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MASS TIMES

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

Monday + Friday	1-3PM
Wednesday	6-9PM
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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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 (7/20)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/21) Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by an

Anonymous Donor

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Mass (in Latin)

MONDAY (7/22)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1-3PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/23)

8AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/24)

8AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/25)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration

7-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (7/26)

12 PM Mass

1-3PM Adoration

SATURDAY (7/27)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/28) Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by Petroni &

Conaway Family in memory of Pat and

Jack Conawa

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Mass (in Latin)

SAINTS OF GOD

7/20 Saint Apollinaris

7/21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

7/22 Saint Mary Magdalene

7/23 Saint Bridget of Sweden

7/24 Saint Sharbel Makhoul

7/25 Saint James

7/26 Saints Joachim and Anne

7/27 Saint Titus Brandsma

7/28 Blessed Stanley Rother

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 (7/20)

8 AM Homebound Parishioners

5 PM † Alfred M. Goodison III
(Michele Skarvelis)

SUNDAY (7/21)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Helen Hall
(Colette Hall and Kelton Flinn)

2 PM William Yearout

MONDAY (7/22)

12 PM † Wynne Abrams (Mel Crews)

TUESDAY (7/23)

8 AM Kevin Gallagher (Fr. Joseph Mary)

WEDNESDAY (7/24)

8 AM Mona Peglow (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (7/25)

6 PM Jackson Kulick (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (7/26)

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

SATURDAY (7/27)

8 AM Ill Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

5PM † Jane Till Danilek

SUNDAY (7/28)

8:30 AM † Donald E. Jones (Shannon Lagarde)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Jeanne and Ed Mickiwicz
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

Offertory	\$10,738
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)
Above Weekly Budget	\$1,638

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

7/14/2024 Outreach

7/28/2024 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: Behold, God is my helper, and the Lord is the upholder of my soul; turn back all the evil against my enemies, destroy them in your fidelity, O Lord, the Protector of my life.

Offertory: The ordinances of the Lord are right, bringing joy to all hearts, sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. Therefore your servant will observe them.

Communion: You will accept a sacrifice of righteousness, oblations and burnt offerings, placed on your altar, O Lord.

Once in a while we will see an “imprecatory” Psalm, i.e., a Psalm that calls for retribution against one’s enemies. We are taught that all the Psalms are fulfilled in Christ, so what are we to make of this opening verse for Mass? St. Paul teaches us that we struggle against the “powers” of this age, which is to say the powers of hell. The warfare that was common in the Old Testament serves as a type (a symbolic parallel) for the spiritual warfare that we as the Church Militant endure every day. It is fitting, then, that we call upon God to “turb back all the evil” on the enemies of our souls (the Devil and all his hosts). This Antiphon presents a complementary vision of the spiritual life to that offered in the readings. In the battle life, we need a leader. Christ as presented as the Shepherd Who will guide us in our tribulations. All these various images of Our Lord are at play in the rich tapestry of our spiritual lives, and we should embrace them all, for they touch on every aspect of our existence with its joys, sadnesses, trials, failures, and victories. Jesus wears many hats (military leader, Shepherd, Savior, etc.) because our lives are not a linear journey from unholiness to holiness. We rise, fall, get up again, proceed further, fall back a little, fall back a lot, and then move forward again. We need Jesus in all the richness of His divinity to guide us to our eternal homeland where we shall finally rest from our labors with no fear of ever damaging our relationship with God again.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

Gospel John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

July 21, Sixteenth 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, Alicia Vinklerek, 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

Dedicated to helping you heal

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

Questions? Email vac@richmonddiocese.org

QR code for joining the virtual support group.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We thank the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank for the new refrigerator in Food Pantry. It was provided to us through the Partner Impact and Innovation Grant. We appreciate the parishioners ongoing support to Outreach through your volunteer time, contributions and donations. Thank you and God Bless! This USDA institution is an equal opportunity provider.

PARISH LIFE: Would you like to be involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? Contact Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com

WORKS OF MERCY: We are looking for two individuals to bring communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residences. If interested, please contact the Works of Mercy ministry at mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Meetings will begin again in September, on the First and Third Sundays at 10:00 between the Masses. Please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775, for more information.

HAITI: The Haiti Parish twinning ministry is seeking committed leaders, tradespeople, legal and financial experts, engineers, and medical professionals to address challenges faced by their twin parish, St. Michel, and its community. The ministry is seeking the future replacements and new additions for the septuagenarians (plus) who are active volunteers and can recall when Holy Comforter founded the Haiti twinning in Charlottesville thirty years ago. Holy Comforter also currently lacks a parish representative on the committee due to Ginny Zeller's retirement. This ministry is rooted in the spiritual identity and purpose outlined in Ephesians, urging engagement with empathy and courage. Please pray for Haiti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHESTERTON ACADEMY Open House: Sat., July 27th, 10 am - 12 pm
Come see Charlottesville's **new classical high school** joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition! Opening **this August**, *Chesterton Academy of St. John the Evangelist* offers a proven and rigorous curriculum, daily Mass, Socratic seminar, Rome pilgrimage, and affordable tuition. We are accepting applications for this school year and are located across from Holy Comforter at 256 E High St. Can't make this date?

RSVP at ChestertonSJE.org/events to schedule an appointment for a tour, go to info@ChestertonSJE.org.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT The annual Charlottesville Catholic School Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 30 at The Club at Glenmore. Registration for individuals players and teams is now open--sign up by July 30 for Early Bird pricing! There are also many sponsorship opportunities available. Please email Lisa Schuetz (l.schuetz@cvillecatholic.org) if you are interested in sponsoring this event.

ARE YOU CALLED TO THE LAY DOMINICANS? Have you felt that God is asking you to go deeper with your faith? Your prayer life? Your ministry? You might be called to be a Lay Dominican! To learn more about this unique vocation, visit the St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity's next meeting. Meetings are held every first Saturday of the month at St. Thomas Aquinas For more info, email president Diane Auger Smith at oplait511@gmail.com or <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/>



Love your Priests

According to recent studies, a great number of priests quit each year. They don't quit because they have a lack of faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling God has placed on their life. Most don't even quit because of financial reasons. Priests quit because they are overwhelmed with mental exhaustion.

Until you're a priest you'll never fully understand what it's like to carry spiritual burdens for people. Getting up in the middle of night, praying for your family of faith. Awakened in the middle of night with someone on your heart. Overwhelmed with concern by a person's absence or distance. Your mind continually occupied with the presentation of the upcoming Sunday message...how to preach it, what to teach on, how do we apply it. Getting critiqued on a continual basis. Being told you need to do better or that some areas of the church simply need to be better.

Priests invest their whole life into people and yet people will turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation. Priests stand in the middle of disputes. Priests stand in the middle of gossip. Priests counsel broken marriages. Priests comfort those who have suffered loss. Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people with a desire to see each one thrive in their faith.

They long for spiritual breakthroughs. Your priest craves the very best for you. All of this, while trying to battle their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God. Priests see the posts. Priests hear the whispers. Priests endure the negativity. Priests are continually caring for the sheep while fending off the wolves. Priests pour out and pour out...rarely being poured into.

What keeps a priest going? YOU! You...the person who is genuinely hungry. You...the person who worships with passion and freedom. You...the teenager who is striving to be a follower of Jesus. You...the single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ. You...the one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, and community.

Pray for your priest. Serve with your priest. Talk with your priest. Encourage your priest. They are human. They need You more than you think!

"Behind each Priest, there is a demon fighting for his fall. If we have the language to criticize them. We must have twice as much to pray for them." ~ St Theresa of Avila

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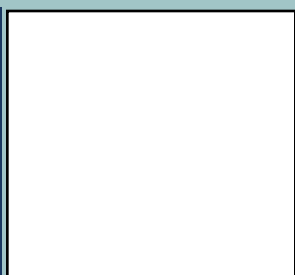
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