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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	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

ADORATION

Thursday 7-8 PM

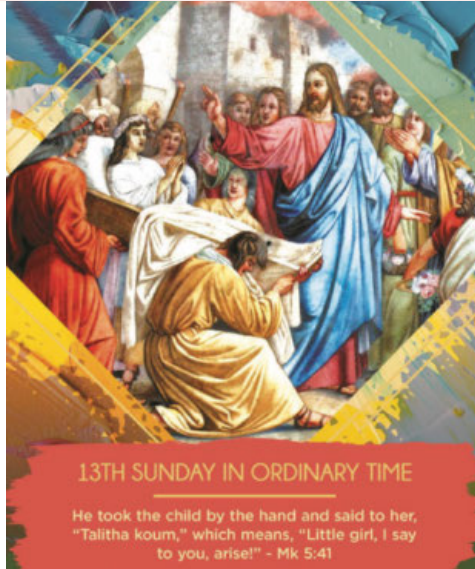
CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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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 (6/29)

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

MONDAY (7/1)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30-2:30PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/2)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass (Note Time Change)

WEDNESDAY (7/3)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass (Note Time Change)

6-9PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/4) INDEPENDENCE DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

12 PM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (7/5)

12 PM Mass

12:30-2:30PM Adoration

SATURDAY (7/6)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/7) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flower Donations Are Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Latin Mass

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

Our beloved Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek, Jr. was called home by our Lord and Savior on Monday, June 24, 2024. Please pray for the repose of his soul and remember his wife, Alicia, in your prayers and Rosaries.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Saint Henry Saturday, July 13 at 8AM. Please join us after Mass for a Celebration of Deacon Henry's Life and Service to our Parish

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185

Reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

MONDAY (7/1)

12 PM † Dorothy Littlely

(Dotty and George Lilly)

† Adelarde Riendeau in Honor of His Birthday (Terese Auger)

TUESDAY (7/2)

12 PM Rev. Matthias Lusembo

(Anna Stelow)

WEDNESDAY (7/3)

12 PM My Nguyen (Huyn Mui)

THURSDAY (7/4)

12 PM My Nguyen (Huyn Mui)

FRIDAY (7/5)

12 PM My Nguyen (Anna)

SATURDAY (7/6)

8 AM Lillian Connor (Anna Stelow)

5 PM † Donna Schmidt (The Lilly Family)

SUNDAY (7/7)

8:30 AM Jean and Ed Mickiewicz (Eileen Lavis)

11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

6/29 Saints Peter and Paul

6/30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

7/1 Saint Junipero Serra

7/2 Saint Oliver Plunkett

7/3 Saint Thomas

7/4 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7/5 Saint Anthony Zaccaria

7/6 Saint Maria Goretti

7/7 Blessed Emanuel Ruiz

and Companions

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending June 16, 2024

Offertory **\$17,600**

Weekly Offertory Budget **(\$8,750)**

Above Weekly Budget **\$8,850**

Week Ending June 23, 2024

Offertory **\$2,367**

Weekly Offertory Budget **(\$8,750)**

Below Weekly Budget **(\$6,383)**

"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.

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 JULY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

7/9/2024 Outreach

7/23/2024 Maintenance Fund

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 <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: All nations, clap your hands; shout unto God with a voice of joy.

Offertory: As a holocaust of rams and bullocks, and of thousands of fatted lambs, so let our sacrifice be in your sight on this day, that it may be pleasing unto you. For there is no shame for those who put their trust in you, O Lord.

Communion: Lend your ear and make haste to rescue us.

The first reading today opens very strikingly, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." This adds a new level of depth to the Offertory Antiphon when it says that "there is no shame for those who put their trust in you, O Lord" because death does not have the last word. Let us consider the martyrs throughout history who gave up their lives for the Faith. Wisdom's counsel in the first reading and Jesus' raising of the young girl from the dead all point to God's desire that we have everlasting life. Through Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, we now have access to this wellspring of life. Even though our bodies will perish, our souls will live on and soon thereafter be reunited with them gloriously restored. Let us therefore hold fast to what we profess, "shout [ing] unto God with a voice of joy" because of His steadfast love for His creatures, whom He created to love and be loved for all eternity. The choice is ours!

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 (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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123:1-2,3-4

A prayer to God for mercy

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

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 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, 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

Reserve the date! Our 2024 Friends of the Poor Walk is scheduled for 12:30 on Saturday, September 21st at the Church of the Incarnation. We will walk together in fellowship to raise funds for our community in need during this nationwide annual event. You and family members of all ages are welcome to attend. There will be games for the kids and food for all. If you are not able to attend the walk this year you are always welcome to contribute financially! We regularly meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month in the Conference Room at the Church of the Incarnation. However, due to the July 4th holiday this month we will meet July 9th and July 23rd. 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 Monday July 15th after the noon mass for a potluck lunch to celebrate Father Joseph Mary's Birthday.

Sign up in flocknote and bring a lunch item to share! 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: 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: From Bob Fromm: This week's Gospel invites us to reflect on our role in healing brokenness and I believe that is what our ministry is doing. During my recent mission trip to Haiti, a priority was the upgrading of the school's electrical system. With Father Asmith's recommendation, I supplied materials funded by a \$1,500 donation for the necessary updates, including a new fuse box and material. An electrician, hired by Father, completed the work, ensuring the school now has up-to-date wiring and grounding. Additionally, we discussed a necessary enhancement to the rectory/church's power system with extra batteries, funded by this year golf tournament proceeds, pending executive council approval. In this fiscal year we gained 219 new sponsors, short 119 of our 700-student goal, but still a notable achievement. Our next year fiscal focus is on renewals and new sponsors to reach 700 sponsorships in support of the children and improve their future. Thank you for your continued prayers & support

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND is seeking a *Payroll Manager, a Benefits Manager and an Associate Director for the Office of Christian Formation*. For the full ad and how to apply, please click here <https://bit.ly/4avd8VC>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

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



THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Part VI

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

When we place our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins the process of making us more like Jesus, conforming us to His image. It has been said of the Holy Spirit that he comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable, transforming us into the image and likeness of Christ! Invitations of the Holy Spirit welcome total upheaval and the disturbance of everything...Beware! This ought not really to surprise us, for growth is about change and the characteristic of life is movement. That which doesn't move, or change is dead – that's the difference we immediately notice between beef and cow!

Suppose you were to write down the changes that have taken place in your life since you were six years old... If that list entails virtually every aspect of our lives, we must not be surprised when Christian growth touches virtually everything also. If we do not fully grasp that Christian growth - growing in the Spirit - is something total, we will not see or understand the Holy Spirit's

working in all the different areas of our lives. If we expect His transformation to be restricted to merely “spiritual” things, we shall lack the awareness to cooperate with his growth-changes at the levels of relationships, memories, habits, priorities, possessions, etc.

Growing in the Holy Spirit is the process of becoming more and more like Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth is perhaps best described in 2 Peter 1:3-8, which tells us that by God's power we have **“everything we need”** to live lives of godliness, which is the goal of spiritual growth. Notice that what we need comes **“through our knowledge of Him,”** which is the key to obtaining everything we need.

When the transformation of salvation takes place, spiritual growth begins. The Holy Spirit indwells us as John 14:16-17 says: **“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”** We are new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). The old, sinful nature begins to give way to the new, Christlike nature (Rom. 6-7). Spiritual growth is a lifelong process that depends on our study and application of God's Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and our walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5: 16-26).

As we seek spiritual growth, we should pray to God and ask for wisdom concerning the areas He desires us to grow in. We can ask God to increase our faith and knowledge of Him. God desires for us to grow spiritually, and He has given us all we need to experience spiritual growth. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can overcome sin and steadily become more like our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

To be continued...

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

June 30, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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