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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 11AM
Monday + Friday 12PM
(except First Friday)
Tuesday-Thursday 7AM
First Friday 6PM
Saturday 8AM

ADORATION

Thursday 7PM-8PM
First Friday 7PM-8PM

CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM

Please Send Bulletin Submissions
by 3PM Mondays to
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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

That all those now discerning their vocation will be attentive in prayer and active in their response to Jesus the Eternal Word who calls them, we pray to the Lord.

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 (7/15)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/16) Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, in Honor of Father Joseph Mary's Birthday

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Bible Basics for Catholics

11 AM Mass

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (7/17)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/18)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/19)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/20)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

6:30-8 PM Confession/Adoration

FRIDAY (7/21)

12 PM Mass

2 PM HC Afternoon Movie *Prince of Egypt*

7-8 PM Confession and Adoration

SATURDAY (7/22)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/23) Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by the Stelow Family

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Bible Basics for Catholics

11 AM 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.

7/18 Saint Camillus de Lellis

7/19 Saint Mary MacKillop

7/20 Saint Apollinaris

7/21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

7/22 Saint Mary Magdalene

7/23 Saint Bridget of Sweden

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 (7/15)

8 AM Military Police Personnel

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (7/16)

8:30 AM † Peggy Lynn Cox

11 AM Mark and LaDean Barnes

MONDAY (7/17)

12 PM Yulia Savona

TUESDAY (7/18)

7 AM Maximus McHugh

(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek)

WEDNESDAY (7/19)

7 AM All the Youth in Our Parish

(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek)

THURSDAY (7/20)

7 AM † Alfred M. Goodison III

(Michele Skarvelis)

FRIDAY (7/21)

12 PM † Helen Hall

(Collette Hall and Kelton Finn)

Thea Marinaccio and

Elizabeth Marinaccio

(Barnes Family)

SATURDAY (7/22)

8 AM Schemmel Family

5 PM Stephanie Crews

SUNDAY (7/23)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Jane Till Danilek

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

7/15 Saint Bonaventure

7/16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7/17 Saint Francis Solano

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2023

Offertory	\$5,436
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Under Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$3,064</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

7/9/2023 Outreach

7/23/2023 Maintenance Fund

PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS

If you will be away this summer, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from wherever you are! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. All Second Collections are accepted online, as well. Please visit:

<https://holycorforterparish.org/online-giving/>
for the **Online Giving** link, or scan
this **QR code** to support Holy
Comforter Parish! **THANK YOU!!**

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: When I cried out to the Lord, he heeded my call against my assailants; he who is before the beginning of the world and who endures forever has humbled them. Cast your cares upon the Lord, and he will sustain you.

Offertory: Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed.

Communion: The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in your house, they shall praise you for ever and ever.

The Propers this weekend are characterized by a striking degree of confidence commixed with longing. Both the Entrance and Offertory declare the faithfulness of God, exhorting us to trust in his promises and care for us in our difficulties. At the same time, one can hear the soul offering a "sacrifice of praise", saying these prayers of confidence in the midst of trials. The Offertory in particular sighs, "do not allow my enemies to laugh at me". Our sighing is brought to end with the supremely consoling and tender Communion Antiphon, which uses the imagery of birds – small and lowly ones – to demonstrate the settledness of dwelling in God's house. We no longer need to wander from place to place looking for happiness, and the cries of those who hate us wash over us as we bask in the radiance of God's paternal care for us in our needs. Let us keep the faith and turn to Jesus in our misery that we might find rest bear fruit for the good of others.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HOLY COMFORTER VBS

July 31-August 4, 8:30 AM-11:30 PM

Charlottesville Catholic School

Holy Comforter's Vacation Bible School is coming soon! **Volunteers are Needed!** Please sign up to volunteer at the RE Table in the Commons. Registration is July 1-16. [Registration forms are on the RE Table.](#)

HC Family Afternoon Movie!

Friday, July 21 at 2 PM Movie: *Prince of Egypt*

Dreading the hot humid days of July and having nothing to do? Then come to Holy Comforter for a free movie, popcorn, drinks AND air conditioning! *Such a deal!* Invite your friends! Fun is sure to had by all! Join us!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sixteenth Sunday in

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Eileen Bracuti, Stephanie Crews, Emmett Dudley, Kelton Flinn, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Ann Jackson, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Florence Cassidy, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Hung Dinh, Arthur Eddleston, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Julie Kajihara & Family, Teena and Raymond Klein, Chris Irwin Krupka, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Melodie Mougelle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Sally Paget-Brown, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, David Rathburn, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Monica Wadium, Don and Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, or to add or remove a name, please contact the office 434.295.7185 reception@holycomforterparish.org

We need new members who can return phone calls or visit our neighbors in need. If you would like to help, please join us at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. Please note that we will not be meeting on July 4th. For more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, see www.svdpt-hr.org or email us at info@svdp-hr.org. Thank you! **SVDPT Stuff-the-Truck donation collection: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference will conduct a "Stuff-the-Truck" donation collection 9-11 am Saturday, July 15th in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church parking lot.** We will collect "gently used" clothes only and then transport them to the new SVdP Thrift Store in Richmond (<https://svdp-rvacouncil.org/thrift-store>). Your donations will support the SVdP Richmond Council who help friends in need in Virginia. Thank you for your generosity.



MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of June, we handed out **153** food bags to **410** individuals in Food Pantry and served **395** lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks and God Bless! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: Our mission is to strengthen our parish community through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Email Sharon Dudley at mercy@holycomforterparish.org for more information about joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, and the parish homebound.

HAITI: Father Asmith, Pastor of St. Michel, will be taking part in the Holy Comforter Services the weekend of 19 November. This will be his first visit to the U.S., and he will meet with parishioners afterwards. We have also completed our first Haitian Arts and Crafts Fair of the season down in Scottsville and sold approximately \$400. Thank you to Ginny Zeller, Haiti Ministry. They will next be at Stonefield, check with Ginny if interested. We also have the "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament in September, we need golfers, sponsors, and donors. Businesses can buy various levels of publicity for the tournament. Please get in touch with Dan Wassilchick, DMW9V@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu, or (434)243-6047, it's scheduled at Wintergreen's lower course.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST: Invites you to come learn more and to get involved! Friday, July 21st at 6:30 PM at Incarnation's Parish Activity Center (PAC). Are you interested in an independent high school that is joyfully rooted in our Catholic faith tradition? Chesterton Academy of Saint John the Evangelist is slated to open Fall 2024 in Charlottesville, starting with ninth and tenth graders. As part of the Chesterton School Network this school will offer a rigorous, well-rounded classical curriculum with a strong emphasis on cultivating Catholic Christian virtues and an appreciation of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. Please use the link chestertonschoolsnetwork.org. To RSVP or questions, please contact Victoria Lannon at gregnbuk@gmail.com

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, we are seeking an Elementary Teacher (JK-5th), a full-time Spanish Teacher (capable of teaching Spanish I and II), and a School Counselor. Teacher applicants should have a current Virginia state Teaching License. If you are interested, send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



IMMERSED IN THE LIFE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part VI

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2Corinthians 1:21-22

We continue to navigate through the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; how they help us to be fully immersed in the life of the Holy Spirit and live up to our calling.

We have the gift of knowledge; Oftentimes, the gift of knowledge is confused with the benefits that come with the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and counsel; however, the gift of Knowledge granted through the Holy Spirit may be understood as the ability to constantly see God's hand in all things. The hand of God is a symbol of God's guidance, instruction, and discipline. The more we recognize the hand of God, the better we will be able to follow His lead. Through the study of God's Word, a strong prayer life, and an abiding trust in God, we can learn to recognize, trust, and enjoy the hand of God moving in our lives.

When we are blessed with the gift of knowledge, we need not be reminded that God's is constantly working around us.

Scripture says: *"To you it was shown that you might realize and have personal knowledge that the Lord is God; there is no other besides Him."* (Dt 4:35).

Another gift to consider is Piety: Each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit intend to transform us to becoming better Christians. If you failed at keeping God's name sacred once, or if you were unable to attend Sunday mass at one point, the gift of piety will strengthen your resolve at being a more pious Christian. The gift of piety strengthens your soul, making you a stronger individual in the process. The word of God says: *"For kings and all who are in authority, a quiet and peaceable life we may all lead in piety and gravity."* (1Tm. 2:2)

Fortitude is another gift to consider: While piety strengthens our spirit to fight temptation and evil, fortitude translates this strength to something more tangible and physical. Fortitude from the Holy Spirit (sometimes known as courage) is a God-given kind of strength that extends to our words, deeds, and actions. When we are fortified by the Holy Spirit, we become more actively (and physically) capable of fighting evil and temptation. *"And fortitude develops maturity of character. And character of this sort produces joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation."* (Rm. 5:4).

Finally, the Holy Spirit also grants us the ability to constantly acknowledge that everything around us belongs to the Lord. Fear of the Lord should not be understood as the negative fear of God's wrath; instead, it manifests in our lives as the consistent recognition that God is the source of all life. Fear of the Lord may also be understood as awe of the Lord or wonder of the Lord. While the word "fear" may give off a negative connotation, the actual gift is nothing but positive.

We are aware that the life of a Christian is not one without problems, temptation, and fear. As we age, we will undoubtedly encounter problems caused by our wrong decisions, our lack of faith, and our lack of trust in the Lord. Without the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are likely to backslide from our faith, and succumb to the temptations of the evil one. It goes without saying that the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit serve as our shield against evil entities, evil thoughts, evil deeds, and evil words.

The End

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please send them to Melinda Wells, DRE, dre@holycorforterparish.org.

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