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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM & 11 AM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
Tuesday + Wednesday	8 AM
Thursday + First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

ADORATION

Thursday 7-8 PM

CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is

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Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM-1PM

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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 (6/15)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/16) Eleventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass

10 AM Walking with Moms-Library

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

MONDAY (6/17)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (6/18)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (6/19)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

Choir On Summer Break

THURSDAY (6/20)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (6/21)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (6/22)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/23) Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

*Jennifer Olsen
Kenneth Sosnick*

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 (6/15)

8 AM Anderson Family

5 PM Ed Walendowski and Family

SUNDAY (6/16)

8:30 AM Father David Mott
(Melinda Wells)

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (6/17)

12 PM Lia Thoms Price and Family
(Melinda Wells)

TUESDAY (6/18)

8 AM † Herbert Merten (Sherry Schemmel)

WEDNESDAY (6/19)

8 AM Carl Perkins

THURSDAY (6/20)

6 PM Dawn Yellow

FRIDAY (6/21)

12 PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY (6/22)

8 AM Randy and Sharlene Saathoff
(Melinda Wells)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (6/23)

8:30 AM Father David Mott
(Melinda Wells)

11 AM Matthew and Miranda Schrank
and Family (Melinda Wells)

SAINTS OF GOD

6/15 Saint Margaret d'Youville

6/16 Saint John Francis Regis

6/17 Saint Joseph Cafasso

6/18 Venerable Matt Talbot

6/19 Saint Romuald

6/20 Saint Paulinus of Nola

6/21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

6/22 Saint Thomas More

6/23 Saint John Fisher

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

Offertory	\$5,723
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$3,027)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice & Peace

6/9/2024 Outreach

6/23/2024 Maintenance Fund

6/30/2024 Peter's Pence

"ALL GOOD GIVING AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE..." *James 1:17*

To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$455,000, it is necessary for our 221 registered and active families to contribute \$2,059 per year, or about \$40 per week. If you are already tithing \$40 or more per week, thank you. If you are not, but are able to, please know how much your support is needed, especially at this time. May God bless you abundantly.

PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS

If you will be away this summer, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from wherever you are! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. All Second Collections are accepted online, as well. Please visit this site for the Online link <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/>

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!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Harken, O Lord, unto my voice which has called out to you; deign to be my help, forsake me not, do not despise me, O God my Savior.
Offertory: I will bless the Lord who has given me understanding. I have set the Lord always in my sight; since he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
Communion: One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
The first reading and the Gospel today bookend the Liturgy of the Word with references to the house or kingdom of God having humble beginnings (the tender shoot/the mustard seed) and blooming into magnificent plants (cedar/mustard plant) that give shade and rest to creatures. It is in weakness that God shows His greatest power. One lesson we can take from this is that we must become lowly in order to allow God to work in our souls. In praying for greater humility, we can then join our voices with the Psalmist and "bless the Lord who has given me understanding", for humility is nothing more than knowing who we are before God: creatures – sinners in need of His mercy. Our dependence on God must be like that of a child. This realization should lead us not only to acknowledge our constant need for God's providence but to long for that Providence ardently. "One thing have I asked of the Lord[...]that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life". In this month of the Sacred Heart, let us strive to imitate the Master, who is "meek and humble of heart". Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Holy Comforter's VBS Registration is Open!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Adult Catechists for ages 9-13 (childcare available)**
 - Catechist Assistants for all ages. Teens encouraged to sign up!**
- Holy Comforter will be having its annual Vacation Bible School July 8-12, 8:30AM-11:30AM, at Charlottesville Catholic School. *The theme will be, "Come, Holy Spirit!" and is open to ages 5-13 yrs old.* Registration is open June 10-June 28. Registration Forms are on the RE Table in the Commons and on HC Website, holycomforterparish.org. For more information, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE at dre@holycomforterparish.org

Library Volunteers STILL Needed

Volunteers are needed to help maintain Holy Comforter's Library on the lower level. If interested, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, dre@holycomforterparish.org. Thank you so much!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Job 38:1,8-11*

The Lord answers Job's complaints. .

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31*

A song of praise to God for rescue

Second Reading *2 Corinthians*

5:14-17

Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm.

June 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)

Ann Carothers, Sharon Dudley, Kelton Flinn, Erin Ferguson, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, Charlie Anne Xavier and family, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Mary Benfante, Christine Bentejac, Hope Brown, Max and Hadley Burch, Cora, Mary Caretti, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Genevieve Halfen, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Michael McNeil, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Yulia Savona, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Mary Ann Uzzo, Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Matthew Mickiewicz, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

HOLY COMFORTER BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: *In an effort to maintain the prayer lists and ensure they are current, the lists will be cleared once per quarter.* If you would like your family member, or fellow parishioner added (back) to the prayer list, please email the Works of Mercy ministry at mercy@holycomforterparish.org or please call the church office at 434-295-7185.

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/reception@holycomforterparish.org



Come join us on June 18th as we discuss the essentials of Servant-Leadership for the 21st century and learn how to prioritize the needs of others over our own needs. Our aim is to thrive as our authentic selves as we walk with our friends in need. We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month in the Conference Room at the Church of the Incarnation. Our next meeting is June 18th and you are welcome to attend a meeting and see if this ministry may be calling you. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of May, we handed out **135** food bags to **340** individuals in the Food Pantry and served **373** lunches during the Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks! Blessings! USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

PARISH LIFE: Please join us for Mass at 6pm on Monday June 24th for the Nativity of St John the Baptist. We will have a blessed bonfire after Mass and desserts. You can bring any sacramentals in need of disposing. Would you like to be involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? Please email Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com

WORKS OF MERCY: The Works of Mercy Ministry has received a ride request for either the 5PM or 11AM Mass from a woman who lives in the Pantops area. She does use a walker. If you are able to help with this request, please contact the church office or email the Works of Mercy Ministry: mercy@holycomforterparish.org We are looking for 2 individuals to bring communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residences. If interested, please email the ministry at mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: During our Lenten Baby Bottle giving drive for LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers, Holy Comforter parishioners generously donated \$1,731.06 to support the pregnancy center and women seeking its help. Walking With Moms in Need thanks everyone who gave. We'll have our next meeting in the stairwell library on June 9 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us if you'd like to help. Meetings are on First and Third Sundays at 10:00 between the Masses. For more info, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775.

HAITI: Jesus likens the kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into a large plant providing shelter for birds. The Tri-Parish Ministry, in conjunction with St. Michel Parish, is committed to sharing prayer for each other. We sow spiritual seeds through this shared prayer with St. Michel Parish, and we provide education, healthcare, and practical support. Our school program feeds over 600 children daily through sponsorship. On this recent trip to Haiti our ministry secured 2.200 pounds of rice for local rural families, addressing economic challenges caused by drought, gang warfare, and the pandemic. The program at St. Michel School and Parish exemplifies the transformative impact of our ministry in Haiti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST is a classical high school joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition, opening this August in Charlottesville! Prospective students and their parents are invited to tour the school on Saturday, **June 8th** at its new location across from Holy Comforter Parish in downtown Charlottesville. **A two hour poetry student workshop led by faculty member Isak Bond will follow. June 24-28**, we're hosting a **"Dive Into Poetry" half-day camp for rising 8th-12th graders.** Please visit ChestertonSJE.org for more info and to sign up.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is seeking an **Elementary Teacher (JK-5)** 2024-2025 school year. Please send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, to Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org. Also, CCS is looking for **summer maintenance help**. Duties would include painting and moving classroom furniture. If interested, please contact Frank Murphy, Business Manager, f.murphy@cvillecatholic.org, or 434-964-0400.

FROM THE PASTOR



HE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

Luke 3:22

Since the beginning of creation, God has always desired fellowship with Man. Adam and Eve enjoyed this fellowship in the Garden prior to their fall. When they sinned, however, they lost that fellowship with God. In our times, this fellowship is restored when a sinner believes and trusts Christ. **“Not only are we in relationship with Him [i.e., *connected and restored to Him*], but we get to have fellowship with Him, where we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 Jn. 1:6–7).**

The Holy Spirit comes into the new believer to take a permanent residence as the letter to the Ephesians says: **“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit” (1:13).** The believer does not have to do anything before being baptized by the Holy Spirit. This is the promise of Jesus Christ even before the cross: **“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them” (John 7:38-39).** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to

receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Earlier in salvation history, King David could pray **“Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me” (Ps. 51:11).** In these times, however, no man who has the Spirit of God can offer that prayer without being guilty of ignorance, because the Holy Spirit, as an abiding presence in any man, is there as a seal, **“sealing him unto the day of redemption” (Eph. 4:30).** Men could ask the Father in the days of Christ to send them the Holy Spirit. But in this day no child of God can offer that prayer without confessing ignorance of the Word of God, because when the Spirit comes to take up His abode in the body, that body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says: **“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own” (1 Cor. 6:19).** Further: **“At salvation, the Holy Spirit not only regenerates the sinner and imparts saving faith, but He permanently resides in the life of that new believer (Rom. 8:9).** In a marvelous and incomprehensible way, the Spirit of God makes His home in the life of every person who trusts in Jesus Christ **(1 Cor. 3:16).**

There is also the aspect of being baptized in the Spirit. The baptism of the Spirit is not an experience that has to be felt when it occurs, nor does it require any physical or noticeable proof manifested by the one who is baptized. The indwelling Spirit will produce noticeable fruits of spiritual growth in the life of the believer. St. Paul lists the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).**

When we permit the Spirit to move in our lives, that is, by willingly submitting to Him, even our prayers will be guided by our desire to please God and not ourselves. This is what it means to pray according to the will of God. One of the benefits of praying in accordance with the will of God is that answers to the prayers are guaranteed. This is because you’re asking for something that God already wants for you. May God help us submit to the leading of the Spirit in our lives.

To be continued...

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

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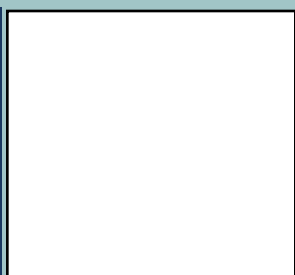
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