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Saturday Vigil 5 PM Sunday 8:30 AM,11 AM & 2 PM Monday + Friday 12 PM Tuesday + Wednesday 8 AM

Thursday 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM

ADORATION

Thursday 7-8 PM

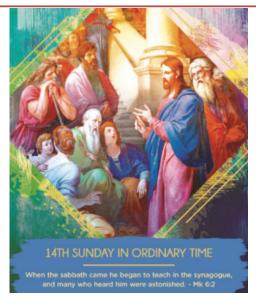
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Thursday 7-8 PM
Sunday 1 PM

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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 (7/6)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/7) Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by the Vu & Nguyen Families For a Family Blessing.

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (7/8)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30-2:30PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/9)

8AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/10)

8AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/11)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

FRIDAY (7/12)

12 PM Mass

12:30-2:30PM Adoration

SATURDAY (7/13)

8 AM Requiem Mass for Deacon Henry

Potluck Reception following Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/14) Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Holy Comforter Parishioners in Memory of

Deacon Henry Vinklarek

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Latin Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

7/6 Saint Maria Goretti 7/7 Blessed Emanuel Ruiz

& Companions

7/8 Saint Gregory Grass & Companions

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

7/9 St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

7/10 Saint Veronica Giuliani

7/11 Saint Benedict

7/13 Saint Henry

7/14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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 Potuck Reception celebrating Deacon Henry's Life & Service to our Parish. Please bring a breakfast dish!

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185 Reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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 2 PM Cathie Lillis (Anna Stelow)

MONDAY (7/8)

12 PM Toby Twinning and Darla Stanley (Anna Stelow)

TUESDAY (7/9)

8 AM Christopher Gilbert and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (7/10)

8 AM Keith Taylor and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (7/11)

6 PM † Alfred Goodison (Michele Skarvelis)

12 PM Betty Nanjul (Sherry Schemmel)

SATURDAY (7/13)

8 AM † Mabel P. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

† Deacon Henry Vinklarek

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (7/14)

7/12 Saints John Jones and John Wall 8:30 AM Alicia Vinklarek in Honor of Her Birthday (Holy Comforter Parish)

11 AM † Mildred J. Chrastek

2 PM † Laura McCaul (Shannon Lagarde)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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The Offertory Report for Week Ending June 30, 2024 will appear in next weekend's Bulletin.

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!

"Consider this: WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND WHOEVER SOWS **BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY." 2 Corinthians 9:6**

To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$473,200, it is necessary for our 226 registered and active families to contribute \$2,094 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.

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7/9/2024 Outreach

7/23/2024 Maintenance Fund

PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS



国际基本 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: We have received your mercy, O God, in the midst of your temple; even as your name, so also does your praise extend to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Offertory: You will save the humble nation, O Lord, and bring down the eyes of the proud. For who is God, other than you, O Lord?

Communion: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man who trusts in him.

The Offertory Antiphon is an interesting text in light of today's readings. Prophets generally endure suffering because the message of repentance that they proclaim is often unwanted and unwelcome. It is also a means of purification so that they do not become proud; it is in the humble that God's power is made perfect, as St. Paul said. We are called to take up our own daily cross by simply doing what is expected of us in our varied stations of life and doing the right thing when confronted by some kind of injustice against our neighbor. Christian living does not have to be unhappy, though. This week's Communion Antiphon, which was sung every week during Communion in the early Church, encourages us to persevere in trusting God when things get difficult. We will begin to "taste and see how gracious the Lord is" to us in the wonderful healing and joy that comes from being at peace with God. We will truly experience His love and intimacy within our souls even as we experience more trials. It is important that we nourish that relationship, though, with periods of silent prayer. Consider signing up for a weekly holy hour! We are starting up regular adoration after the Monday and Friday Masses on Wednesday evenings. Communion is not only intimacy with the Lord but His intimacy with us!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

CALLING ALL ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS!! HOLY COMFORTER'S VBS NEEDS YOU!!

Adults and Teens (18 years and older) will need to registered in VIRTUS. Please go to www.virtusonline.org and register for an account. Contact Melinda Wells, DRE, or sign-up at the Religious Education Table in the Commons. Thank you!

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. Thank you so much!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 A prayer for the Lord's salvation

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance

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 require your financial support. Thank you for all you do. 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

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: This weeks' readings can help us to understand the current situation in Haiti, where a political crisis has escalated into violence and chaos. The people of Haiti, who have suffered so much from poverty, corruption, natural disasters, and social unrest, are in need of God's mercy and justice, and of our solidarity and support. As Catholic believers, we are called to be like Ezekiel, who did not give up his prophetic mission, even when faced with hostility and indifference. We are also called to be like Paul, who endured many hardships and afflictions, but did not lose hope, because he knew that God's grace was sufficient for him. And we are called to be like the apostles who gave up so much physically to follow Jesus and proclaimed his message of even when they encountered opposition and danger. Haiti will always need our prayers, but we continue to

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND is seeking to fill the following positions: Payroll Manager, Benefits Manager and Associate Director for the Office of Christian Formation. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to 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 about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit classroom furniture. If interested, please contact Frank Murphy, our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org Business Manager, f.murphy@cvillecatholic.org,/434-964-0400.

FROM THE PASTOR





THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Part VII 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

Jesus said, "If you truly desire to be my disciple, you must disown your life completely, embrace my 'cross' as your own, and surrender to my ways" (Lk. 9:23). This is an attitude of the heart. We have the daily opportunity to offer our lives to God as "his sacred, living sacrifices" and to "live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart" (Rom. 12:1). Every day I make the decision to walk in obedience to God. Scripture tells us that God freely gives the Holy Spirit "to those who hear and obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

A desire to grow in the Holy Spirit will happen if there is a daily willingness to renounce afresh the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is the daily resolve to live subject to Jesus Christ – *In your hearts enthrone him | There let him subdue | All that is not holy, | All that is*

not true. This statement needs to be pondered since we so easily assume that we have the right to retain that which is not holy and that which is not true. We cannot grow daily in the Spirit if we daily retain the resentments, the hurts, the wrongs, the memories, and the desires which we know are neither holy nor true. We are not free to promote the unholiness of others (gossip), or to retain it by anger or resentment. I am constantly saddened when the inevitable negative elements in Christians' lives are not allowed to wither but are regularly fed and watered by recalling and retelling – and retelling again! If we want the cleansing of the Holy Spirit daily, we cannot at the same time have daily habits of speech, thought, reading, relationship, or pleasure that soil us. The question worth asking is: Do our choices assist the Holy Spirit to help us grow in the character of Jesus or do they set it back?

Daily growth in the Spirit will touch – and should touch – everything we are and have been. It will affect everything we think and speak and do, everything we want and everything we decide, every relationship we enjoy and all the ones we do not. It will touch our priorities, our fears and fantasies, our longings, our thoughts, our diet, our hobbies, our space, our time, and our possessions. Everything has to be touched in due course by the Holy Spirit if we are to grow as He wishes. If we do not fully grasp that Christian growth – growing in the Spirit – as something total, we will not see or understand the Holy Spirit's working in all the different areas of our lives.

To be continued...

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