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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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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023

That those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage, generosity and strength to say "yes", and that they will receive the support of their families and friends, 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 (9/16)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (9/17) Twenty-Fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

Altar Flowers donated by the Stelow Family

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass Blessing of Catechists

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

4 PM Chesterton Academy of St John of the Evangelist-Information Session (Commons)

4:30 PM Youth Group Kick-Off Event!!

MONDAY (9/18)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (9/19)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (9/20)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (9/21)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (9/22)

9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (9/23)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (9/24) Twenty-Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Retired Religious

Altar Flowers donated by Joanne and Peter Mackey in Honor of their 47th Wedding Anniversary

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

4:30 PM Youth Group

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.

9/20 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions

9/21 Saint Matthew

9/22 Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

9/23 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

9/24 Saint John Henry Newman

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 (9/16)

8 AM Deacon Henry

5 PM † Joseph Stanley
(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

SUNDAY (9/17)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Geraldine Trist (Emma Trist)

MONDAY (9/18)

12 PM For All Married Couples in Holy Comforter's Parish

TUESDAY (9/19)

7 AM † Henry G. Davis (Outreach)

WEDNESDAY (9/20)

7 AM † Delia Siebert (Thomson Family)

THURSDAY (9/21)

7 AM † Dorothy

FRIDAY (9/22)

12 PM All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY (9/23)

8 AM Healing for Josephine

5 PM † Normand Auger
(Mary Fran Lilly and Family)

SUNDAY (9/24)

8:30 AM † Henry G. Davis (HC Staff)

11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

9/16 Saint Cornelius

9/17 Saint Robert Bellarmine

9/18 Saint Joseph of Cupertino

9/19 Saint Januarius

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Offertory	\$3,566
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$5,184)</i>

OFFERTORY SUPPORT

Your financial contributions to our Parish provide tremendous assistance to our overall Parish operations and the good works of our ministries. Please visit <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link or **scan this QR code to support Holy Comforter Parish! THANK YOU!!**



eGIVING

Through our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory, our parish ministries, and for all Diocesan and National collections. Please **click or scan the Online Giving QR code** to be directed to our giving portal. Thank you for your support of Holy Comforter!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

9/10/2023	Outreach
9/17/2023	Maintenance Fund
9/24/2023	Retired Religious
9/30/2023	"Learn to Lead" Special Collection for Catholic Schools

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord, so that your prophets may be proved trustworthy; hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Offertory: Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, and presented there-upon burnt offerings and sacrificial victims; he made an evening sacrifice as a fragrant offering to the Lord, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

Communion: Bring up your sacrifices and come into his courts; adore the Lord in his holy temple.

We have yet again another interesting dialogue between the readings and the propers. Similar to last week, the Antiphons are exceedingly worshipful, acknowledging our need to offer sacrifices to the Lord in acknowledgment of His omnipotence. This never-ending power of God places Him in a position to exercise mercy. We have all sinned, and even the smallest of these is an infinite offense to God, Who is perfectly Just. Yet He is also perfectly merciful. The readings today tell us that instead of receiving what we deserve, we are judged by how we treat others. It is a wonderful invitation to participate in God's own work of salvation for humanity! So let us "bring up [our own] sacrifices" to Mass, uniting them to the One Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross that atoned for all our faults, and we will find an abundance of mercy for ourselves and those in our lives in most need of it. Jesus, I trust in you!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ♦ **Christian Formation, First Sacraments and Confirmation**
Sundays, 9:45-10:45 AM. Lower Level
- ♦ **CF Parents' Meeting**, September 17, 9:45AM Lower Level
- ♦ **High School Youth Group** the *big Kick-off* is this Sunday, September 17, 4:30 PM. Lower Level
- ♦ **The Eucharist and Dante's Divine Comedy** are 2 reading groups being offered, starting in September. More information at TheTreasures.org. Register now, schedule TBD by participant needs, please email John Bugbee, bugbee@thetreasures.org

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In
Ordinary Time**

First Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9*

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 20:1-16*

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy. generous mercy.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) 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, 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, Betty and Tony Kapeluch, 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, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, 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



St. Vincent de Paul: Friends of the Poor Walk
September 27, 2023, Wednesday, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul at Holy Comforter Church.

Registration: 4:30pm | Mass: 5pm | Walk: 6pm

Refreshments to follow. Thank you for supporting our ministry with your prayers and charitable donations. You are in our prayers. God Bless you!

HAITI: The **Hope for Haiti** Golf Tournament is **ONE Sunday away from tee time**. Maria's gift bags for all players is almost worth the cost of being able to tee up. The luncheon planned is outstanding and the course superb. We need 20 more players or 5 foursomes. Contact Dan at DMW9V@uvahealth.org or 434-243-6047. This is open to all including friends and neighbors. St. Michel School starts on 11 September and **sponsors are needed!** You may use the Parish Giving and choose Haiti. Thank you! Please pray for Haiti and Saltadare.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of August the need has continued to increase. We handed out 166 food bags to 403 individuals in the Food Pantry and served 403 lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your contributions and donations. Thank you! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

PARISH LIFE: SAVE THE DATE: Join us for a ***potluck dinner in celebration of the Feast of the Archangels on Friday September 29th at 5pm*** on the Lower Level. Bring a Blackberry themed dish to share! Sign up at Flocknote.

WORKS OF MERCY: 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 parish homebound.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We will assemble in the Commons after the 11:00 am Mass on September 24, and will also be present at the Ministry Fair following each of the October 15 Masses. For information about our ministry, please contact Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775 or gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com, and for general information please visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMFORTER TEAM OF IMPACT: An Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together--will be holding 2 listening sessions during September as an introduction to this social justice organization via Zoom session on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m., and an in-person, Saturday, September 23, following the 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Comforter (lower level). Heavy refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending either of the sessions, or if you are interested in attending a to-be-determined session, please contact IMPACT team member Suzanne Bailey, (434) 326-3166, slank@ntelos.net

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF SAINT JOHN OF THE EVANGELIST: An independent classical high school that is joyfully rooted in the Catholic faith, is slated to open Fall 2024, starting with 9th and 10th graders. See our website www.ChestertonSJE.org. We will have an Info Session on Sept. 17th at Holy Comforter at 4 PM in the Commons Area. Refreshments provided. If able, please RSVP at info@ChestertonSJE.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT Oct. 20-22 - SAVE THE DATE! Your Parish Council, responding to Father's desire to deepen our knowledge of, and love for Christ in the Eucharist, will present a display on Eucharistic Miracles of the World, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis. A first class relic of Blessed Carlo will also be available for veneration. Details to follow. For info contact John Allison, johncatworth@yahoo.com or see this article:

<https://www.catholicherald.com/article/local/eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world-exhibition-starts-may-13/>

Charlottesville Catholic School continues to grow and flourish, with over 365 students enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year. As you follow the Bishop's call to donate to the Learn to Lead campaign, please designate Charlottesville Catholic School as the recipient of your generous donation by either writing in Charlottesville Catholic School on your pew card or selecting Charlottesville Catholic School from the drop-down online (if you use the QR code). We hope you will join us in continuing to bring Catholic education to the children of Charlottesville and the surrounding areas.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC



Eucharistic Musings: Part The End

By Daniel Kirkland

Many thanks to Dr. Bugbee for his contributions to this series on the Eucharist in Father's absence. I wish to end this with some considerations about bringing the Eucharist into our daily lives. The pre-eminent means of doing this besides attending daily Mass is *Eucharistic adoration*.

Reserving the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass is a practice that goes all the way back to the beginnings of the Church. St. Basil (d. 379) was said to have divided the Eucharistic bread he consecrated into three parts: one part for his consumption, one for his brother monastics, and one to be kept for the sick. As understanding of what the Eucharist was grew, so too did people's inclination to remain in the Presence, offering adoration and thanksgiving.

In the year of Our Lord 1079, Pope Gregory VII required a prominent theologian who denied the Real Presence of Jesus in the bread and wine to make a confession: **"I believe in my heart and openly profess that the bread and wine that are placed on the altar are, through the mystery of the sacred prayer and the words of the Redeemer, substantially changed into the true and proper and lifegiving flesh and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, and that after the consecration they are the true body of Christ."** This confession rekindled in Christendom a love for the Eucharist, inspiring people like St. Francis of Assisi to spread Eucharistic adoration throughout Italy. Pope Urban IV "sealed the deal" by instituting the feast of

Corpus Christi in 1264. St. Thomas Aquinas was asked to write several hymns in honor of the Eucharist and even the Proper texts for the Mass! The last two verses of his *Verbum Supernum Prodiens* are the famous hymn, "O Salutaris Hostia", and the last two verses of his *Pange Lingua Gloriosi* the "Tantum Ergo", both of which are used at holy hours even today.

The USCCB tells us that adoration **"is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.' Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church."**

Spending time with Jesus in front of a tabernacle or monstrance (the ornate display vessels used at holy hours) extends the saving consequences of the Mass even after it is finished, just as the Mass itself extends the consequences of the Sacrifice of Calvary. Truly, our Lord is fulfilling his promise to remain with us until the end of time! He is always there in the churches waiting for us, longing for us, as we long to be reunited with a dear friend or a beloved family member who has been away. It is enough to be in His Presence and let Him love us.

This year of Eucharistic revival is focused on parish life. Let us then live out this call to renewal by increasing our sense of reverence at Mass by affirming our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacramental bread and wine through devoted attentiveness and efforts to add greater solemnity to the Liturgy. Finally, let us commit ourselves to more "visits" to the Sacrament either during prescribed holy hours where we can affirm our belief in a public way or by quiet, daily visits to be with our precious Savior, with Whom we hope to spend eternity in saecula saeculorum.

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