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Saturday Vigil 5 PM Sunday 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Monday + Friday 12 PM

(except First Friday)

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

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Thursday 12 PM

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<u>in Ordinary Time</u> November 12, 2023

That young people will be open to God's call in their lives, and respond generously to give their lives to Him in the service of the Church, 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.

Sacristans

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (11/11)

Veterans Day

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/12) Thirty-Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by the Stelow Family

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (11/13)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (11/14)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/15)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (11/16)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30-8 PM Confession & Adoration

FRIDAY (11/17)

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

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (11/18)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/19) Thirty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donation would be appreciated!

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

11/13 Saint Fancis Xavier Cabrini

11/11 Saint Martin of Tours

11/12 Saint Josephat

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Youth Group

11/14 Saint Gertrude the Great 11/15 Saint Albert the Great

11/16 Saint Margaret of Scotland

11/17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

11/18 Dedication of Churches of Saints Peter and Paul

11/19 Saint Agnes of Assisi

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. TUESDAY (11/14) 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.

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 (11/11)

8 AM † Marie Nyugen

Maria-Teresa, Rosa, Vincente, Joseph and Family

(Nyugen Family)

5 PM Members of the Parish

† Florence Cassidy (Barb & Brian Cassidy)

SUNDAY (11/12)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Stephanie Crews (Mel Crews)

MONDAY (11/13)

12 PM Henning Family (Heidi Hess)

† Rusty Miller (Barb & Brian Cassidy)

† Tim Young (Barb & Brian Cassidy)

7 AM Gabriel Hess (Heidi Hess)

WEDNESDAY (11/15)

7 AM Donna Weston (Heidi Hess)

THURSDAY (11/16)

7 AM Mia Goodbar (Heidi Hess)

FRIDAY (11/117)

12 PM † Rev. Theodore Centala (CSC of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity)

SATURDAY (11/18)

8 AM Deceased Caretti Family Members, Deceased Cassidy Family Members, and Deceased Colbert Family Members. (Barb & Brian Cassidy)

5 PM † Jeannine Paquin (Mrs. Normand Auger)

SUNDAY (11/19)

8:30 AM † Normand Auger (Mrs. Normand Auger) **11 AM** Members of the Parish

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PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5 2023

WEEK ENDING NOVENIBER 3, 2023	
Offertory	\$22,370
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Above Weekly Budget	\$13,620

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 tax-free charitable gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account to our parish of up to \$100,000.

It helps you and it helps us.

- 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: Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my supplication, O Lord.

Offertory: Guide my footsteps, O Lord, according to your word, so that no iniquity may ever gain the upper hand, O Lord.

Communion: The five wise virgins took oil in flasks with their lamps; at midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bridegroom is here; come out to meet Christ the Lord."

As we careen towards the end of the liturgical year, which the Church crowns with the celebration of Christ the King, we notice an urgency in the readings, especially the Gospel, to be ready for Christ's Second Coming. We don't know the time because God desires of us a spirit of readiness, which entails loving God and the things of God. If we knew when our Lord was to return, we would likely waste time until shortly before His arrival and then "reform" ourselves. God created us for love, so He desires our love to be freely given. The Offertory Antiphon captures this devotion beautifully, pleading for guidance "so that no iniquity may ever gain the upper hand". There is a wonderful sense of urgency to match that of the Gospel's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. A soul truly seeking God is afraid to offend Him because sin displeases Him, not because it fears the fires of hell, though this can certainly motivate change in one's life! Let us approach the Throne of Mercy with confidence, asking for the grace to want to follow God and then the grace actually to follow God. May You find Your servants ready, Lord Jesus Christ, Master of all! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

ADVENT IS COMING!!! SAVE THE DATES!!!

- Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:45AM-10:45AM: Advent Presentation by Brian and Darlene Beard
- Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, 4:00PM: Saint Nicholas Celebration/Potluck
- Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023, 10:15AM: Children's Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
- Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:45AM: Children's Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
- Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:30PM: Children's Christmas Eve Pageant *Posada event to be announced*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven. 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.

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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 C'ville, 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

<u>OUTREACH:</u> During the month of October, we handed out 203 food bags to 539 individuals in Food Pantry and served 439 lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your donations and contributions, especially as the need is increasing. Thank you and God Bless. USDA 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 info 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 gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com or call (434) 960-7775. General info; visit www.walkingwithmoms.com. **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. According to the most recent school roster, nearly 500 students are enrolled at St. Michel for the 23-24 year, and we anticipate 25-100 additional students before Christmas. 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 C'ville to provide the homeless 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).

Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Harrisonburg is holding a healing service on November 14th at 7:00pm. This will be an opportunity for us to experience the moving of the Holy Spirit and for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament as well as time in individual prayer groups. Boy Scout Troop 17 invites young men ages 10-18 and their parents/guardians, to our upcoming open house Tuesday December 5th, 7:00-8:30, in the Stone Chapel at Church of the Incarnation Are you interested in facilitating outdoor skills, STEM skills, adventure, launching 6-foot rockets, citizenship, and preparing your boys to be become independent and mature young men? If the answer is YES, then the Boy Scouts of America has just the program you are seeking. Troop 17 is one of the oldest troops in Charlottesville and chartered by the Church of the Incarnation. Please visit our website: http://www.troop17bsa.org/. For more info, contact John Gilday at: corriganwolfe@gmail.com.

FROM THE PASTOR





"IT IS THE LIVING WHO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD..."

Isaiah 38:19

Part III

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." Psalms 116:12-13

Psalm 92 speaks of how good and worthy it is to give thanks to God in these words; "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night, on an instrument of ten strings, on the lute, and on the harp, with harmonious sound. For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands..." Yes, it is necessary to maintain an attitude of thanksgiving to God. Why? because God is continually beneficent to us, blessing and delivering us, His people, every day, and the new mercies given us call for new songs of praise and thanksgiving: "Blessed be God. You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance" (Ps. 68:19). He has continuously favored us and preserved us and poured His benefits upon us. The mercies of every day call for songs of praise which sweeten our rest in the night; and His providing us with rest by night and preserving us in our sleep, when we could not help ourselves, gives us cause to offer songs of praise in the morning. All day long we find new reason to praise, so our whole work is divided between receiving and acknowledging.

Some mercies are so general and beneficial that they should never be forgotten but recalled before God every day, such as redemption by Christ: "He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered" (Ps. 111:14). We must daily be blessing God for Jesus Christ: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). Such a gift — everlasting life granted to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We should ever be accordingly blessing and praising Him, for the keeping of His great works in memory is the foundation of all love and service to God.

Something to keep in mind is that the usefulness of thanksgiving appears with respect to faith, love, and obedience. As somebody said: Faith and praise live and die together: if there be faith, there will be praise for such a gift; and if there be praise, there will be faith. "In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me" (Ps. 56:4).

Another thing to be aware of is that thanksgiving helps to fuel our prayers. Praise and thanksgiving are acts of love, which cherish and feed love. They are acts of love to God, for if we love God, we will praise Him. Prayer is a work of necessity but praise a mere work of duty and respect to God. We would exalt Him more in our own hearts and in the hearts of others: "I will hope continually and will yet praise thee more and more" (Ps. 71:14).

Cultivating gratitude and practicing thanksgiving isn't just reserved for the month of November but something to be engaged in every day. Listing out our blessings and counting our gifts is one way to practice daily thanksgiving, keeping in mind where all these come from! So, gratitude and thanksgiving are essentially one and the same...having a thankful heart, giving thanks, and sharing our blessings with our Church in view of giving thanks to God, with our family, for their presence and support in all that is going on in my life, with my neighbor, whom I don't expect to give back but to praise the Lord with me! With my enemies whose challenges push me more to see the goodness of the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:34).

To be Continued...

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