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MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION

Thursday	7-8 PM
First Friday	7-8 PM

CONFESSION

Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2023

That, through the intercession of all the saints, the Lord will grant holy men and women of our community vocations to the priesthood and 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 (10/28)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/29) Thirtieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

Altar Flowers donated by Garrick Davis in

Honor of Robert Robinson

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

MONDAY (10/30)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/31)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/1) - ALL SAINTS DAY

Holyday of Obligation

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6 PM Mass

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (11/2) - ALL SOULS DAY

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

12 PM Mass

7:30 PM Sung Compline

FRIDAY (11/3)

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

12 PM Mass

6 PM First Friday Mass

7-8 PM Confession & Adoration

SATURDAY (11/4)

8 AM Mass

Blessing of objects after 8am Mass &

Rosary

3-5 PM Vocations Ministry Guest Speaker

(Sister Anns James Thoompuka)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/5) Thirty-First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Daylight Savings Time begins — fall back one hour (2am to 1am)

Altar Flowers donated by Betty Phillips

in Memory of her late husband Bill

Phillips

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.

10/31 Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg

11/1 Solemnity of All Saints

11/2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

11/3 Saint Martin de Porres

11/4 Saint Charles Borromeo

11/5 Saint Peter Chrysologus

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome Ryan and Darrah McDermott and their children Anastasia, Magdalen, Catherine, Piers, and Margaret Rose.

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration Forms are in the Office and on the Commons Credenza.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY (10/30)

12 PM Father Joseph Mary
(Alicia Vinklerek)

TUESDAY 10/31

7 AM John and Patty Toscano
(Rebecca Toscano)

WEDNESDAY (11/1)

12 PM All Saints Day

6 PM All Saints Day

THURSDAY (11/2)

7 AM All Souls Day

12 PM All Souls Day

FRIDAY (11/3)

6 PM Garrett Minor Smith, Jr., in honor of the anniversary of his baptism
(Garrett & Diane Smith)

SATURDAY (11/4)

8 AM Maximus McHugh & Carl Baumann
(Mary Frances Lilly)

5 PM Joan L. Clark
(Dotty & George Lilly)

SUNDAY (11/5)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Members of the Parish

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

10/28 Saints Simon and Jude

10/29 Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

10/30 Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2023

Offertory	\$17,214
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Above Weekly Budget	\$8,464

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

10/01/2023 Learn to Lead Special Collection for Catholic Schools

10/08/2023 Outreach

10/22/2023 World Mission Sunday

10/29/2023 Maintenance Fund

MAINTENANCE FUND

Our second collection this weekend is for our parish Maintenance Fund.

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](https://www.freewill.com/richmond-catholic-foundation) to learn more and get started.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore.

Offertory: O Lord, grant me life according to your word, so that I may learn your commandments.

Communion: We shall rejoice in your salvation; and in the name of the Lord our God shall we place our pride.

The Communion Antiphon reflects a truth deeply held by the likes of St. Therese of Lisieux, the so-called "Little Flower": God's love for us is so great that we can approach Him with complete confidence in His Providence for our wellbeing. She believed with childlike zeal that God heard every prayer of hers and infinitely desired her happiness, and she centered her relationship with Him on this foundational truth, "rejoic[ing] in [His] salvation" and "placing [her] pride" in the name of God. Our Lord outlines this kind of love in today's Gospel, reminding us to love God with our whole mind, heart, and body. When we trust that God loves us radically and unconditionally, it naturally follows that we are compelled to share that love with others. So, let us "seek his face for evermore" with joy in our hearts because each of us are, have been, and always will be loved by Him from all eternity before time existed.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

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INTRODUCTION TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Did you know the Religious Education Ministry is more than the Children's and HS Christian Formation? Here's a list of the ministries, events, and celebrations that comprise the Religious Education Ministry:

- Religious Education Committee
- Children's and HS Christian Formation
- Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op
- Catechists
- Youth Group
- Adult Religious Education
- RCIA
- First Sacraments & Confirmation
- Vacation Bible School
- First Contact for Baptisms
- Celebrations (e.g. St Nicholas Celebration, All saints)
- Events and Talks (e.g. Family Movie Afternoon, Shroud of Turin)

Should you have any questions or ideas, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, at dre@holycorforterparish.org or 434-295-6559.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b,8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 131:1-3

We find peace in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Vinklerek, 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**



Are you looking for ways to experience God? We see Christ in our friends in need and, when we see Christ, we experience God. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. Your support and donations make a difference for those whose lives are defined by their struggles. Those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. If you would like to help, please join us at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. For more information about our ministry, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Also, you are invited to attend an Ozanam Orientation on November 11th from 9am-3pm, 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.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the 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 though your donations and contributions. Thank you and God Bless. This institution is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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 gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com or (434) 960-7775. For general info, please visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

HAITI: Keep Haiti in your prayers, especially St. Michel and the people of Saltadère. Unfortunately, Father Asmith's visit to Charlottesville is unlikely at this time due to ongoing Haitian border closures. The U.N. estimates that 80% of the Port au Prince area (25% of Haiti's population) is currently under gang control. Djimson, a young man who has been our interpreter for years, is missing – please keep him in your prayers. Father Asmith shared that the young are desperate and fleeing to Nicaragua, then trying to get to the U.S. Two weeks before the Feast of St. Michel, the biggest event of the year in the village, the church's inverter was struck by lightning. DigitalKap was able to get the replacement and repair completed before the big celebration. We have not yet received final numbers from the golf tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: CCS has an immediate opening for a **full-time teacher's assistant** in Kindergarten. Please send resume, Diocesan application, 3 letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

WINTER HAVEN: The Haven is partnering with Do Good Cville to provide our neighbors experiencing homelessness with warm layers for the cold weather months. Please donate your coats and gently used scarves, hats, sweaters and gloves to a drop off location listed between **Wed, Nov 1- Mon, Nov 13** (Creatures Great and Small, Forest Lakes Community Center, Package Depot, Ivy Rd, Public Lands, Random Row Brewery, JM Stock Provisions, Shenandoah Joe Coffee, both locations, South Street Brewery and Three Notch'd Craft Kitchen & Brewery). Please do not drop off donations at The Haven. Guests of The Haven, along with interested community members, can pick up a coat and winter accessories on Fri, Nov 17 from 8am-11am at the Ting Pavilion.

CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBIT: Many Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Ryckman and the Parish Council for bringing the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit and First-Class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to Holy Comforter. At least 440 young and old parishioners and from as far afield as Blacksburg, Richmond, Orange, and Liberty University, as well as locals from UVA, St. Thomas, and Incarnation took part. We hope this will be an encouragement to deepen our devotion to our Eucharistic Lord and His Saints.

FROM THE PASTOR



"IT IS THE LIVING WHO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD..." (IS. 38:19)

Part I

THE MONTH OF THANKSGIVING

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"What can I offer the LORD for all he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the LORD's name for saving me." (Ps. 116:12-13).

We are looking forward to November 22nd 2023, when we Americans will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holidays. Even though these times are full of uncertainty, we will have the urge to gather for sumptuous meals highlighted by turkey and pumpkin pie, traveling to and from our ancestral homes, enjoying family, feasting on leftovers, and perhaps even watching football. I invite you to look forward with excitement to that day and take these twenty-four days before this celebration as an opportunity to thank God for the GIFT OF LIFE as we remember *our brothers and sisters who have died*. In other words, this time around, I invite you to celebrate the whole month of November – dedicated to the Faithful departed – as a thanksgiving for the life we live with one another in the communion of the living and the dead.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 we find these words: **"in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."** While that may seem overwhelming to accomplish, the Bible provides directions on how to achieve that level of complete gratitude. Never forget the One who gives life. There's no greater sign of appreciation than to be remembered in any and every thing you do. Think of it like the feeling you get when somebody remembers your birthday or that one time you won an award for something. Truly remembering God means He is on your mind more often than not throughout the day. He is a part of your

thoughts, words, and deeds. Moreover, remembering Him means sharing Him with others. Psalm 3:6 says, **"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"**.

When you think about all that you have in your life, remember that God has given us all of this. God has given us so much, and this is why we need to show gratitude towards Him. I do not believe that many Christians show enough appreciation towards God for all that He has done for them and given them. I mean, do you practice gratitude towards God every day? Do you thank Him always? This is why I am writing about this. We need to humble ourselves and start showing more gratitude and thankfulness towards our Creator. After all, He is the one who gave us this life and the opportunities that go with it.

God is showing us His love and kindness towards us through everything that He provides for us. This includes listening to and answering our prayers, providing us with a perfect manual on how to live our lives, allowing us to have God-given freedoms, and protecting us from all evil, and most importantly, the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord. So, when we reflect upon and take into account all that God has done for us, this is exactly why we need to show gratitude towards Him. HOW?

(To be Continued...)

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact to Melinda Wells, DRE, at dre@holyccomforterparish.org

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