the way of Your mercy if we but come to You with contrite hearts. Thanks be to God for the incredible gift of gratuitous salvation!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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There are still openings for Children's & HS Christian Formation and First Sacraments! Registration forms are on the RE Table in the Commons. For more information, please contact Melinda Wells.

Last Sunday was the first meeting for RCIA. If you know someone who may be interested in exploring the teachings of our wonderful Faith and glorious Church, please contact Melinda Wells or Victoria Lannon, Head Catechist, at gregnbuk@gmail.com or 434-975-3868.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*
The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.
Gospel
Luke 17:5-10
Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

PARISH NEWS



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 Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and children.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Christine Bentejac, 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, 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, Katharine Ernst, Jeffrey Jaeger, Trey Linebrink, Tom Logan, Matthew Mickiewicz, S. Proffitt, M. Rankin, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, Joseph 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

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference invite you to join us in our celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Our celebration includes 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:15 pm mass, Friends of the Poor Walk at 6 pm with refreshments after the walk. Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue St. Vincent de Paul's work and mission in our parish. We thank God for your hearts that "bring God's love to the poor" through your generosity and donations. Please help us help others by signing up for the walk. Sign up for our **Friends of the Poor Walk** Sept. 27, 2022, 6pm after the 5:15pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please sign up at fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?event-2755



MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations! During the month of August, we distributed pantry bags to **111** households/**273** individuals and served **273** lunches during soup kitchen. Please leave 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. See Mercy@holycomforterparish.org

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY: *Our Annual Ministry Fair will be after all Masses, the weekend of October 1st & 2nd.* Please stop by the Ministry tables to see how you could use your God given talents and gifts with others.

HOLY COMFORTER HS YOUTH GROUP: NEW MEETING DAY/TIME! **Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 PM (LL).** *Starts with Spaghetti Dinner!*

NEW EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY: *Please Note Date Change: The seven-week **Discovering Christ** course begins on Thursday, October 6.* **Following Christ & Sharing Christ** courses will be in winter & spring. As the course names imply, the program is designed to help you form a better relationship with your Savior, to progress to discipleship, and finally, to become an apostle. To register, see <https://incarnationparish.org/es/discovering-christ/> For info, contact Steve Ham @ steven_ham@comcast.net or (434) 466-9820.

HAITI MINISTRY: FROM BOB F. "My stay at St. Michel in Saltadare was extremely productive. Father Ysadore visited and provided a list of requests for his new parish which I will send to Anne Knasel for our Lady of the Rosary. I spent a good deal of time reviewing water issues and scheduling repairs. Since the trip had many facets further instalments to be included in future bulletins. As always, thank you to our Parishes for the kindness to our Twin." Please remember to keep Haiti in your prayers.

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. For info and to register, see (cvillecatholic.org)

SYNOD ON SYDONALITY: The Diocese has compiled a report from the responses of the listening sessions we hosted in March. Copies are available in the Commons. Thank you for your participation! <https://richmonddiocese.org/diocesan-synodal-synthesis-report/>

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, PALMYRA: Seeking to hire a *Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry*. A Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or related field. 35 hour per week position. Please submit a completed Diocese of Richmond employment application with a cover letter and resume to: pastor@saintspeterpaul.org

FROM THE PASTOR



OUR LIFE AND STRENGTH IN THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS

Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you”
John 6:53**

God was not content with giving us His only Son once for all, willing Him to take flesh in the womb of a Virgin – flesh like ours, so that He might suffer and die for us on the Cross – but He wished Him to remain with us forever, perpetuating His real presence and His sacrifice in the Eucharist. **And what does this mean to us?**

It means we must learn to discover that, without Jesus, our lives are unbalanced, unfocused, lacking in direction, lacking in purpose – **We have no life.** Christ is truly with us; only in him can we find the answers that we are looking for, only in him do we have life. So, have we opened our eyes and ears to see and hear him? Is he truly the source of our life? Or is He merely another item on our list of activities?

Gaining a deeper understanding of the Eucharist is a challenge to be undertaken both at a personal level as well as a social level. How many of our separated brothers and sisters hold false or biased conceptions of the Eucharistic Jesus? How many of our friends are ignorant of the treasure we have in the Eucharist?

In our problem-solving world, science and technology intensify our craving to discover more about the world. How about your yearning to know and love Jesus who is ever present to solve the “mysteries” we face today in our era? In this secular environment, many people have little time for God, and the Eucharist is not appreciated. As we search for deeper meaning, often not knowing where to begin, we open the door for an appreciation of the Eucharist. Opening it, we discover that the Eucharist is love incarnate — Jesus Himself, the source and summit of human love, in Whom there is life. The “more” we seek is found here where we experience His presence with wonder and awe and realize that human love springs from God Who is love.

A loving relationship with Jesus leads us to the Eucharist and is climaxed in our union with him in holy Communion. In turn, this union intensifies our love for him and grounds the love we have for one another. We enter a unique union with Jesus when we receive the host and become one with

Him. For a few precious moments, we experience his great love for us and admit our unworthiness. As we commit ourselves to follow him, we enter the depths of this mystery and become one with Jesus, Who was born into this world, died for us and rose from the dead. Aware of His presence within us, we pledge to follow him, atone for our sins, and live the life He modeled for us.

Yes, the Eucharist is more than a symbol reminding us of Jesus, for at Mass the bread and wine become Jesus Himself. To appreciate this great mystery requires faith and is greatly enhanced by the manner of living our lives. Living a good life is our best preparation for receiving the Eucharist, which then strengthens us to continue living that way. No doubt the dimension of living a life patterned after the Eucharistic Jesus is highlighted at the conclusion of every Mass with the words, “Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.” Indeed, it is through our lives of faithful and generous service that the meaning of the Eucharist is completely revealed. Think about that!

To be Continued...

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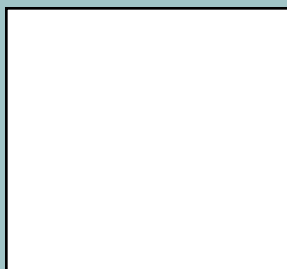
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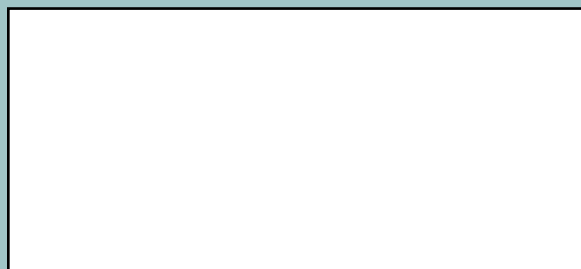
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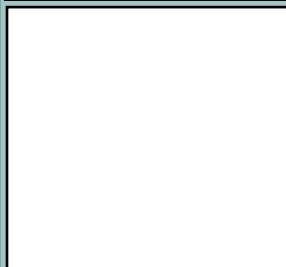
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