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Saturday Vigil 5PM

Sunday 8:30AM & 11AM

Monday + Friday **12PM**

(except First Friday)

7AM Tuesday-Thursday 6PM First Friday Saturday MA8

ADORATION

Thursday 7PM-8PM First Friday 7PM-8PM

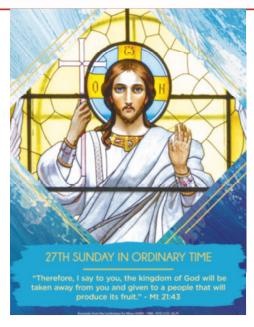
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-7:30PM Thursday 6:30-8PM First Friday 7 PM Sunday 1:30PM

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Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM

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10:30AM -12:30PM and Soup Kitchen:

Thursday 12 PM

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2023

That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, 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 (10/7)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/8) Twenty-Seventh

Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection-Outreach

Altar Flowers donated Anonymously

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM Rosary Procession

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

4:30 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (10/9)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (10/10)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY (10/11)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (10/12)

12 PM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (10/13)

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

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession & Adoration

SATURDAY (10/14)

MINISTRY FAIR AFTER MASS

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/15) Twenty-Eighth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES Altar Flowers donated by Therese Auger in Memory of Normand Auger

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 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 SATURDAY (10/7) himself our sufferings and carried our 8 AM † Taddeus and Roza (Father Joseph Mary) sorrows to lead us, through the cross, **5 PM** Members of the Parish 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. MONDAY (10/9) 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 12 PM For Holy Comforter Parishioners 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.

10/10 Saint Francis Borgia

10/11 Saint John XXIII

10/12 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

10/13 Blessed Maris Rose Durocher

10/14 Blessed Carlo Acutis

10/15 Saint Teresa of Avila

NEW PARISHIONERS

Thomas and Ann Pierpont, Jr. Hugo Fenaux & Brittany Olivari and Eloise Steven & Anna Sisman and Children Michael Savino

William & Bridget Russell and Lucy Ling Vu & Kim Hoang and Children **Erin Waters**

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

SUNDAY (10/8)

8:30 AM Kevin Haag (Father Joseph Mary) 11 AM † Richard Nordin, Sr. (Richard Nordin, Jr.)

12 PM For Holy Comforter Parishioners

TUESDAY 10/10)

WEDNESDAY (10/11)

12 PM For Holy Comforter Parishioners

THURSDAY (10/12)

12 PM † Frank A. Dodaro, On the Anniversary of His Death (Michele Skarvelis) For Holy Comforter Parishioners

FRIDAY (10/13)

12 PM Lori Stevenson (Stelow Family)

SATURDAY (10/14)

8 AM Kevin Haag and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary) **5 PM** Dotty Lilly (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (10/15)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Robert and Mary Klein (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

10/7 Our Lady of the Rosary

10/8 Saint John Leonardi

10/9 Saint Denis and Companions

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2023	
Offertory	\$5,411
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$3,339)

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

10/1/2023 Learn to Lead Special Collection

for Catholic Schools

10/8/2023 Outreach

10/22/2023 World Mission Sunday **10/29/2023** Maintenance Fund

We are accepting contributions for our Diocesan Catholic Schools. Proceeds from the *Learn to Lead* campaign will fund local priorities at our 23 schools, enhance financial aid, and develop outstanding teachers. Giving envelopes are available in the Commons. Please visit: learntoleadcampaign.org Thank you!

THANK YOU

Father Joseph Mary appreciates the participation of Holy Comforter parishioners in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As a result of your generosity, our parish share was \$11,089.50. Thank you!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: All things are submitted to your will, O Lord, and no one can resist your decisions; you have made all things, heaven and earth, and all that is contained under the vault of the sky; you are the master of the universe.

Offertory: There was a man in the land of Hus whose name was Job, a blameless, upright and God-fearing man; Satan asked to be allowed to tempt him, and the Lord gave him power over his possessions and his bod-y; and so, he destroyed his possessions and his children, and he ravaged his flesh with horrible sores.

Communion: My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word; when will you judge those who persecute me? The wicked are persecuting me; come to my assistance, O Lord my God.

The Entrance Antiphon should be a source of great comfort to us. Nothing escapes the power of God, and when we see good trampled down by evil, we can know with certainty that it is only temporary and will bring about a greater, more glorious victory of good over evil. We see this in the vineyard of the Lord in both the Old and New Testaments. The first vineyard was trampled down by the Babylonians and ultimately paved the way for Christ's coming. The murder of the son in the second vineyard (i.e., Jesus) as related in the Gospel brought about universal redemption for mankind. We now have a higher perspective for both the Offertory and Communion Antiphons, which bemoan tribulations suffered by Job and the Psalmist, respectively. Faith is tried by fire and perfected in its heat, as it were, but we know that Christ has already won the war against the Devil. We need but ask for an increase of faith and trust our Savior Who has trod the path of suffering ahead of us so that we might never traverse the narrow path alone. Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament reminds us of this truth that we are not alone. Come to adoration on Thursdays at 7pm and rest in that Sacred Heart which burns mightily for our salvation. Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.or

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OCTOBER CALENDAR

◆ CF PARENT/CHILD CLASS: OCTOBER 22, SUNDAY 9:45-10:45AM Blessed Carlo Acutis Talk, Relic Veneration & Exhibit Scavenger Hunt.

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 host an exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles of the World, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis. A first class relic of Blessed Carlo will also be available for veneration. For more info, contact John Allison, johncatworth@yahoo.com Please see this article:

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

In
Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 45:1,4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

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

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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 Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Leroy Anderson and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Benteejac, 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 or reception@holycomforterparish.org



With your support and generous donations, we help our neighbors in need. Together, we share our love for neighbor, and help the poor and hungry in our

community. You are making a difference for those whose lives are defined by their struggles. We reached our fundraising goal for the Friends of the Poor Walk! Our friends thank you for sharing your blessings. We prayed and walked on the downtown mall after mass. We shared a joy-filled evening. Thank you again for all your support. 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! 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 see www.svdp-ht.org or info@svdp-ht.org.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month we handed out 168 food bags to 443 individuals in the Food Pantry and served 359 lunches during the Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks and Blessings! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

<u>PARISH LIFE:</u> SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Ministry Fair will take place <u>October 14-15</u> after all Masses. *Please visit the Ministry tables in the Commons to see how you can share your God-given talents with others.*

<u>WORKS OF MERCY:</u> Our mission is to strengthen our parish community through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Email Sharon Dudley at <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> for more information about joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, and parish homebound.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: will 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. For general information please visit www.walkingwithmoms.com. HAITI: The HOPE FOR HAITI Golf Tournament is Tuesday, May 26. 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, & Haiti in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting applications for admissions for new students for the 2024-2025 year. Please see www.cvillecatholic.org for the application. An Admissions Open House will be held on October 18 from 4:00PM-6:00PM for anyone interested in learning more about the school. For any questions, or to schedule an indi-

vidual tour, please email admissions@cvillecatholic.org

FROM THE PASTOR



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The TABERNACLE

PART III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the Ark of the covenant, the place where the glory of the Lord dwells. She is 'the dwelling of God...with men.'"

CCC 2676

It is observed that in some of the churches in France, the tabernacle used to be enclosed in a statue of Our Lady of the Assumption. The significance of this is that it is always the Blessed Virgin Mary who gives us Jesus, who is the blessed Fruit of Her womb and the Heart of Her Immaculate Heart. While this tradition of constructing a tabernacle within a statue of the Virgin Mary is not widespread, it is an honorable custom that recognizes the beauty of Mary's role in salvation, and her image as the first "tabernacle" that housed the body and blood of Jesus Christ. One title of Mary in various Catholic litanies is Ark of the Covenant, connecting her with the Exodus tabernacle. She travels with us on our journey, carrying Jesus within her even as we await his final coming.

The late Pope Benedict XVI in one of his homilies on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary said: "Mary is the Ark of the Covenant (Tabernacle) because she welcomed Jesus within her; she welcomed within her the living Word, the whole content of God's will, of God's truth; she welcomed within her the One who is the new and eternal Covenant, which culminated in the offering of his Body and his Blood: a body and blood received through Mary. Therefore, Christian piety rightly turns to Our Lady in the litanies in her honor, invoking her as Foederis Arca, that is, 'the Ark of the Covenant,' the Ark of God's presence, the Ark of the Covenant of love which God desired to establish with the whole of humanity, in Christ, once and for all".

Mary helps us to bring the presence of God into our daily lives. For nine months, she carried the living God within her, as the child Jesus grew in her womb. Mary also reminds us that we, too, carry Christ within us after receiving Communion, as living tabernacles. She helps us to see anew the meaning and purpose of the tabernacle each time we are at Mass, holding within it the Eucharist, the body of Christ. In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius invites retreatants to ponder how "God dwells also in myself, giving me existence, life, sensation, and intelligence; and even further, making me his temple, since I am created as a likeness and image of the Divine Majesty" (No. 235).

I am his tabernacle. So are you. The Incarnation continues in the church, the body of Christ. The incarnate God dwells in me and in you. This month of October, we honor Mother Mary for her great yes to God's grand invitation to bear Christ within her. We adore Christ in the Eucharist, present in every tabernacle in every Catholic church in the world. Do we look to our own hearts, where God has chosen to dwell, making us his temple? Let us pray that we always be conscious of who we are, especially after communion time.

To be continued...

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