



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

JULY 28, 2024

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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

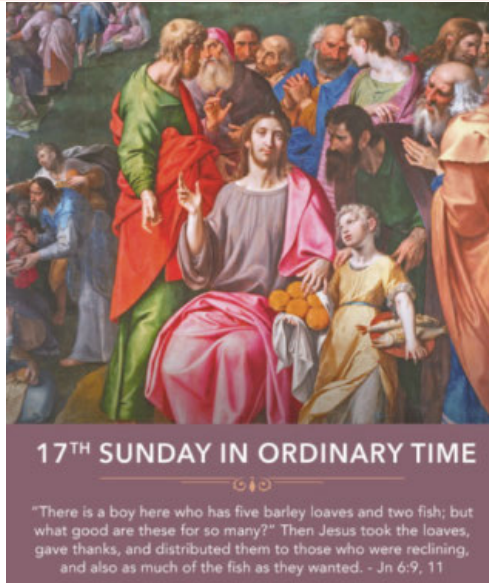
CONFESSION

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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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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 (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 Conaway

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Mass (in Latin)

MONDAY (7/29)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1-3PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/30)

8AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/31)

8AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (8/1)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration

7-8 PM Confession

FRIDAY (8/2)

12 PM Mass

1-3PM Adoration

SATURDAY (7/8/3)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/4) Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by Petroni & Conaway Family In memory of Norma & Renzo Petroni

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Mass (in Latin)

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

7/31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8/1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori

8/2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

8/3 Saint Peter Julian Eymard

8/4 Saint John Vianney

NEW PARISHIONERS

Thomas & Marina and Joseph Dodd

Nathaniel Capps

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 (7/27)

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 Mickiewicz
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

MONDAY (7/29)

12 PM Martha Ospina for a safe journey to Columbia (Mel Crews)

TUESDAY (7/30)

8 AM Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (7/31)

8 AM Joanne MacKey

THURSDAY (8/1)

6 PM Eddie and Marianne Walendowski and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (8/2)

12 PM Marianne Rogers and Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (8/3)

8 AM William and Royann Murray & Family
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Dotty and George Lilly (Mary Frances Lilly)
Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (8/4)

8:30 AM † Jane Till Danilek
† Fr. Mark Beard (Jeanne Mickiewicz)

11 AM Father Joseph Mary for Safe Travels

2 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mona Peglow)

SAINTS OF GOD

7/27 Saint Titus Brandsma

7/28 Blessed Stanley Rother

7/29 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

7/30 Saint Solanus Casey

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

Offertory	\$7,895
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,205)</i>

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: God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.

Offertory: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord, I cried unto you and you healed me.

Communion: Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then shall your barns be filled with abundance, and your presses shall run over with wine.

The Communion Antiphon beautifully synthesizes the message in today's readings. As with all the Psalms, there is both a literal and spiritual component. The latter is the most important because what the Holy Spirit is asking of us through the psalmist is to give God our very best by, for example, performing our daily responsibilities intentionally with the love of God in our hearts and the desire to please him. This applies to all areas of life and is why the Church has such a rich cultural heritage. Artists, sculptors, and musicians whose memory lives on today in their great works sought to honor God by giving their very best. When we endeavor to do something extraordinary or ordinary with the love of God in our hearts, our efforts, whether they fail or succeed, are blessed abundantly. The interior joy we experience will overflow and touch the lives of others, extending the kingdom of God. Let us strive to follow this "little way," so beautifully expressed by St. Therese of Lisieux, and do all things with extraordinary love! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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HOLY COMFORTER'S VBS

This year's VBS was a wonderful success! There has been very positive feedback from parents AND children! A huge thank you to all of our catechists and helpers who made this year's VBS possible! Also, a big thanks of appreciation to the parents who rearranged schedules so their children could learn more about the Holy Spirit and how they can experience Him in their lives.

Most importantly, thanks be to God for making VBS a wonderful event!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Have you ever considered being part of Holy Comforter's team of Catechists? Here's your chance! Volunteer Catechists are needed for grades K-1, 3-4, and Middle School. Please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, if you're interested or would like more information. Thank you so much!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Christians become a new creation in Christ.
Gospel John 6:24-35
Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

July 28, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

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

Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, 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 for the Food Pantry. It was provided to us through a PII grant. We appreciate the parishioners ongoing support to Outreach through your volunteer time, contributions and donations. The Food Bank's grant and the parishioner's generosity enables us to feed those in need in our community. Thank you and Blessings! The 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. For info, contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775

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.

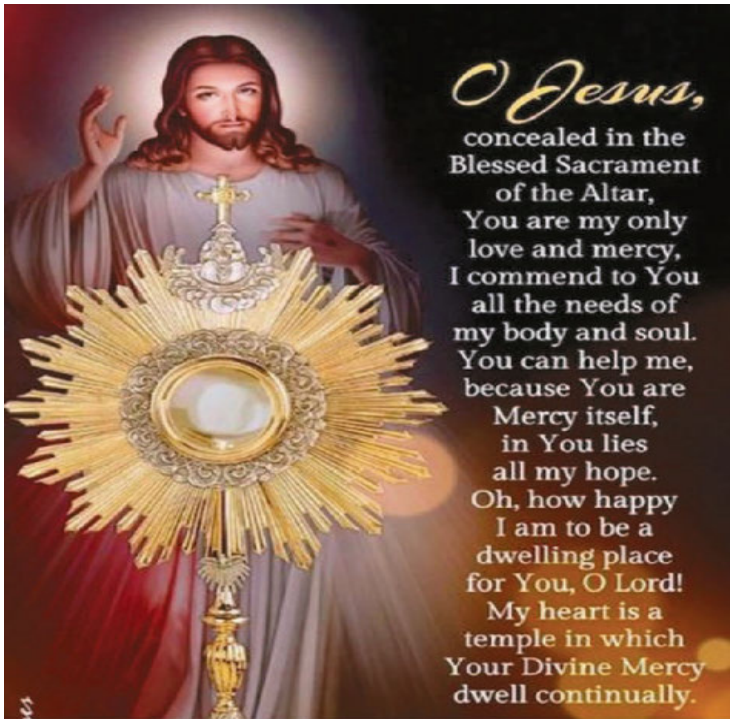
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 oplaity511@gmail.com or <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/>

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND is seeking a *Safe Environment Specialist* to support the Office of Safe Environment (see <https://bit.ly/3zTQ6e1>), an *Administrative Assistant* to support the Office of Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministry (see <https://bit.ly/45YnnAw>) and a *Coordinator of Campus Ministry* to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry at Roanoke College in Salem, VA (see <https://bit.ly/3zMgVAK>). For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



O Jesus,
concealed in the
Blessed Sacrament
of the Altar,
You are my only
love and mercy,
I commend to You
all the needs of
my body and soul.
You can help me,
because You are
Mercy itself,
in You lies
all my hope.
Oh, how happy
I am to be a
dwelling place
for You, O Lord!
My heart is a
temple in which
Your Divine Mercy
dwell continually.

COME LET US ADORE HIM PART I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest”**

Matthew 11:28

On the solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday in 2022, the Bishops of the USA set in motion the Eucharistic revival movement where we are invited to grow in faith and love of our Lord with us, the Eucharist. One of the ways of deepening our relationship with Jesus is praying before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is a posture of love, the placing of oneself in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, whether reposed inside the tabernacle, or exposed inside a special stand called a monstrance. Adoration allows for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, who is truly and physically present in a special way in the Eucharistic liturgy, and in the Eucharistic species.

While many people pray privately in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration can also be performed as communal prayer and worship. This is usually done in the context of a "Holy Hour" that is structured so as to give time for specific communal prayer

as well as private silent prayer. Thus, communal Adoration becomes a beautiful way to help a parish or group grow together to become a truly Eucharistic community. In view of that here at Holy Comforter we have set days (**Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**) to have that time of adoration. During adoration we watch and wait, we remain silent in His presence and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. By being present during Adoration, we become what God wants us to be. Like a magnet, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life. *“The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic adoration. Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back ‘love for love’ and truly become the life of our souls” (Pope St. John Paul II).* Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him and make our requests to Him. *“When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament, He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much” (St. John Vianney).* The same saint continues to say, **“When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open his. We will go to him, and he will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God.”**

So, if we really love the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come a few minutes to adore Him and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness. We should regard those moments as the happiest in our lives. I therefore invite you and encourage you to come and at least spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, and you will see the good things happening in your life, in your family, and in our community. Indeed, we ought to visit Him often. How dear to Him is a quarter of an hour spared from our occupations or from some useless engagements to come and pray to Him, visit Him, and console Him for all the ingratitude He receives! When He sees pure souls hurrying to Him, He smiles at them.

To be continued...

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

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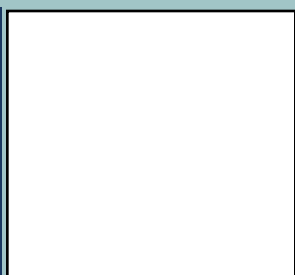
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