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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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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

That there will be an abundance of
laborers chosen by the Lord to serve
as priests, deacons and in the
consecrated life in this vineyard of
the Diocese of Richmond,
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 (9/23)

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 Christian Initiation-Woojin Park

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

4:30 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (9/25)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (9/26)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (9/27)

Solemnity of St. Vincent de Paul

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

4:30 PM Walk for Life Registration

5 PM Mass

6:00 Walk for Life followed by Reception

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (9/28)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

5 PM Michaelmas Vespers and Potluck

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (9/29)

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

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (9/30)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/1) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2nd Collection-Learn to Lead (Catholic Schools)

Altar Flower donated by

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.

9/26 Saint Paul VI

9/27 Saint Vincent de Paul

9/28 Saint Wenceslaus

9/29 Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

9/30 Saint Jerome

10/1 Saint Therese of Lisieux

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 (9/23)

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
Woojin Park

MONDAY (9/25)

12 PM † Theresa Pfunter (Carol Ham)

TUESDAY (9/26)

7 AM † Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

WEDNESDAY (9/27)

5 PM Yulia Savona in Honor of Her Birthday

THURSDAY (9/28)

7 AM Daniel Kirkland in Honor of His Birthday

FRIDAY (9/29)

12 PM Cathie Lillis (Stelow Family)
Deceased Members of the Parish and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (9/30)

8 AM † Sean Barber (Gail Barber)

5 PM † Jane Till Danilek
† John Berg
(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

SUNDAY (9/31)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Dorothy (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

9/23 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

9/24 Saint John Henry Newman

9/25 Sts Louis Martin & Zélie Guérin

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://holycorforterparish.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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord; from whatever tribulations they cry out to me, I will give heed to them; and I will be their Lord for ever.

Offertory: If I walk in the midst of tribulation you shall preserve my life, O Lord; you shall stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand has delivered me.

Communion: You have ordered that your commandments be kept diligently; O that my ways may be guided towards the keeping of your statutes.

Isaiah's inspiring yet chilling opening words set the tone for everything today: "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." There is great confidence in this statement, backed up by the Entrance and Offertory Antiphons, which boldly proclaim that God will listen to those who call out to Him for help in their troubles. Their lives shall be preserved from the "fury of [their] enemies", i.e., the Devil and the power of Hell who seek to destroy our souls and enslave us for all eternity. God WANTS to save us and infinitely, insatiably desires us to call upon Him because He perfectly respects our free will and will never impose. He is the consummate lover! Yet, the confidence in these passages is tempered by a warning: "while he may be found...while he is near". Obviously, the implication is that the time of mercy is limited. For most of us, the "Day of Mercy" ends when we die and have to account for our lives. Let our ways "be guided towards the keeping of [His] statutes" so that when that moment of death arrives, we will have created the habit of saying "Yes!" to God and will be ready to meet Him with confidence and never-ending joy.

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 PARENT MEETING CHANGE:** October 1, 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-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-9

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading *Philippians 2:1-11*

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

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!

Charlottesville Catholic School continues to grow 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 bringing Catholic education to the children of Charlottesville and the surrounding areas.

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.

HAITI: The **Hope for Haiti** Golf Tournament is Tuesday, 26 May. You can still register to play or walk on before tee time. Contact Dan at DMW9V@uvahealth.org or 434-243-6047 or use Parish Giving. This is open to all including friends and neighbors. God bless and keep St. Michel, Saltadere, and Haiti in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPACT: An interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together - will be holding listening sessions as an introduction to this social justice organization. The in-person sessions will be, Saturday, September 23 following the 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Comforter (lower level), Sunday, October 1, following the 11a.m. Mass at Holy Comforter (lower level) and again at 3PM, at Holy Comforter (lower level). The last session will be Monday, Oct 2 at 6 p.m. at Holy Comforter (lower level). Refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please contact IMPACT team member Suzanne Bailey, (434) 326-3166, or slank@ntelos.net

EUCHARISTIC 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/>

FROM THE PASTOR



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The TABERNACLE

PART I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14

These six weeks from September 24th until October 29th, 2023, I invite you to take a journey with me reflecting on the Blessed Virgin Mary as **The Tabernacle**. Consider the tabernacle, that place of awe and wonder described often in the Old Testament, especially in the book of Exodus. From cherubim stitched into towering curtains to pillars overlaid with gold, the size and beauty of the tabernacle would have taken our breath away. Yet, inside all of that artistry and engineering was something (or Someone) even more spectacular: **“They are to make a sanctuary for me so that I may dwell among them” (Ex. 25:8)**. But as spectacular as the tabernacle must have been and as breathtaking as it would have been to see the cloud of God’s presence descend (Ex. 40:34), it was only a shadow of a coming, greater reality.

In the Old Covenant, God’s presence or glory had dwelt in the tabernacle according to the instructions given to Moses. But access to God’s tabernacle was prohibited, with the exception of the high priest, who could approach it only on the day of atonement after many sin offerings. Because of Israel’s sin, the tabernacle was lost and God’s concrete dwelling among His people was taken away in the exile, which continued up to Jesus’ day. But with Mary’s *fiat* at the Annunciation, God reestablished, in a greater and more intimate way, His dwelling among

Israel. Rather than dwelling in a tabernacle made of gold and lined with precious gems, God made His dwelling within the flesh and blood of a human person: the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the ultimate tabernacle, gilded not by gold but by the grace of God. She is adorned not with gems but with virtues, and an abundance of graces, particularly humility and love. The Catechism notes that, in Mary, God the Father finally finds a proper dwelling place among men for His presence.

Jesus did more than descend in a cloud. He wrapped Himself in human flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and walked among the people He had made. Through Jesus, man experienced fellowship with God undivided by poles and curtains. Yet even as we read about the Son of God walking and talking with man in the Gospels, we’re still just seeing shadows. God’s desire to dwell among the Israelites in the portable tabernacle and Christ’s willingness to take on flesh and live among mankind both point forward to the ultimate, full union of God and His people.

Since Eden, God has desired to dwell among His people, and now **“in Mary, the Holy Spirit fulfills the plan of the Father’s loving goodness” (CCC 723)**. What we know is that after the Annunciation Mary bears God in her womb. Just as the ark contained the tablets of the old law, the manna, and the staff of Aaron, Mary holds in her womb Jesus Christ the Messiah, who is the new law, the living bread from heaven, and the true high priest who offers His own life for us.

By the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, Mary becomes the new and paramount ark. Just as the ark of the covenant was made holy by its precious contents, so Mary is made holy by the Son of God made flesh within her womb and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. If the ark (**the Tabernacle**) of the covenant was rightfully revered in Israel’s liturgy, it should be no surprise that the ark of the New Covenant, Mary, has a place of great honor in the liturgy and life of the new Israel, the Church. After all, God has placed Mary in the midst of His heavenly temple and has crowned her with a crown of twelve stars. The Catechism declares: **“Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time” (CCC 721)**. As God’s “masterwork,” it is no wonder why all generations call her blessed.

To be continued...

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