



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## AUGUST 13 2023

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5PM
Sunday	8:30AM & 11AM
Monday + Friday	12PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
Tuesday-Thursday *	7AM
First Friday	6PM
*Daily Mass at 12 PM Aug. thru' Sept. 10	
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
*Confession Saturdays at 4:00PM Only during August thru' September 10	

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### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023

That those who have been given their vocations as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women will be guided to imitate the Lord's generosity as they live that gift, 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 (8/12)

4 PM Confessions

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (8/13) Nineteenth Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers are donated by Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek in honor of the Blessed Mother Mary

#### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### REGISTRATION ON RE TABLE

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

4 PM Vespers

### MONDAY (8/14)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

### TUESDAY (8/15) ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6 PM Mass

### WEDNESDAY (8/16)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

### THURSDAY (8/17)

12 PM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7-8 PM Holy Hour

### FRIDAY (8/18)

12 PM Mass

### SATURDAY (8/19)

4 PM Confessions

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (8/20) Twentieth Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers are donated by Rob and Linda Tylka in honor of Father Joseph Mary

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.

8/15 Assumption of the BVM

8/16 Saint Stephen of Hungary

8/17 Saint Joan of the Cross

8/18 Saint Louis of Toulouse

8/19 Saint John Eudes

8/20 Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Thomas & Ann Pierpoint, Jr.  
Hugo & Brittany Olivari and Family  
Steve & Anna Sismon and Family

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@hollycomforterparish.org](mailto:Reception@hollycomforterparish.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY (8/12)

5 PM Members of the Parish

#### SUNDAY (8/13)

8:30 AM Jackson Kulick and Family

11 AM Members of the Pastoral Council

#### MONDAY (8/14)

12 PM Lee and Dominique Faust and Family

#### TUESDAY (8/15)

12 PM Lois Staas (Glenn Showalter)

6 PM † Phillip Taliaferro

#### WEDNESDAY (8/16)

12 PM Kevin Gallagher and Family

#### THURSDAY (8/17)

12 PM † Tyler O'Brien (Peter Sacco)

#### FRIDAY (8/18)

12 PM Colleen Rock (Stelow Family)

#### SATURDAY (8/19)

5 PM † Justin Tooley

#### SUNDAY (8/20)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Rosita Bean (Stelow Family)

## SAINTS OF GOD

### *Blessed are You*

8/12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantel

8/13 Blessed Michael J. McGivney

8/14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2023

Offertory	\$3,368
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$5,382)</i>

## SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

**ALL MONTH** Christian Formation + Haiti +  
Justice and Peace

**8/13/2023** Outreach

**8/27/2023** 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:** Remember, O Lord, your covenant, and do not abandon for ever the souls of your poor; arise, O Lord, and judge your own cause; forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Offertory:** In you have I put my trust, O Lord; I said: "You are my God, my destiny is in your hands."

**Communion:** The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

*God longs to give us life in abundance ("The bread which I will give..."), for He created us for Himself, to experience intimacy with Him – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – for all eternity. The degree to which we trust in His mercy is the degree to which we shall receive His blessing. And even when our trust is small, His mercy and blessings far outweigh our own meager response. The Antiphons today reflect that proper attitude of self-abandonment and God's response to our gift of ourselves. Entrance Antiphons are particularly well suited to teaching us how to pray because they are very often petitionary in nature, begging God to "forget not the cries of those who seek you" and encouraging us to persevere in reaching out to God. When we pray, we invite Him into our lives to enact change and perform miracles like Peter's walking on the water. Like us, though, Peter doubted and the work of God in his life began to lose its efficacy. Let us therefore ask for an increase in the theological virtue hope, which helps us believe more firmly that God does not break His promises ("In you have I put my trust"). Jesus, help us in our unbelief!*

*Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION

#### BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13!

Please sign your children up for the opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. First Sacraments and Confirmation will be during Christian Formation as well. Registration Forms will be on the Religious Education Table in the Commons, beginning Sunday, August 13. Christian Formation will begin September 10, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM on the Lower Level.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

#### First Reading

*Isaiah 56:1,6-7*

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8*

All the nations will praise God.

#### Second Reading

*Romans 11:13-15,29-32*

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

#### Gospel Reading *Matthew 14:22-33*

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

August 13, Nineteenth 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 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 Mougeolle 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](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** During the month of July, we handed out **141** food bags to **376** individuals in Food Pantry and served **333** 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](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org) for more information about joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, and the parish homebound.

**HAITI:** August is turning into a blessed month for St. Michel College. We started with a generous donation that will benefit more than 20 students. Now we need to double that by end of month. The second week of September starts the Haitian school year, which hopefully is a return to norm. Father Asmith has done an excellent job on having the front walls and half of one side wall of the school refinished with a new cement sealing coat. The walls were made from homemade village block eighteen years ago and need maintaining. We are in need of **140 additional student sponsors**. Remember the **"Hope for Haiti"** Golf Tournament, Tuesday 26 September. Please keep Haiti and St. Michel in your prayers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS SEEKING** an elementary teacher (JK-5) for the 2023-2024 school year, with a current VA state Teaching License. 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](mailto:v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org).

**CATHOLIC INVESTMENTS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSET ADVISORS' ADVISORY SERVICES:** Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming *Catholic Financial Planning Seminar and Social*. August 24, 2023 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 401 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903 RSVP free but required: [abbatekofc.com/events](http://abbatekofc.com/events) 1-866-868-1492 The Abbate Agency.



In the month of July, we received ~80 calls and provided financial assistance to 18 neighbors in need, spending an average of \$700.00 per household. Your donations help to bring Hope to our neighbors in need whose lives are defined by their struggles. Thank you for supporting our ministry with your prayers and charitable donations. You are in our prayers. God bless you! **SAVE-THE-DATE: September 27, 2023**, Wednesday Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul / Friends of the Poor Walk. Registration: 4:30 pm | Mass: 5 pm | Walk: 6 pm | Refreshments. At Holy Comforter Church, 208 E Jefferson St, Charlottesville. 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, please visit our website at [www.svdh-ht.org](http://www.svdh-ht.org) or email us at [info@svdh-ht.org](mailto:info@svdh-ht.org). Thank you!

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC



## EUCCHARISTIC MUSINGS

### PART I

Daniel Kirkland

In Father's absence, I have been asked to provide some reflections on the exceptionally broad topic of "the Eucharist". I am no theologian, but I hope to help you understand a little better Our Lord's promise of remaining with us until the end of the world. Understanding leads to love, so my prayer is that you will love Jesus more after having read these impoverished musings of mine. Lord, have mercy!

*Eucharistia*, the Greek root of Eucharist, literally means "thanksgiving". It is a term rich in symbolic meaning. You will often hear it used in reference to the bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist, then, is a sacrament, i.e., it becomes what it symbolizes. It is both a reenactment of Calvary, making it present to our time, and at the same time a true offering of Our Lord's Body and Blood to the Father. The Father gives us the gift of His Son that we might offer the Son back to the Father "in atonement for our sins and those of the whole

world". We renew the One Offering made on the Cross. Therefore, the Eucharist is also more broadly speaking the divine liturgy ("public work") that is offered to God the Father by His Son Jesus Christ in the person of the priest and the faithful in union with him. In short, it is the Mystical Body of Christ offering itself to the Father for the salvation of the world in the Mass.

Paraphrasing the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist is the *source and summit* of our Christian lives. It is the *source* because in receiving the Eucharist we become united to Jesus' sacred humanity, which is free from the power of sin through His Death and Resurrection. We experience this freedom in our souls because God has forgiven us our sins, which shackle us in shame, unworthiness, and guilt. Ultimately, we will experience this freedom in our bodies at the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time.

The Eucharist is also the *summit* because heaven will be the never-ending wedding banquet of the Lamb. We were created to be loved and to love; the experience of God's forgiveness will inspire in us an outpouring of ourselves in worship that begins in this life and is consummated in the next. Our worship is an expression of our *thanksgiving* for deliverance from the power of sin. St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that **"God has no need for our worship. It is we who need to show our gratitude for what we have received."**

Where there is understanding, there is love. It is important, then, to meditate on the Passion of Christ, calling to mind that every cruel torture and indignity He suffered was for love of us. We could never satisfy God's Justice because even the smallest sin is an infinite offense because God is infinite. Jesus paid the price and did so superabundantly. One drop of His Precious Blood would have been enough to pay our debt, but it was insufficient to express His love for us, so He gave EVERYTHING. The Eucharist, then, is our outpouring of gratitude for so generous a Savior.

We can see, then, that the Liturgy as our expression of worshipful gratitude to God is the most important thing we can do in our lives, and that it ought to have the character of great solemnity. Every Fourth of July, we reenact scenes from the American Revolution, reread the Declaration of Independence, and sing patriotic songs to remind us of the principles upon which this country was founded and to rekindle our dedication to its continued betterment. How could it also not be so many times over in our worship of God?

*To be continued...*

*Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please send them to Melinda Wells, DRE, [dre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycomforterparish.org).*

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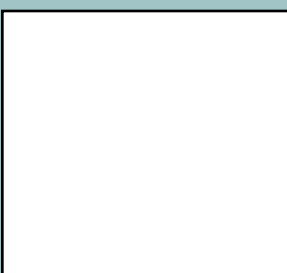
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