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Saturday Vigil

Sunday 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Monday + Friday 12 PM

(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Thursday 7 AM 6 PM First Friday Saturday 8 AM

ADORATION

Thursday 7-8 PM First Friday 7-8 PM

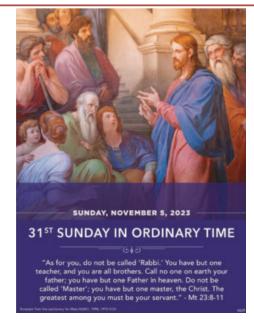
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6:30-7:30 PM Mon, Weds, Fri Thursday 6:30-8 PM First Friday 7 PM Sunday 1:30 PM

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

Bridget Davis + Jack Engler + Heather Burns That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of Christ and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious 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 (11/4)

8 AM Mass

Blessing of objects after 8am Mass & Rosary

3-5 PM Vocations Ministry Guest Speaker (Sister Anns James Thoompunka)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/5) Thirty-First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Daylight Savings Time ends — 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 Youth Group

MONDAY (11/6)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (11/7)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/8)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (11/9)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

12 PM Mass

6:30-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (11/10)

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

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession & Adoration

SATURDAY (11/11)

Veterans Day

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

11/4 Saint Charles Borromeo

11/5 Saint Peter Chrysologus

11/6 Saint Nicholas Tavelic and

Companions

SUNDAY (11/12) Thirty-Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donation would be appreciated!

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

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) 7 AM † Alice Prinz (Mel Crews) 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.

11/7 Saint Didacus

11/8 Blessed John Duns Scotus

Dedication of Saint John Lateran 11 AM Stephanie Crews (Mel Crews) 11/9 Basilica

11/10 Saint Leo the Great

11/11 Saint Martin of Tours

11/12 Saint Josephat

NEW **PARISHIONERS**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY (11/6)

12 PM † Lillian Meyer (Rebecca Toscano)

TUESDAY (11/7)

7 AM † Fred Meyer (Rebecca Toscano)

WEDNESDAY (11/8)

THURSDAY (11/9)

7 AM † Rebecca Calhoun (Rebecca Toscano)

FRIDAY (11/10)

12 PM † Timothy Duncan (Rebecca Toscano)

SATURDAY (11/11)

8 AM † Marie Nyugen

Maria-Teresa, Rosa, Vincente, Joseph and

(Nyugen Family)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (11/12)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185 Reception@holycomforterparish.org

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PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2023

WEEK ENDING GETODEK 23, 2023	
Offertory	\$2,868
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$5,882)

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 NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

11/01/2023 All Saints Day 11/02/2023 All Souls Day **11/12/2023** Outreach

11/19/2023 Archdiocese for the Military Services

11/26/2023 Maintenance Fund

ANNUAL REPORT

Please pick up a copy of our Parish Annual Report in the Commons or read it on our website or in Flocknote.

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:

Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you have an IRA and are 72 years of age, you can make a taxfree charitable gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account to our parish of up to \$100,000. It helps you and it helps

- How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income and count towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- How it helps us: we can put your gift to use right away to support our parish operations and the good works of our ministries.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance (31st Sunday): Abandon me not, O Lord my God, do not depart from me; come to my assistance, O Lord, mainstay of my deliverance.

Offertory (All Souls): Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the departed faithful from the sufferings of hell and from the deep pit; deliver them from the mouth of the lion, may they not be swallowed up by hell, may they not fall into darkness; but may Saint Michael, the standardbearer, present them in holy light as you promised long ago to Abraham and his descendants.

Communion (All Saints): Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God; blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of

I think this past week's holyday Propers can offer some interesting insights on this Sunday's readings. In the first reading and Gospel, we see a stern warning about using God-given authority for one's own personal gain. The Levitical priests were condemned for their "partiality" in their dealings with Israel, and the Pharisees were condemned by Our Lord for using the authority of the "Chair of Moses" (similar to the Chair of Peter, i.e., the Pope) to impose burdens on Israel that they themselves would not perform. Because of our obligation of obedience to them in moral matters even when their conduct is reprehensible ("do as they say, not as they do"), it is an absolute travesty when that obedience is manipulated to serve them and not God. Souls are scandalized and often led away from the Church, left to wander this life without the aid of the Sacraments. We must therefore earnestly pray for holy priests, deacons, and bishops, that they might not be trapped in "the mouth of the lion" nor "swallowed up by hell". May they be "pure of heart", "peacemakers", and sufferers for justice. Offer your rosaries, Divine Mercies, Masses – or whatever – for Fr. Joseph Mary, Bishop Barry, and our Holy Father, Francis. May God preserve them and us!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

 Vacation Bible School
- Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op
- Catechists
- Youth Group
- Adult Religious Education & RCIA
- First Sacraments & Confirmation
- First Contact for Baptisms
- Celebrations (e.g. St Nicholas Celebration)
- 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@holycomfoterparish.org or 434-295-6559.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirty-Second Sunday **Ordinary Time**

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8 Our souls are thirsting for God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 Benteejac, 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, Karen Allison Monger, 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. 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. Vincentians share hope. We've been busy! Most of our friends need help with rent. This past October, we assisted 26 households, some who have young children, some who are elderly, and some who are disabled. On average, we spent ~\$760 per household. One of the families we met is from Honduras. They speak only Spanish. A father, mother, 3-year-old girl and her 2 older brothers had no place to stay, few belongings, and no money. Working with other agencies in Cville, we helped with food and a temporary place to stay. Their hope, courage, and perseverance truly inspires us! Your support and donations make a difference for those whose lives are defined by struggle. Those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. Thank you!

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.

<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.

<u>WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:</u> For information about our ministry, please contact Garrett Smith at <u>gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com</u> or (434) 960-7775. For general info, please visit <u>www.walkingwithmoms.com</u>.

HAITI: Keep Haiti in your prayers, especially St. Michel and the people of Saltadère. Father Asmith was able to make his trip to the U.S. and will visit with Holy Comforter on Sunday, Nov. 19th. A Haiti Arts and Crafts Fair after Mass that weekend is tentatively scheduled, as well as a sponsorship fair; this is the primary means of funding this ministry—a gift of \$150 goes a long way toward providing education, hope, and nourishment for a whole year. For some children, the nutritious meal provided by their sponsorship may be their only meal of the day. According to the most recent school roster, nearly 500 students are enrolled at St. Michel for the 2023-2024 year, and we anticipate anywhere from 25-100 additional students will enroll before Christmas. A young girl in pre-K, Davilma, will likely lose her thumb after it was crushed by the heavy steel door of her classroom, which suddenly blew shut from a wind gust. Please pray for her, her family, and the children in her class. Thankfully, Djimson (our interpreter who has been missing) was confirmed to be in Mexico-please continue to pray for him as he works to secure entry into the U.S. 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.

<u>WINTER HAVEN:</u> 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 below) 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).

HAITI MINISTRY SERVICE RETREAT: For those in the Haiti Ministry, there will be a retreat at St. George in Scottsville on December 9th from 9am-3pm, based on the book "Consoling the Heart of Jesus," led by Fr. Walter Wagner from St. Thomas Aquinas Please RSVP to tdtolve@gmail.com by November 7th if you plan to attend.

FROM THE PASTOR





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

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 have so much to be grateful for in this life. Each and every day! But the reality is that sometimes life's constant demands, struggles, and worries overwhelm and defeat us, leaving little to no room in the heart for gratitude. Or maybe we forget, in the midst of busyness and pressures, just to pause and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

First, consider the gift of life from God. Marcus Aurelius, a philosopher in the Roman empire, said: "When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive; to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love". In fact, acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance. I don't know about you, but sometimes life is very hard; sometimes it is hard to keep on moving forward especially when you are facing challenges such as illness, feeling depressed or sad to the bones, or you have been affected by your job or the pains of inflation. The truth is life throws us curve balls. But what has helped me in all these painful journeys is to have a heart full of gratitude to my God who keeps me alive. In all situations I have chosen to be intentional in my gratitude to the ONE who gives me life to acquire all that I need.

Every day when we wake up, we must thank God for all the blessings he has given us. Start your day off right by giving thanks to God! Think about it - the GIFT of life! Be

thankful to God for your birth, your body, your family, your privileges, all of which came to us as gifts which we sometimes take for granted. Life is a gift from GOD, my friends. We have it and can hold it because God, who created us and the world, chose to give it to us. God withholds no good thing from his children, and today is a day to give thanks for all that you have in life: your favorite people, your hobbies, and anything that makes your heart glad simply for the fact of having it.

Thanking God for the gift of life is a choice that you must intentionally make each new day. You must plan, or it won't happen. You must develop a routine through discipline, or it won't last. The Psalmist says, "I praise you Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and I know this very well" (Ps. 139:14).

When Paul was invited to speak before the philosophers of Athens, his limited opportunity forced him to focus on matters of extreme importance. One of these was his emphasis on the origin of life. He confidently affirmed that it is the true God who "gives to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25). Later, in a letter to Timothy, he reminded him that the Creator is the one who "gives life to all things" (1 Tim. 6:13).

Solomon, in his exploration of the meaning of his existence in the waning days of his life, ultimately concluded that the purpose of life is to reverence God and submit to his commands (Eccl. 12:13). Consequently, please treasure your gift of life. Use it to extol your Creator. In such a pursuit you will discover that which is blessed—both in time and in eternity.

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions. Thank you, Lord.

(To be Continued...)

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