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Saturday Vigil 5PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 11AM
Monday + Friday 12PM
(except First Friday)
Tuesday-Thursday 7AM
First Friday 6PM
Saturday 8AM

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

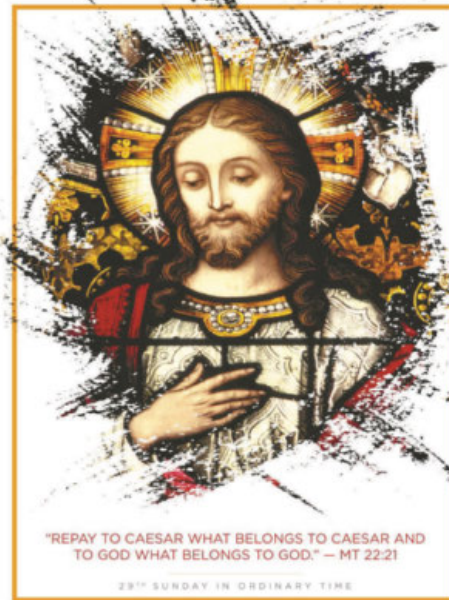
CONFESSION

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023

For a growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call,

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 (10/21)

8 AM Mass
9 AM– 4 PM Carlo Acutis Relic & Exhibit
4-5 PM Carlo Acutis Talk
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
12:30 PM RCIA
12:15-1:15 PM Dr. Ryckman's Talk
Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic Miracles
4 PM Vespers
4:00 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (10/23)

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

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/24)

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

WEDNESDAY (10/25)

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

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (10/26)

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

FRIDAY (10/27)

9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession & Adoration

SATURDAY (10/28)

8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/29) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

Altar Flowers donated by
Chesterton Academy Display in Commons
after all Masses

8:30 AM Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12:30 PM RCIA
4 PM Vespers
4 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.

10/24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret
10/25 Saint Antonio de Sant Anna Galvao.
10/26 Saint Peter of Alcantara
10/27 Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza
10/28 Sts Simon and Jude
10/29 Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

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 (10/21)

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

MONDAY (10/23)

12 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)
In Honor of St. Boethius (Lebeis Family)

TUESDAY 10/24)

7 AM † Pam Heron on Her Birthday
(Cindy Reedy)

WEDNESDAY (10/25)

7 AM Rev. James Matthews, S.C.J.
(Jim Benedict and Kate Burke)

THURSDAY (10/26)

7 AM † Marie Boylan
(Jim Benedict and Kate Burke)

FRIDAY (10/27)

12 PM Deceased Members of the Parish and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (10/28)

8 AM Kevin Gallagher
5 PM Deacon Henry and Family

SUNDAY (10/29)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM † Jane Till Danilek

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

10/21 Saint Hilarion
10/22 Saint John Paul II
10/23 Saint John Capistrano

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2023

Offertory	\$2,935
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$5,815)

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

This weekend we unite with the global Church in celebrating **World Mission Sunday**. 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.

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: I have called out because you answer me, O God; incline your ear and hear my words; keep me, O Lord, like the apple of your eye; protect me under the shadow of your wings.

Offertory: I shall meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands towards your commandments which I love.

Communion: O Lord our governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!

In the Communion Antiphon this weekend, the Psalmist assigns to God the title of "governor", which is fitting with the spirit of today's readings. King Cyrus in the first reading was given power by God to dominate the known world of his time that he might fulfill Isaiah's prophecy to release Israel from captivity. Our Lord's deceptively simple command to "render to God what belongs to God" calls us to give everything! All things belong to God; our bodies and our possessions are given to us to care for and use well. Nothing ultimately belongs to us, which is why we will have to render an account of our lives before God since we are custodians of His "stuff" in this life. But it also goes to show that everything we have is a gift from God. His generosity to us is best repaid by giving Him our hearts, because He ultimately wants our love. We were created to love and be loved, and we are most certainly beloved by our Creator! We are therefore called to "meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love" because these commandments lead us to the end for which we were created: unimpeded intimacy with the Trinity in heaven for all eternity.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT THIS WEEKEND! 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 information, please contact John Allison at johncatworth@yahoo.com.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-4,47,51

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Eileen Bracuti, Stephanie Crews, 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! 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 3rd Quarter of the year, we handed out 475 food bags to 1,219 individuals and served 1,175 lunches during Soup Kitchen. We value and appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your donations and contributions. Thank you and God Bless. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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: 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. For any questions, or to schedule a tour, email admissions@cvillicatholic.org

CURSILLO PALANCA BOX: The Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held October 26-29th at Camp Overlook. Please take the time to write notes to the candidates and deposit them in the Palanca Box in our Commons. Thank you! DeColores!!

FROM THE PASTOR



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The TABERNACLE

PART V

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“We have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves”
2 Cor. 4:7

Trying to please the Lord isn't always as easy as we might like. Inevitably we fall short in our efforts. Because of this, God sent Jesus to meet us at our point of need. John 1:14 tells us that **“the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”** The word “dwelt” means *“to tabernacle among”* or *“to pitch one's tent among”*. It refers to Exodus: **“The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle” (Ex. 40:34)**. Moses' tabernacle was indeed a dwelling place for God, but it was also a prophetic visualization of the Word, Jesus Christ, becoming flesh and dwelling among us. The tabernacle, where man could meet with God and worship Him (**“in Spirit and Truth” – Jn. 4:24**) was humble in its exterior, but what made it significant was that the glory of God resided within it. So it was with Jesus; He was humble in appearance, but the glory of God emanated forth from Him. That glory has a significant impact on our efforts to please God.

When we enter a Catholic Church, we make a sign of reverence towards the tabernacle where the Holy Eucharist is kept. Outside of Mass, we focus on the tabernacle. We genuflect towards the tabernacle because we recognize the

Presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there in a supreme way in the Eucharistic species. The door is closed but we still know He is there inside the tabernacle, and we genuflect with the kind of adoration reserved for God alone.

At consecration the focus is on the altar since the Eucharistic species has become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Then when we consume the Body and Blood of Christ at Holy Communion, we become tabernacles ourselves.*** Because Christ dwells within us after we receive His Body and Blood, we are instructed to go forth in peace when Mass ends. *“You are to go and be and take that presence of Christ in you, out into the world.”*

Let's work to make ourselves into worthy dwelling places of Christ (though we cannot be truly worthy), taking the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model by preparing our hearts for Mass and the reception of Holy Communion. Observe the Eucharistic fast so your body and soul hungers for Christ, and ensure that you are in a state of grace when you receive Him. Honor and care for your body and work to cut out vice and grow in virtue. We are God's temple, the tabernacle where the Lord lives.

In conclusion, inspired by the Blessed Virgin Mary, the First Tabernacle, we have learned that God eagerly desires to dwell among his people in the Person of Jesus Christ. Now, we can have full access to God through Jesus who is true temple of God. God even dwells in us through his Spirit, making us living tabernacles like our Savior. We as the body of Christ must guard our hearts against any and every kind of idol. We must sincerely repent of all our unrighteousness and come to God through Jesus, offering our spiritual sacrifices, remembering that we are God's temple in which God dwells through the Spirit, giving Glory to God.

End

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