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MASS TIMES

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Sunday	8:30AM & 11AM
Monday + Friday (except First Friday)	12PM
Tuesday-Thursday	7AM
First Friday	6PM
No First Friday August and September	
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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023

That the Holy Spirit will give
inspiration and guidance to all those
discerning their vocation in Christ,
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 (7/29)

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

MONDAY (7/31)

8:30-11:30AM VBS at CCS

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (8/1)

8:30-11:30AM VBS at CCS

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY (8/2)

8:30-11:30AM VBS at CCS

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

THURSDAY (8/3)

8:30-11:30AM VBS at CCS

12 PM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (8/4)

8:30-11:30AM VBS at CCS

12 PM Mass

SATURDAY (8/5)

4 PM Confessions

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/6) Transfiguration of the Lord

Altar Flowers Donations are appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

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.

8/1 Saint Alphonsus liguori

8/2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

8/3 Saint Peter Julian Eymard

8/4 Saint John Vianney

8/5 Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica

8/6 Transfiguration of the Lord

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 (7/29)

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 Our Staff Who are Ill

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (7/31)

12 PM † Robert and † Alice Prinz and Family (Mel Crews)

TUESDAY (8/1)

12 PM Sick and Dying

WEDNESDAY (8/2)

12 PM Father Joseph Mary

THURSDAY (8/3)

12 PM Father Joseph Mary

FRIDAY (8/4)

12 PM Nicholas and Emily Pierson in Celebration of their 5 year wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY (8/5)

5 PM For Our Seminarians

SUNDAY (8/6)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Jane Till Danilek

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

7/29 Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7/30 Saint Solanus Casey

7/31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

The Offertory Report for Weeks Ending July 23 & 30, 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://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link, or **scan this QR code** to support Holy Comforter Parish! **THANK YOU!!**



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.

Offertory: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord, I cried unto you and you healed me.

Communion: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant seeking fine pearls; having found one of great worth, he went and sold all that he had, and he bought it.

There is a harmonious relationship between Solomon's desire for wisdom in the first reading and the fulfillment of that desire in the Gospel, where Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate, reveals to us "little ones" the mysteries of the Kingdom. But it is not without cost. In fact – it costs us EVERYTHING. The fine pearl and the treasure in the field are bought after the merchant and person respectively sell all their possessions to have the necessary funds. What is striking about the "person" buying the treasure in the fields is that he does so "joyfully". When we see the Kingdom for what it is, i.e., abiding in the Presence of "the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house", we want nothing else because deep down we know nothing will satisfy us more than intimacy with our Creator. Let us examine our lives and seek to remove those things that attach us to earthly living and make us forget heaven, lest "my foes rejoice over me". The Devil wants to distract us with short-term happiness, but God will "give power and strength to his people" if we but call upon Him in times of temptation. Keep the faith!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HOLY COMFORTER VBS

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

Holy Comforter's Vacation Bible School starts this Monday! 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! Registration is limited but still open!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Transfiguration of The Lord

First Reading Daniel 7:9–10,13–14

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1–2,5–6,9

A Song of Praise to God our King.

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16–19

Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1–9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

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.

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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@holycorforterparish.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the 2nd quarter of 2023, we gave **457** food bags to **1,247** individuals in Food Pantry and served **1,076** lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach though your contributions and donations especially as the need has increased. Thank you to all who purchased flowers in November and March through the Giant Food Bloomin' 4 Good Program. The money donated will be used in Outreach to help our neighbors. 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@holycorforterparish.org for more information about joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, and the parish homebound.

HAITI: The Haiti Tri-Parish Ministry lost a dear and unique individual this past week. George Newcombe, who was a member of the Haiti Tri-Parish Executive Committee for over eight years and a frequent lector, passed away. Please remember George and his family in your prayers. Father Asmith and St. Michel parish have already had a Mass of Resurrection for George. Thank you to the anonymous individual/family for the seventeen thousand dollar (\$17,141) school solar power donation. This is a 6 kw system and one of Father Asmith's priorities for this fiscal year. We will hopefully have a full computer lab with internet connections for educational use this coming school year. The planning for the Hope for Haiti Golf Tournament is in full swing. We are in need of volunteers to help. Please call Dan at 434-243-6047 or DMW9V@uvahealth.org. We need 170 more sponsors to operate St. Michel school for another year. Ten new students were sponsored in July.

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. Zelig's group meeting will be Sunday July 30th 6:30-8pm at St. Thomas Aquinas downstairs in the library.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS SEEKING an elementary teacher (JK-5) for the 2023-2024 school year, with a current VA state Teaching License. The successful candidate must instruct through engaged, hands-on teaching and learning, utilize 21st Century teaching skills, possess good communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with an instructional team. Practicing Catholics preferred. Please 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, C'ville, VA 22901 or email v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

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FROM THE PASTOR



OUR STRENGTH IS THE EUCHARIST

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 merely 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; He wished Him to remain with us forever, perpetuating His Real Presence and His sacrifice in the Eucharist. And what does this mean for 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 then, 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? This is a challenge to be undertaken both at a personal level as well as a social level. But do you have a deeper understanding of the Eucharist? 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” that 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, as 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 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 to 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...

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

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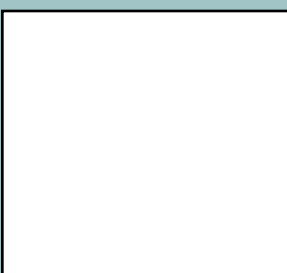
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