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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

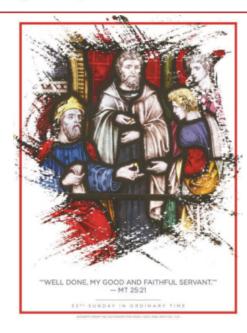
CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

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Thursday 12 PM

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, 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 (11/18)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/19) Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father Asmith from Haiti visiting Altar Flowers donations appreciated!

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation **11 AM** Mass Father Asmith from Haiti

visiting **12:30 PM** RCIA

4 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (11/20)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (11/21)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/22)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (11/23) THANKSGIVING

OFFICE CLOSED

9 AM Mass

FRIDAY (11/24)

OFFICE CLOSED

NO REGINA CAELI HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (11/25)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/26) Solemnity of Christ

the King

Altar Flowers donated by Jeanne Mickiewicz in Memory of her Mother.

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-11AM Walking with Moms LL

11 AM Mass

12:15-1:15PM Walking with Moms LL

SAINTS OF GOD Blessed are You

11/18 Dedication of Churches of Saints
Peter and Paul

11/19 Saint Agnes of Assisi

11/20 Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

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 (3x) 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.

11/21 Presentation of the BVM

11/22 Saint Cecilia

11/23 Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro

11/24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

11/25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria

11/26 Saint Columban

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 (11/18)

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

MONDAY (11/20)

12 PM Deceased Family and Friends Mentioned (Mrs Normand Auger)

TUESDAY (11/21)

7 AM Deceased Family and Friends Mentioned (James Stewart)

WEDNESDAY (11/22)

7 AM Strisnock Family (Barb and Brian Cassidy)
† Charles E. Andrus and † Cindy Andrus
(Heidi Hess)

THURSDAY (11/23)

7 AM Fr. Asmith Servil, Fr Rene Blot and Sharon Burke (Kate Burke)

FRIDAY (11/124)

12 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of Holy Comforter † Jerry Moseley and † Kim Mosely (Peter Zinman)

SATURDAY (11/25)

8 AM III and Homebound Kevin Haag, Jennifer Strong and Raoul & Solange Agbati-Agbotounou

5 PM † Jane Till Danilek
Deceased Friends and Family (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (11/26)

8:30 AM † Gerard and † Helen Zink (Jeanne Mickiewicz) 11 AM Members of the Parish

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2023 Offertory \$9,838 (\$8,750) Weekly Offertory Budget Above Weekly Budget \$1,088

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, please take a moment to GIVE THANKS to Holy Comforter. Special gold envelopes can be found at the end of the pews and in the Commons. THANK YOU for your support!

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: The Lord says: "I am pondering thoughts of peace and not of affliction; you shall call upon me, and I will hear you; and I will bring you back from all the lands where you are held captive."

Offertory: Out of the depths have I cried to you O Lord, Lord hear my prayer; out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.

Communion: Lord, you delivered five talents unto me; behold, I have gained five more. Well done, good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter in-to the joy of your Lord.

What a promise we have in the Entrance Antiphon! God wishes to draw us back from all the corners of the earth to dwell in peace. We see this reality seminally manifested in the Catholic Church, where all manner of divisions imposed by society melt away in the worship of the One True God. This peace will be fully realized in the life to come where God will be everything to the Blessed, and they shall lack nothing, leaving no cause for jealousy or strife. Until then, we are called to be good stewards of God's gifts, using them to spread the Kingdom. Amidst all this talk of the end of all things, the Offertory Antiphon stands out as a touchingly human reminder of our frailty. We all experience burnout sometimes, and the state of the world and the seemingly meager effect our efforts have on it give us much cause to despair. We must trust in God's promise that Christ has already won the victory and that those who work to spread the fruits of the victory will find rest in the end. Let us labor on while there is daylight and lean in God in our tribulations and triumphs. Come, Lord Jesus, and save Your people! Christ, Master of all!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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...Everyone is invited!*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Solemnity **Christ the King**

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 God himself will shepherd the people of

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

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 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: The Walking With Moms In Need ministry will hold two meetings on each of November 26 and December 10 at 10:00 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. in the stairwell library below the Commons. For information about our ministry, please contact Garrett Smith gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com or call (434) 960-7775. General info; visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

HAITI: Father Asmith will be at Holy Comforter's morning Services.

Please take the opportunity to meet with him before or after Mass.

This is also the Haiti sponsorship fair: an opportunity to sponsor

This is also the Haiti sponsorship fair; an opportunity to sponsor students before Christmas and consider them Christmas gifts for those family members that have everything or a true Christmas gift of joy to someone. Our students need the hope we give them, they may be the future of Haiti. Over a half million students in Haiti, one tenth of the student population, have completely lost their schools to the gangs. Even more students do not attend schools because of the gang violence around them. That is not the case at St. Michel but there are students that need this sponsorship to attend. We need this sponsorship to keep the school open and these children fed. The Pre-K children have no sponsors, an opportunity to hopefully have a child for 14-15 years and keep them in your prayers for life. This is a charitable donation, so make checks to Holy Comforter, and state Haiti Ministry donation, sponsorship, clinic, medicine, water, power, or gift and let Father decide. Really, please try to take the time to meet with Father, he is a blessing to us all.

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.

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 information, contact John Gilday at: corriganwolfe@gmail.com.

FROM THE PASTOR



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

Isaiah 38:19

Part IV

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

"Give thanks to the Lord..." One of the most basic elements of worship is giving thanks to God. Realizing that everything good that we have comes from God and thanking Him for it is key to a healthy spiritual life. Gratitude should be one of the first things we teach our children, and not just to "give thanks" in general, but especially to give thanks to GOD, acknowledging that HE is the source of everything good. Giving thanks before our meals is not just a "ritual"; it is a vital reminder that everything that we have comes from God, and we should be thankful for it. Teach it to your kids; model it for them. Teaching them to be thankful is one of the most vital, most life-changing things you can do for them.

Ingratitude was Israel's sin in the wilderness. Instead of thanking God for His provision, they grumbled that they were "tired of manna". It was at the heart of King David's sin; instead of thanking God for the wives he already had—and also the kingdom, and His favor and His blessings—he coveted what He did NOT have instead, committing adultery, which led to lying and murder. Herod, rather than thanking God for allowing him to be king and thanking Him

for sending a Messiah to the world, sought to kill Him instead. Jesus' disciples, rather than thanking God that they had even been chosen to be one of His apostles, grumbled about who might have been the greatest among them! We could go on and on... The point is that NOT thanking God is behind virtually every sin of mankind.

It is the same down to this day. The lack of giving thanks to God is behind adultery and SO many marital problems (you don't appreciate what you have). It is behind covetousness, and envy, and greed, and overspending, and idolatry—in short, putting other things ahead of God because you don't appreciate Him and what He has given you. It is behind grumbling and complaining; like Israel, instead of giving thanks for what we have, we grumble about it or wish we had something else. It is behind the sin of bitterness; rather than thanking God for the life of a person we had the joy of sharing some length of time with, we are bitter that they were taken from us when they were. You can apply this train of thought to virtually any sin of word, deed, or attitude. Nearly all of our sins could be curtailed if only we were truly thankful to God!

Do you want to be an entirely different person this month, this year 2023? One of the biggest steps you can take to change your life immediately is to start becoming a THANKFUL person! "Give thanks to the Lord"—for all that the Lord is to you, for all the blessings you have. Be like Abel who chose the best from his flock and sacrificed it to the Lord. The question is: what are you going to give to the Lord as an act of thanksgiving to the Lord? Psalm 100:4 says: "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him, bless His name..." Give God thanks today! Give Him thanks for every blessing under the sun that He has freely bestowed upon you, because it is all from Him...every bit of it. But more than anything, give Him thanks: 1) that He is good, and 2) that His lovingkindness, His grace to you in Christ, is everlasting. Oh, what reasons we have to give God thanks!

To be Continued...

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