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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	7-8PM

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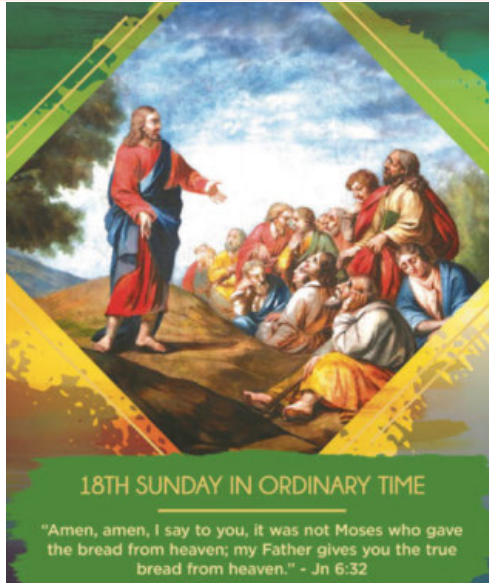
Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	7-8 PM
Sunday	1 PM

* Please see Bulletin Calendar for schedule during Fr. JML's absence.

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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 (8/3)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting:

This Man is You (LL)

No 8AM MASS

2:30PM Wedding

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

2PM Mass (in Latin)

MONDAY (8/5)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (8/6)

12 PM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (8/7)

12 PM Mass

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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 (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)

MONDAY (8/5)

12 PM Mary Robert Klein (Fr. Joseph Mary)

TUESDAY (8/6)

8 AM Jon Shnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (8/7)

12 AM Brian & Barbara Cassidy and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (8/8)

12PM John & Shannon Shoup and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (8/9)

12 PM John and Jeanne Chamales (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (8/10)

5PM Kammauff Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (8/11)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Garrick Davis and Family (Fr. JML)

2 PM † John Peglow (Mona Peglow)

SAINTS OF GOD

8/3 Saint Peter Julian Eymard

8/4 Saint John Vianney

8/5 Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica

8/6 Transfiguration of the Lord

8/7 Saint Cajetan

8/8 Saint Dominic

8/9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8/10 Saint Lawrence

8/11 Saint Clare of Assisi

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

Offertory	\$5,059
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$4,041)</i>

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.

“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.

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 AUGUST

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

8/11/2024 Outreach

8/25/2024 Maintenance Fund

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me; let them be put to confusion and shame, my enemies who seek my life.

Offertory: Moses prayed to the Lord his God, and said; Moses addressed this prayer to the Lord his God, and declared: “Why, O Lord, is your anger enkindled against your people? Let the wrath your mind has conceived cease. Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to whom you swore to give a land flowing with milk and honey.” And the Lord was dissuaded from accomplishing the evil which he had threatened to inflict upon his people.

Communion: You gave us bread from heaven, O Lord, having in it all that is delicious, and the sweetness of every taste. *Offertory chants accompany the liturgical action of bringing gifts to the altar of God in procession and preparing to offer them to the Father through Christ in the person of the priest. They are consequently often meditative, focusing on supplicatory prayer. The narrative about Moses is very interesting here because he is a prefigurement of Christ as our Mediator. Our Lord accomplished this mediation by offering the Sacrifice of Himself for our redemption, now made present under the forms of bread and wine. It is a deeply Eucharistic text and is therefore eminently fitting for today’s Mass with its emphasis on Christ as the living bread that came down from heaven. We will resume Eucharistic adoration when Father returns from Uganda. Pray to Jesus in a special way this month asking Him if He is calling you to grow deeper in your faith through the practice of spending time with Him in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour once a week. More to come on that towards the end of the month... Oh Sacrament most holy, oh Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!*

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HOLY COMFORTER’S RCIA

The Inquirers Meeting will be Saturday, September 8 in the Conference rm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) the program for adults who wish to explore or enter the Catholic Church begins soon!

If someone you know is drawn to Catholicism or is a Catholic adult who has never been Confirmed, please let them know, Holy Comforter is here for them and RCIA is the beginning of their journey! *The first meeting will be on Sunday, September 15th from 12:30-1:30pm downstairs in the Conference Room.* Please contact Melinda Wells, for more information.

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118:2-4,13-*

15,22-24 God’s love is everlasting. A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

Second *1 Peter 1:3-9*

We have new hope because of Jesus’ Resurrection.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

August 4, Eighteenth 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 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 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/fellow parishioner added, email the Works of Mercy ministry mercy@holycorforterparish.org or please call the church office at 434-295-7185.

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary please contact the office 434-295-7185 or email reception@holycorforterparish.org

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE VISIT DAYS: Come out to Front Royal, VA, and see an authentically Catholic college right here in Virginia on one of our visit days! *We will offer two open houses on Sept. 21 & Nov. 23 and a homeschool visit day on Oct. 12*, where prospective families will tour our beautiful campus, experience class with one of our distinguished professors, and learn about our academic program, Catholic culture, financial aid, and countless leadership opportunities! Please register in advance at www.christendom.edu/visit.

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@holycorforterparish.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

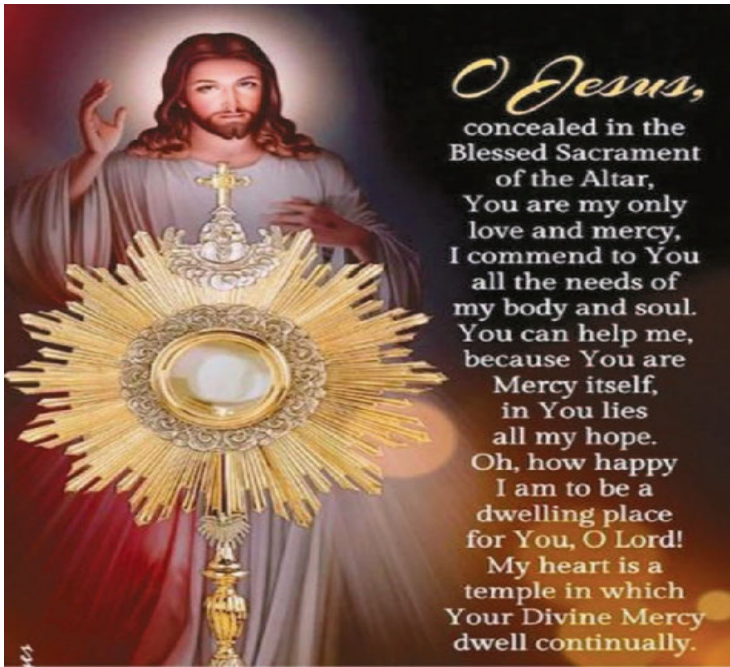
HAITI: The Haiti Executive Committee convened this past week. The fiscal year calendar was approved; mapping out events and activities until June 2025. Paul Dierdorf's financial analysis revealed the ministry's highest funding ever. *Dr. August Sanusi discussed the 'Hope for Haiti' Dinner/ Auction Gala, a beacon of resilience scheduled for November 16 at St. Thomas Hall.* This year marks the concluding chapter for the Haiti Craft fairs due to staffing challenges. New volunteers are needed to carry this vital thread forward. Holy Comforter lacks a Parish liaison on the Executive Committee. If interested, discuss with Father Joseph Mary, and email Bob Fromm at bobfro@comcast.net. We currently have no dates for sponsorship or a final craft fair. Active committee members are urgently needed. Recommendations and interest are welcome! Please pray for the Haiti Ministry and Haiti! God bless you!

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 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 interested in sponsoring this event.

WHAT IS A LAY DOMINICAN, ANYWAY? The *St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity of Lay Dominicans* invites you to our monthly meeting to learn about St. Dominic and the lay men/women who follow in his footsteps by preaching for the salvation of souls. *Our meetings begin on the first Saturday of each month with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by breakfast and our meeting.* Our "Come and See!" meeting will be September 7, held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (STAUVA) For more information, please contact our Lay Dominican Chapter President, Diane Auger Smith oplait511@gmail.com or go to <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@richmonddioocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



COME LET US ADORE HIM

PART II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!” Matthew 26:40-41

Fr. Robert Goedert, O.P. had the following to say about the Eucharist and Adoration: “One of the main points of Vatican II was to emphasize the importance of the Eucharistic liturgy in the worship of God and in the development of our own personal spiritual life. The Vatican council strongly advised us that the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, should be the principal expression of our faith, and that all other devotions should spring from the Mass and leads us back to the Mass. Eucharistic Adoration does exactly that. All experience shows that private prayer and adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist causes more frequent and more intense participation in the Mass.

“Despite this teaching of Vatican II, about the Holy Eucharist, almost immediately after the Council, we began to see a

steady tragic decline in respect for the Holy Eucharist. In some cases, the Mass seemed to be transformed from the worship of God to the entertainment of the people, then, to the worship of each other. *“That’s something very unfortunate.”* “Reverence for the Blessed Sacrament diminished. Genuflections expressing our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus almost disappeared. Prayerful silence in our churches gave way to socializing.” *“Do you see what I see?”* For many, “the church became a social hall instead of a sacred place for prayer and worship. For some, the sacrifice of the Mass was often used as a vehicle for political statements. Eucharistic devotions were ridiculed as “old church”, and almost disappeared from the Catholic scene.” For some time, “we could have a generation of young Catholics who have never even seen benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.” *“What a shame!”*

“Every year of his pontificate, St. Pope John Paul II wrote a pastoral letter about the Holy Eucharist to all the bishops and priests of the church. In these letters, the Holy Father demanded a stop to the abuses being committed against the Blessed Sacrament. He pleaded for a return to the reverence and traditions of the past, especially for the adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Father reinforced his words with action. In 1991, Pope John Paul began perpetual adoration of the Eucharist in St. Peter Basilica in Rome. In 1991, the Holy Father approved the canonical establishment of the lay association for perpetual Eucharistic adoration to promote adoration in every Catholic parish throughout the world....St. Pope John Paul II says this: “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship”. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration. Notice how the Holy Father is asking you to be generous with your time. He is not asking for your money but something much more precious – your time.”

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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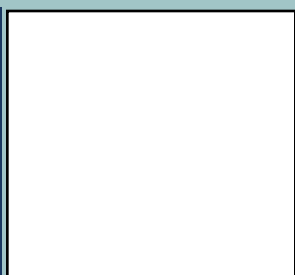
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