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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 PM
Sunday	1:30PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9AM-4PM
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2023

That from the many called to holiness
in Christ, those chosen to follow Him
more closely in the priesthood
and consecrated life will respond with
humble readiness,
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 (10/14)

8 AM Mass
MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/15) Twenty-Eighth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES
Altar Flowers donated by Therese
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8:30 AM Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12 PM RCIA
4 PM Vespers
4 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (10/16)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/17)

7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/18)

7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (10/19)

7 AM Mass
12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FRIDAY (10/20)

9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op
12 PM Mass
5-8 PM Carlo Acutis Relic & Exhibit
6:30-7:30 PM Confession & Adoration

SATURDAY (10/21)

8 AM Mass
9 AM- 4 PM Carlo Acutis Relic & Exhibit
5 PM Vigil Mass
6-8 PM Carlo Acutis Relic & Exhibit

SUNDAY (10/22) Twenty-Ninth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday
Altar Flowers donated by Mel Crews
8 AM-3 PM Carlo Acutis Relic & Exhibit
8:30 AM Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12 PM RCIA
12:15-1:15 PM Dr. Ryckman's Talk
Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic Miracles
4 PM Vespers
4:00 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.

10/17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch
10/18 Saint Luke
10/19 Sts Issac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and Companions
10/20 Saint Paul of the Cross
10/21 Saint Hilarion
10/22 Saint John Paul II

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@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY (10/16)

12 PM Dorothy Lilly (George Lilly)

TUESDAY 10/17

7 AM † John Joseph Valloric (Sylvia Valloric)

WEDNESDAY (10/18)

7 AM Ida Gallagher (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (10/19)

7 AM Steve Cady and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (10/20)

12 PM Holy Comforter's Altar Servers

SATURDAY (10/21)

8 AM Ed Mickiewicz and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)
5 PM Dennis Daugherty and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (10/22)

8:30 AM Kevin Gallagher and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)
† Ron Lavis (Eileen Lavis)
11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

10/14 Blessed Carlo Acutis
10/15 Saint Teresa of Avila
10/16 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2023

Offertory	\$17,732
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Above Weekly Budget	\$8,982

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 OCTOBER

ALL MONTH	Christian Formation + Haiti + 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

Next weekend we will unite with the global Church in celebrating **World Mission Sunday**. This year Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the

Propagation of the Faith, Home Missions, and Black and Indian Missions will bolster missionaries working to spread the "Good News." Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you.

October 16-22 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. The Diocese has partnered with FreeWill, an online tool that can help you create your estate plan for free. If you're inspired to include our parish in your planning, know that each expression of generosity profoundly nurtures our mission and community. Every gift is a cherished contribution that fosters our works of faith, love, and service. There are flyers in the commons and you can visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to learn more and get started.

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 body; 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

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OCTOBER CALENDAR

- ♦ **MINISTRY FAIR:** Visit the RE Table and sign up as a volunteer! So many things you could be involved in!
 - ♦ **CF PARENT/CHILD CLASS:** OCTOBER 22, SUNDAY 9:45-10:45AM
Blessed Carlo Acutis Talk, Relic Veneration & Exhibit Scavenger Hunt.
- 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 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 info, contact John Allison at johncatworth@yahoo.com

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday 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 96:1,3-10
Sing praise to the Lord.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*
Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.
Gospel Reading *Matthew 22:15-21*
The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

October 15, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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 Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, B. 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



Together, we share our love for neighbor, and help the poor and hungry in our community. Your support and donations make a difference for those whose lives are defined by their struggles. 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! Our Tuesday, October 15th meeting is at 7 pm, at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish. Please join us! For more information about our ministry, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Thank you! You are invited to attend an Ozanam Orientation on November 11th from 9 am to 3 pm, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060. The Ozanam Orientation is designed to offer insight into the Society's history and legacy, home visits, and Vincentian Spirituality. Please RSVP to Kelly Albertini at info@svdp-ht.org if you plan to attend.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of September, we handed out 168 food bags to 443 individuals in 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.

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

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: 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: Prayer can, and hopefully will change the world. Keep Haiti in your prayers, especially St. Michel and the people of Saltadere. Father Asmith's visit to Charlottesville is still on hold. The use of the Kenyan police to aid the Haitian Government may become a reality in three months. Haiti is 10-15 million of the poorest people in one of the poorest countries. The gangs are now infiltrating Cap Haitian and will then have control of all ports in Haiti. Have not heard the final numbers on the golf tournament. God Bless and please pray for Our Blessed Mother's intercession for Haiti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thank you to all who attended the IMPACT listening sessions and especially to those who committed to becoming network members of Holy Comforter's IMPACT team. We look forward to seeing network members at the Community Problems Assembly at the Church of the Incarnation on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. If you were unable to attend a session and are interested in the work of IMPACT, contact Suzanne Bailey slank@ntelos.net or 434-326-3166.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting applications for new students for 2024-2025. Please see www.cvillecatholic.org for the application. An Admissions Open House will be held on October 18 from 4:00PM-6:00PM. For any questions, or to schedule an individual tour, please email admissions@cvillecatholic.org

FROM THE PASTOR



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The TABERNACLE

PART IV

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).

The whole concept of Mary being a "Tabernacle" is not new, because it is found in the writings of several Saints and early Church fathers.

- St. Dionysius (d. 264) said; **"As Christ our priest was not chosen by the hand of men, so neither was His tabernacle framed by men, but was established by the Holy Ghost; and by the power of God is that tabernacle protected, to be had in everlasting remembrance, Mary, God's Virgin Mother"**.
- St. Hippolytus (d. 236 AD) said: **"At that time, the Savior coming from the Virgin, the Ark, brought forth His own Body into the world from that Ark, which was gilded with pure gold within by the Word, and without by the Holy Ghost; so that the truth was shown forth, and the Ark was manifested....And the Savior came into the world bearing the incorruptible Ark, that is to say His own body"**.
- St. Athanasius of Alexandria (d. 373) was the main defender of the Divinity of Christ against the fourth-century heretics. He wrote: **"O noble Virgin, truly you**

are greater than any other greatness. For whom is your equal in greatness, O dwelling place of God the Word? To whom among all creatures shall I compare you, O Virgin? You are greater than them all O [Ark of the] Covenant, clothed with purity instead of gold! You are the ark (Tabernacle) in which is found the golden vessel containing the true manna, that is, the flesh in which divinity resides".

Mary was chosen and accepted to be the living Tabernacle for Jesus; where does that put us as disciples of Jesus? St. Paul writing to the Corinthians says this; **"do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cr.6:19-20)**. How many of us trash this dwelling, sometimes daily? Yes, we are His chosen dwellings. Each of us is a living tabernacle, holy like the ancient Tabernacle that held the Ark of the Covenant. But most of us have no remorse about punching, kicking, or trashing ourselves. We judge others, criticize others, and abuse ourselves with not even the remotest hesitation. The question is are we or are we not the dwelling place of the Lord? Does He not now live in our hearts by His own choice? If He came born from above, He now resides in our bodies – a living tabernacle. Think of the ONE you receive at communion! He decided to make for Himself a home in our hearts, so our lives are a testimony of His grace and love.

If then we are His chosen dwelling place, how dare we scorn Him for His choice! Some could say, "But it's me?!" Yes, and **each of us** is God's own choice, regardless of our opinions of worthiness or worthlessness. But we have no right to abuse His dwelling in any way, on any day. As the chosen dwelling of the Lord, we must value, reverence, and honor ourselves. So, we say; "Lord come to my assistance—Lord make haste to help me."

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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