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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

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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 (6/22)

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

MONDAY (6/24)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Mass

7 PM St. John Bonfire and Potluck

TUESDAY (6/25)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (6/26)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

Choir On Summer Break

THURSDAY (6/27)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (6/28)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (6/29)

8 AM Mass

2 PM Convalidation

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/30) Thirteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Therese

Auger In Memory of her Father's

Birthday

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

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

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 (6/22)

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)

MONDAY (6/24)

6 PM † Father Adrian Harmening
(Shannon LaGarde)

TUESDAY (6/25)

8 AM † Lloyd Thomas Smith, Jr.
(Diane Auger Smith)

WEDNESDAY (6/26)

8 AM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)
Alix Paget-Brown and Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (6/27)

6 PM Gwendolyn O. Hess (Heidi Hess)

FRIDAY (6/28)

12 PM Deceased Members of the Parish and
Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (6/29)

8 AM Holy Comforter III and Homebound

5 PM † Jean E. Andrus (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (6/30)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Caroline Colvin (Melinda Wells)

SAINTS OF GOD

6/22 Saint Thomas More

6/23 Saint John Fisher

6/24 Nativity of St John the Baptist

6/25 Blessed Jutta of Thuringia

6/26 Blessed Raymond Lull

6/27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria

6/28 Saint Irenaeus

6/29 Saints Peter and Paul

6/30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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The Offertory Report for Week Ending June 16, 2024 will appear in next weekend's Bulletin.

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: The Lord is the strength of his people, and the guardian of salvation for his Anointed. Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance; be their guide for ever.

Offertory: Render secure my footsteps in your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline your ear and hear my words; display your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place their hope in you.

Communion: I shall walk round about his sanctuary, offering a sacrifice of jubilation; I will sing and recite a psalm to the Lord.

The Propers this weekend provide interesting material for meditation that beautifully complements the readings. There is an obvious connection between the Old Testament reading and the Gospel with God reminding Job that His Providence is over all things (the sea is specifically mentioned) and Jesus exercising that authority in calming the wind and sea, proving at least in one way His divinity. However, there is a deeper lesson to be gleaned from this. The Entrance Antiphon teaches us that the "Lord is the strength of his people"; Jesus' rebuke of the apostles about their lack of faith touches on this. Our Lord is an unshakable foundation on which we can rest, rendering our "footsteps secure". We need to learn to trust in God's Providence in our lives because Christ has already won the war against the devil. If we remain true to our faith, persevering in doing good and strengthening ourselves with the sacraments, we will not fail. Christ always wins. Pray for strength against the storms in your lives! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of 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 (EVEN TEENS!) FOR ALL AGES.**

Holy Comforter will be having its annual Vacation Bible School July 8-12, 9AM-12PM, 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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 30:2,4,5-*

6,11,12,13 A prayer of thanksgiving to God for having rescued us

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15*

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

Gospel *Mark 5:21-43* Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death

June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

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

Ann Carothers, 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 Debieese, 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.

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

EXHIBIT AT ST. JOHN. Blessed Carlo Acutis is a 15 year old who documented Eucharistic Miracles around the world before dying of leukemia. The Pope has just advanced Carlo's path to Saint Canonization. "The Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles", designed by Carlo Acutis, will be on display at St. John the Evangelist; Friday, June 21, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM, Saturday, June 22, 3:00—6:00 PM, & Sunday, June 23, 8:00 AM—2:00 PM.

The Exhibit will consist of 58 of the panels with photographs and historical descriptions that provide a virtual visit to the places where the miracles occurred and prove that Jesus is really present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

(Some of the panels will be in Spanish.)



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? Email Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com

WORKS OF MERCY: 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: Meetings are on First and Third Sundays at 10:00 between the Masses. Please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775, for more information.

HAITI: The Bob Fromm's mission trip was fruitful and rewarding. He met with friends, the Bishop, the water committee, and the electrician. The ministry plan is partnering with other organizations to ship a container to the Dominican Republic, benefiting several clinics, hospitals, and schools in Haiti. The plan also making changes to the St. Michel College School and safeguarding the water supply. The ministry will host a Haiti Gathering event and organize fundraising activities. The ministry conveys gratitude and appreciation for the generosity, kindness, and prayers of the parish and the tri-parish ministry. The mission also solicits new members to join the sub and executive committee and urges sponsorship for the St. Michel College School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST is a classical high school joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition, opening this August in Charlottesville! **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 & 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,/434-964-0400.

FROM THE PASTOR



your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Phil. 2:12–13). Again, active engagement is required of us.

This does not mean that through our own efforts we are the source of our own transformation, but it does mean that we have an important part to play in the process. Ultimately God is the source of our transformation, but He does it through a process that requires us to play a vital and indispensable role. In other words, God uses means—means of grace—to bring about our growth.

To Timothy Paul said this: **“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God (grace in the Holy Spirit), which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control...”** (2 Tm.1:6-7).

What are some of the means God uses to bring about our growth in grace? Although God can use various means at different times to help us grow, the primary and essential ones are listed in Acts 2:42. In this passage, we see how the Holy Spirit led the first church, composed of some three thousand newly converted and baptized people, to grow in grace: **“they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”**

The context indicates that these activities were not a form of liturgy, but practices adopted so widely by individual believers that they characterized the entire three thousand. These four activities, taken together, formed the foundation of personal and corporate life in the early church. They weren’t the only ones God used, but they were the essential ones.

The believers *devoted* themselves to these spiritually edifying and transformative practices. These people persevered in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers—not just one or two of these activities, as we might today, but all four of them.

And they discovered that these were the primary means by which God caused them to grow in His grace. This pattern has recurred in church history in times of renewal and revival, when the Spirit of God seeks to bring the church back to authentic spiritual vitality and discipleship. Keep in mind that, spiritual growth is the journey of growing in faith to know more about God and become the person that He created you to be.

To be continued...

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Part V

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

Dead things don’t grow; Only living things grow. Flowers grow, but rocks don’t. How tragic would it be for parents if their children advanced in age but never grew bigger, stronger, or more capable? We’d all know something was drastically wrong. As **Christians we are meant to grow in our faith, if not then something** that needs to be checked on! Who makes us grow? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow and mature in our faith.

The apostle Peter urges us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18) By this, Peter means that we are to grow and mature in our understanding and experience of the grace we have received and in our knowledge about and experience of Christ. This is the way we enter more fully into the abundant life Jesus gives us (John 10:10).

Unfortunately, many in the church receive God’s grace in Baptism and Confirmation but for various reasons do not grow much in grace. As a result, they needlessly miss out on the great blessings God wants to bestow on them and run the risk of not fulfilling God’s purposes for their lives.

It would be nice if we matured automatically in our life of grace, but God calls us to actively pursue growth in grace. Jesus, for example, tells His disciples to, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). Paul says to the Philippians, “work out

June 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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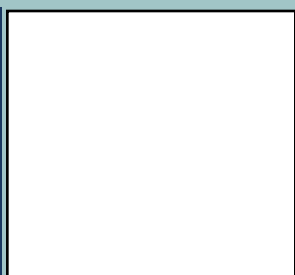
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