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Saturday Vigil 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM + 11 AM\*\*
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 7 PM First Friday 7 PM

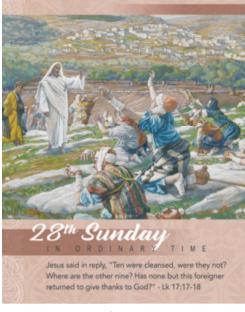
#### **CONFESSION**

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

\*\*We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page: facebook.com/holycomfortercville



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# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- OCTOBER 9, 2022

For an increase in gratitude among God's people for the mercy shown them though the holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in their midst, and that more men and women will faithfully respond to His call, we pray to the Lord.

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.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### 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 Second Collection

Altar Flowers Donated by Mel Crews in

Thanksgiving

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM Marian Procession

12:30 PM RCIA (LL)

12:45 PM IMPACT Listening Session (LL)

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (10/3)

12 PM Communion Service

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

**TUESDAY (10/4)** 

**7 AM** Communion Service

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/5)

7 AM Communion Service

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30 PM -8:30 PM Youth Group (LL)

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

7 PM Choir

**THURSDAY (10/6)** 

**7 AM** Communion Service

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (10/7)

9 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Communion Service

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (10/8)

8 AM Communion Service

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY (10/9)** 

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY** 

TIME

Altar Flowers donated by the Vinklarek's in Memory of Raymond and Martha Melancon

8 AM Mass

# SAINTS OF GOD

# Blessed are You

10/8 Saint John Leonardi

10/9 Saint Denis and Companions

10/10 Saint Francis Borgia

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.

10/4 Saint John XXIII

10/5 Saint Francis Xavier Seelos

10/6 Blessed Marie Rose-Durocher

10/7 Blessed Carlo Acutis

10/8 Saint Teresa of Avila

10/9 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

# Welcome New Parishioner

# Rafael Skokanic

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 (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)

#### MONDAY (10/3)

12 PM Communion Service

#### **TUESDAY (10/4)**

7 AM Communion Service

#### WEDNESDAY (10/5)

7 AM Communion Service

#### THURSDAY (10/6)

7 AM Communion Service

#### FRIDAY (10/7)

12 PM Communion Service

#### SATURDAY (10/8)

8 AM Communion Service

**5 PM** Dotty Lilly (Mary Frances Lilly)

#### **SUNDAY (10/9)**

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Richard G. Nordin

**2 PM** Special Intention of Patricia

McAdams

### PARISH NEWS



### **GIFTS FROM GOD**

#### **WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2022**

Offertory \$8,783
Weekly Offertory Budget (\$8,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$283

#### **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: <a href="https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/">https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/</a>

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#### LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** O Lord, if you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test? But forgiveness abides with you, O God of Israel. **Offertory:** Remember me, O Lord, you who dominate all authority;

put the right words on my lips, so that my speech may be convincing in the presence of the King.

**Communion:** Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; for your law is the object of my meditations.

Psalm 136 tells us to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever." Gratitude touches the heart of God, as St. Therese of Lisieux once said, and draws down more graces, which elicit even more gratitude, and so on and so forth. The Entrance Antiphon reminds us of the gravity of our sins before God; our gratitude, then, should correspond to the greatness of His Mercy as revealed to us in the saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. This gratitude will fill us with confidence in God's love in the midst of our trials. In the Offertory Antiphon, Queen Esther places her confidence in God as she intercedes for her people; in the Communion Antiphon, the Psalmist turns with delight to the laws of God and places his confidence in God's deliverance from tribulation. Make an act of gratitude at Mass today (Eucharist = thanksgiving!) for all the mercy God has shown us in forgiving our sins and in blessing us with health and abundance for the building up of the Kingdom!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

#### **Religious Education Schedule for October**

- Children's & HS Christian Formation/First Sacraments-Sundays 9:15–10:15 AM
- RCIA-Sundays 12:30-1:30 PM
- HS Youth Group-Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2023...The Sunday 8 AM Mass will be back to its original time at 8:30 AM, moving Children's & HS Christian Formation/First Sacraments to 9:45-10:45 AM.

# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant,
Moses

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

# **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, Ed Shaffrey, 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 walking with us in our 3rd annual Friends of the Poor Walk! Together, we enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship! Our community cares about our neighbors in

need. Thank you for your support. 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 <a href="mailto:info@svdp-ht.org">info@svdp-ht.org</a>

#### **MINISTRIES**

<u>OUTREACH</u>: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contribution and donations! During the month of September, we distributed pantry bags to **96** households**/230** individuals and served **349** lunches during soup kitchen. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless! (This USDA food pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

HAITI MINISTRY: Father Asmith reported heavy rains but not the winds from the hurricane. Other parts of Haiti were impacted more by Hurricane Ian than Saltadere region was. The hurricane had not impacted the St. Michel Feast day. It is special to their church but also to the village. The offering often includes goats, chickens, turkeys, and ducks. Following the service is also a big meal for visiting dignitaries and parishioners. Also, the school start date was again in question, with the unrest in the major cities and towns. A delay will impact the teachers as well as the students. Hourly teachers and staff are not paid if they are not working. It does affect the village as these are the higher paid teachers and may have a little more cash to spend in the village. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 impactively community.) 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! <a href="https://richmonddiocese.org/diocesan-synodal-synthesis-report/">https://richmonddiocese.org/diocesan-synodal-synthesis-report/</a>

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- OCTOBER 9, 2022 "But the word of God is not chained." Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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# FROM THE PASTOR





#### **OUR LIFE AND STRENGTH IN THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS**

Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"The blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son until she stood at the Cross, in keeping with the divine plan."

In this month of the Rosary (October), as we continue our series on *Our Life and Strength in the Eucharistic Jesus*, it is fitting that we involve the Blessed Virgin Mary to help us, through the example of her holy life, to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharistic Jesus in our lives.

The Eucharist, while commemorating the Passion and Resurrection, is also in continuity with the Incarnation. At the Annunciation, Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of His Body and Blood. It can be said, then, that "Jesus' Body and Blood (are) taken from the body and blood of the Blessed Virgin." That is, it is the very same body born of Mary which is glorified and present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In other words, in Jesus is always the Immaculate flesh and the Virginal blood of His Most Holy Mother.

This is attested to by the saints as well. Saint Thomas Aquinas states that "(taken) from the 'intact Virgin' ... the Flesh of Jesus is the maternal flesh of Mary; the Blood of Jesus is the maternal blood of Mary. Therefore, it will never be possible to separate Jesus from Mary." Saint Augustine also states that "Jesus took His

Flesh from the flesh of Mary." Going further, he says that "in the Eucharist Mary extends and perpetuates Her Divine Maternity."

At the Mass for the closing of the third session of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI said, "For the glory of the Blessed Virgin and our own consolation, we proclaim the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church, of the whole people of God."

So, in accordance with the mind of the Catholic Church, as Mother of the Church, Mary again has a role linked to the Eucharist. From the beginnings of Christianity, Mary in the Eucharistic celebration, is the "memory" of a Church, who like Mary yearns to ponder the Word of God in her heart (Luke 2:19-51) and to unite herself as bride to Christ the Redeemer (John 19:25-27). The Church assembling makes her mind and heart one with those in the Cenacle, "with Mary the Mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). Today as in the first community, Mary is present in the celebration of the "breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42).

The fathers of the Church say that: "These two maternal roles as Mother of the Church and Mother of God connect in that Mary sees the living Jesus in every Christian participating in the Eucharist." In addition, "just as Mary nourished the Child of her womb, so she nourishes those who are being born of her spiritually by providing them with the fruit of her womb. It is, of course, a subordinate role." Mary is also "a symbol of the communicant, for she bore the God-Man in her bosom. She is a perpetual invitation to Holy Communion, for she is as attached to her son in the Holy Eucharist as she is in all other phases of His life." Thus, as Mother of the Church, Our Lady sees us as her children and desires to see us nourished with the Bread of Life.

Pope St. John Paul II, addressing the crowd after the Angelus in 1983, said: "At the root of the Eucharist is the virginal and maternal life of Mary, because every Mass puts us into intimate communion with Mary, the mother, whose sacrifice 'becomes present' just as the sacrifice of her Son 'becomes present' at the words of consecration." So, in the Mass, Christ in and with Himself, offers the sacrifice of praise of His entire Body, so in Him and with Him, Mary offers and is offered in each Eucharistic celebration in that utterly unique way which reflects her role in the Redemption her Son achieved for her and for all of us. Mary's relationship to her Son in the Eucharist also offers a rich source of material for reflection and personal devotion. We are drawn closer to both Our Lady and Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It must be noted that, right after Holy Communion, we carry Jesus within our souls and bodies just as the Blessed Virgin Mary did when she had received the message of the angel.

To be continued...



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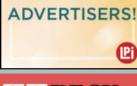


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