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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5PM
Sunday	8:30AM & 11AM
Monday + Friday (except First Friday)	12PM
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
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

That with dedicated spirits, we will beg the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese who will help gather the wheat of souls into His barn, 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 (7/22)

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

4:30 PM Parish Anniversary Potluck (LL)

MONDAY (7/24)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/25)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/26)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/27)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7-8 PM Confession/Adoration

FRIDAY (7/28)

12 PM Mass

6:30 -7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (7/29)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/30) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Mel Crews

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.

7/25 Saint James

7/26 Saints Joachim and Anne

7/27 Saint Titus Brandsma

7/28 Blessed Stanley Rother

7/29 Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7/30 Saint Solanus Casey

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 (7/22)

8 AM Schemmel Family

5 PM Stephanie Crews

SUNDAY (7/23)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Jane Till Danilek

MONDAY (7/24)

12 PM † Rev. John Abe OCD
(CSC of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity)

TUESDAY (7/25)

7 AM Military and Police

WEDNESDAY (7/26)

7 AM All Who Suffer Injustices

THURSDAY (7/27)

7 AM Stella Gilbert
(Deacon Henry and Alicia)

FRIDAY (7/28)

12 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (7/29)

8 AM Ava and Clara Anderson in Honor of
their Birthdays on Sunday

5 PM Dorothy and George Lilly
(Mary Francis Lilly)

SUNDAY (7/30)

8:30 AM Grandparents and Elderly

11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

7/22 Saint Mary Magdalene

7/23 Saint Bridget of Sweden

7/24 Saint Sharbel Makhoul

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

The Offertory Report for Week Ending July 23, 2023 will be published in next weekend's Bulletin.

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



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Behold, God is my helper, and the Lord is the upholder of my soul; turn back all the evil against my enemies, destroy them in your fidelity, O Lord, the Protector of my life.

Offertory: The ordinances of the Lord are right, bringing joy to all hearts, sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. Therefore your servant will observe them.

Communion: You will accept a sacrifice of righteousness, oblations and burnt offerings, placed on your altar, O Lord.

The Book of Wisdom beautifully and clearly highlights God's "leniency" as a characteristic that flows from His perfect dominion over all creation. He is almighty, keeping all things in existence, affirming their goodness. It with this confidence that we can call on Him as "my helper" and "the upholder of my soul"; He created us from nothing and keeps us in existence because he loves us and desires us to be with Him forever. This knowledge should bring us consolation and strengthen us for the work that needs to be done. The toil of this life will be but a memory in comparison to eternity, hence "The ordinances of the Lord are[...]sweeter than honey or the honeycomb" because they lead us to everlasting life. Let us take up our daily crosses with the joyful knowledge that seeds of grace are being planted in fertile ground to yield a plentiful harvest of righteousness and mercy!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK

Parish Life invites you to our **Parish Anniversary Potluck (LL)**

This **Sunday July 23rd at 4:30 PM** on the Lower Level.

It will also be a goodbye party for our seminarians.

Cake will be provided. See you there!

HOLY COMFORTER VBS

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

Charlottesville Catholic School

Holy Comforter's Vacation Bible School is coming soon! The theme will be "The Holy Eucharist" in keeping with the National "Eucharistic Revival! Check-in begins at 8:00 AM. Children should wear play clothes and bring a water bottle. Snacks will be provided! Registration forms are on the Religious Education table in the Commons. Join us!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday
in
Ordinary time

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*
The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

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 Vinklerek, 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

Thank you! Our "Stuff-the-Truck" donation collection was a success! The clothing donated was priced and hung on the racks by our local Vincentians volunteering at the store on Saturday. Your donations support the SVdP Richmond Council who help friends in need in Virginia. Thank you for your generosity. We pray with those we visit and those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. You are in our prayers. God bless you! 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. For more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdP-ht.org, email us at info@svdp-ht.org or call us at 434-226-8022, and we will get back to you. Thank you! God bless you for your prayerful consideration



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. Thank you to all who purchased flowers in November and March through the Giant Food Bloomin' 4 Good Program. The money raised will be used in Outreach to help our neighbors in need. 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: The Miami Herald, "The international armed force the United Nations is seeking to help Haiti dismantle the threat to its stability and secure the country for elections could consist of a mix of military and police units, but must have the muscle, assets, and intelligence capabilities necessary to fight heavily armed kidnapping gangs." Headline this week, "With help from American priest, four Haiti gang leaders have called a truce. Can it last?" Headlining the American priest is for a point. People are effective, not governments. The UN and US have been debating this for over two years. Thirteen years ago, Haiti had a Category 5 hurricane and a Class 7+ earthquake that ravaged the country and the capital." The "WORLD" raised over five hundred billion dollars for Haiti, over 10 years of GNP. Haiti received less than fifty million dollars. Thank you from the Haiti Committee, and the people of St. Michel and Saltadare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BERNARD ROBERT BONNOT, UNBOUND: Aug. 5 and 6. 2023, Rev. Bernard Robert Bonnot, will be with us to celebrate Masses and Confession and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, please call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.
ST. ZELIE'S GROUP FOR WOMEN— A support group for women carrying the invisible cross of miscarriage or stillbirth. The next St. Zelie's group meeting will be Sunday July 30th 6:30-8pm at St. Thomas Aquinas downstairs in the library.

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



OUR STRENGTH IS THE EUCHARIST

Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins” Matthew 26:26-28

The Holy Eucharist is the central sacrament in our Catholic faith, as we believe it is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. According to Church teaching, during the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine offered by the faithful are transformed into the body and blood of Christ through a process called *transubstantiation*. During the celebration of the Eucharist, the priest consecrates the bread and wine, and the faithful receive the body and blood of Christ under these forms at communion. This act of communion with Christ and with one another is seen as a way to strengthen the unity of the Church.

It also strengthens the life of the faithful, so that faced with the trials of life we remain strong because of the Body and Blood we receive. As someone said: ***“From the Eucharist we will draw from the fountain our strength, perseverance, and inspiration. We will lead others back to Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, for He***

alone can lead us to the Father” (anon.). And more famously: “The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful” (St. Teresa of Calcutta).

The Lord Jesus said, **“The bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world” (Jn 6:51)**. In these words, the Lord reveals the true meaning of the gift of the Eucharist: life for all people. These words also reveal His deep compassion for every man and woman and indicate how much we need Jesus. The Gospels frequently speak of Jesus’ feelings towards others, especially the suffering and sinners: **“Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him” (Mt. 20:34)**. also, **“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things” (Mk. 6:34)**. Through a profoundly human sensibility, He expresses God’s saving will for all people – that they may have true life.

Each celebration of the Eucharist makes sacramentally present the gift that the crucified Lord made of His life for us and for the whole world. In the Eucharist, Jesus also makes us witnesses of God’s compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbor, which consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know. This can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, an encounter which has become a communion of will, affecting even my feelings. The most holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Eucharist, is a rich source of abundant blessings, and it has many powerful effects in our lives.

To be continued...

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