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MASS TIMES

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

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

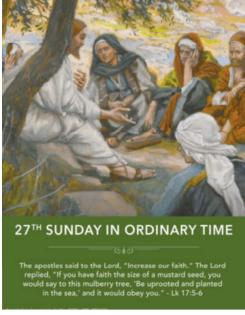
Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM-4 PM

*5 PM Vigil, Masks Optional

**We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2022

That by the power of the Holy Spirit, every Catholic called to the priesthood and consecrated life will guard the treasure of their unique vocation in Christ and fan it into a flame of their love for Him, we pray to the Lord.

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays dre@holycomforterparish.org

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 (10/1) FIRST SATURDAY

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Optional)

Ministry Fair Following All Weekend Masses

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

MONDAY (10/3)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/4)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/5)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30 PM Youth Group (LL)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (10/6)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (10/7) FIRST FRIDAY

9 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

6 PM Mass

7 PM All Night Adoration

7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (10/8)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

6 PM IMPACT Listening Session(LL)

SUNDAY (10/9)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated by Mel Crews in

Thanksgiving 8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

10/1 Saint Therese of Lisieux

10/3 Saint Theodora Guerin

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

10/2 Feast of the Guardian Angels

11 AM Mass

12 PM Marian Procession

12:30 PM RCIA (LL)

12:45 IMPACT Listening Session (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 SATURDAY (10/1) do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through 5 PM Members of the Parish 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 TUESDAY (10/4) in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You 7 AM Holly Owens (Peter Sacco) 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 THURSDAY (10/6) embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from FRIDAY (10/7) you. Amen.

10/4 Saint Francis of Assisi

10/5 Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

10/6 Saint Bruno

10/7 Our Lady of the Rosary

10/8 Saint John Leonardi

10/9 Saint Denis and Companions

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

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

SUNDAY (10/2)

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

11 AM Jane Till Danilek

2 PM † Linda Raford (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (10/3)

12 PM † Mary Morrisard-Larkin (Jim and Marlene Satira)

WEDNESDAY (10/5)

7 AM Anderson Family

7 AM Kulick Family

12 PM Gilbert Family

SATURDAY (10/8)

8 AM Taylor family

5 PM Father Joseph Mary

SUNDAY (10/9)

8 AM Pamela Reedy Heron (Cindy Reedy)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM † Thomas Donnelly (Patricia McAdams)

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PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Offertory \$2,255 Weekly Offertory Budget (\$8,500)

Below Weekly Budget (\$6,245)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

10/9/2022 Outreach

10/23/2022 World Mission Sunday

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 things are submitted to your will, O Lord, and no one can resist your decisions; you have made all things, heaven and earth, and all that is contained under the vault of the sky; you are the master of the universe.

Offertory: There was a man in the land of Hus whose name was Job, a blameless, upright and God-fearing man; Satan asked to be allowed to tempt him, and the Lord gave him power over his possessions and his body; and so, he destroyed his possessions and his children, and he ravaged his flesh with horrible sores.

Communion: My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word when will you judge those who persecute me? The wicked are persecuting me; come to my assistance, O Lord my God.

We are struck right away by the Offertory Antiphon's reference to the book of Job. The readings from the daily Masses this past week surveyed his loss of family and possessions, his steadfastness, his desperate plea for answers, and God's humbling response. So, the antiphons and readings today crown the week's journey towards greater faith and trust in God. It is easy, then, to understand the references to God's power in the Entrance Antiphon. "...no one can resist your decisions" is an invitation to trust that our sufferings will bear fruit in our souls and in the souls of others. Of course, it is human and right to ask for deliverance from our afflictions, and the Communion Antiphon gives us the words to make that kind of prayer: "come to my assistance", but also, "I hope in your word", which is to say that we must be patient as well. Though God desires us to be free of afflictions, He often permits them in order to draw out good in us that might otherwise remain stagnant. Give us the strength to carry our crosses, Lord Jesus, Who carried it first and will never leave our side. Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

HOLY COMFORTER HS YOUTH GROUP-NEW MEETING DAY/TIME! Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 PM

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Starts with Spaghetti Dinner!

RCIA

RCIA meets Sundays, 12:30-1:30PM. If you know someone who may be interested in exploring the teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact Melinda Wells or Victoria Lannon, RCIA Head Catechist, at gregnbuk@gmail.com or 434-975-3868.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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, Sonia Bell, 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, 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 thank you for your joining us in our annual Friends of the Poor Walk with your generous donations that directly support our neighbors in need. The ~\$18,000 raised will be spent to help prevent

evictions and keep the utilities connected. Together with your gifts, our members journey to bring the love and mercy to our neighbors in need. Blessed Frederick Ozanam asks us to consider, "How to preach to unhappy people about virtues, in which they are richer than we?" You are invited to join us in our journey. We meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation in the conference room. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Thank you again for your support!

MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH:</u> 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 Food Pantry adheres to the USDA's Non-Discrimination statement)

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.

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:** Haiti is in turmoil as the result of the government announcing that it would reduce the subsidization of gasoline. School start was postponed for all of Haiti, because of the violence. School is scheduled to start October 3. Please keep the children of Haiti in your prayers. Also, as a result of declining sponsorships in past years, and the increase in students at St. Michel, we have a critical need for 300 new sponsors. Sponsorship is \$150 and can be mailed directly to Saint Thomas Aquinas via checks made out to "Haiti sponsorship." For electronic giving, please email Bob F. (frfrorf@gmail.com) for the link to the Parish Giving Site and enter "Sponsor" in email subject line. A

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donation can also be made if sponsorship is a hardship. Thank you!

IMPACT: You are invited to attend a Listening Session hosted by the Holy Comforter IMPACT (Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together) team after the 5 p.m. Mass on October 8 or immediately after the Marian Procession (approximately 12:45 p.m.) on October 9 in the lower level of the church, where you may share stories about how about how (1) lack of affordable housing, (2) lack of affordable childcare, and (3) lack of reliable public transportation affect our community. Holy Comforter is proud to be one of the founding congregations of this justice ministry founded in 2006. (For information about IMPACT, see impactcville.com.) Refreshments will be served. For more details, please contact Bridget Davis (slainte035@gmail.com) or Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net).

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/
CATHOLIC HOOS-UVA HOMECOMING: Catholic Alumni & Parents Social. Sunday, Oct. 9, 1 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Univ. Parish Contact Mary Dudley mary@catholichoos.org 434-623-1140

FROM THE PASTOR





OUR LIFE AND STRENGTH IN THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever" John 6:51

Most people say that they do not want to die, treating death as one of the worst things that can happen to them and to those they love. Suppose that someone gives you an "Immortality Pill" that would ensure that you never die; would you take it? Regardless, the truth is that, as human beings, we must die and surrender ourselves to the Creator. So, what does it mean when Jesus tells us that all who share in this banquet, this Eucharist, the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus, begin to live eternal life now?

Most of us, I believe, probably think eternal life is something we gain after we die. It will be that new life as we transition into the full presence of God. But Jesus says, "no! It starts right now." We begin to live with his life, which is eternal life. In fact, "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you." The second thing, we need to be aware of is that this Bread that we receive, the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus is nourishing. Through receiving the Eucharist, the full humanity of Jesus, together with his divinity -- Son of God and Son of Mary – is joined with our humanity, with who I am as a human person.

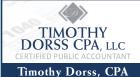
As I receive that Bread and drink from the Cup, I begin to be transformed into Jesus. If I allow myself to appreciate fully what is happening, to reflect on it, and to respond to it, then I begin to change; I become more and more like Jesus. This is truly an amazing gift that Jesus gives to us—the Holy Eucharist, His Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine so we can eat and drink it. It's a gift that brings to us even now God's life in Jesus.

Now at the time that Jesus said those words in John's Gospel, you will discover, if you go just a bit further, that some people had a very difficult time accepting this truth as perhaps we do too. John says, "After hearing this, many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This language is hard. Who can accept it?'" They were challenged by it as also we might be. Accepting it does demand the gift of faith. Jesus was aware that his disciples were murmuring, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? It is the Spirit that gives life, not the flesh. The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life."

Jesus reaffirms what he has said, but then John tells us, "Many disciples withdrew, no longer followed Jesus." Jesus asks those closest to him, "Will you also go away?" Peter spoke up, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God." As we celebrate this Eucharist day in and day out, I hope each one of us, as we come, in a sense, face to face with this extraordinary mystery that God in Jesus becomes present on our Table, the altar, and we receive His life, we become more open to grow in him.

Under the form of bread and wine, God enters into us and our spiritual life to change us. It is a hard truth. Jesus could be saying to each of us, "Will you also go away?" Let us pray and ask for the gift of faith and trust in God's Word saying with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You are the one who has the words of everlasting life and we will accept what you say."

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