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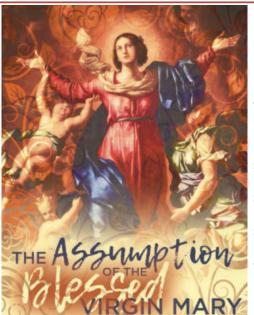
MASS TIMES*

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday 8	3:30 AM,11 AM & 2 P
Monday + Fric	lay 12 PM
Tuesday + We	dnesday 8 AM
Thursday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM
ADORATION	
Monday + Fric	lay 1-3PM
Wednesday	6-9PM
Thursday	7-8PM
CONFESSION	
Mon, Weds, F	ri 6:30-7:30 P
Thursday	7-8 PM
Sunday	1 PM
* Please see B	ulletin 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



SATURDAY (8/10) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting : This Man is You (LL) NO 8AM MASS **3PM** Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (8/11) Nineteenth Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Altar Flowers donated by Colette Hall in Memory of Helen Hall 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass 2PM Gregorian Mass MONDAY (8/12) 8 PM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry TUESDAY (8/13) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass WEDNESDAY (8/14) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass THURSDAY (8/15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 AM Mass 12PM Gregorian Mass 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM Mass FRIDAY (8/16) 12 PM MASS SATURDAY (8/17) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting : This Man is You (LL) NO 8AM MASS **3PM** Confession 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (8/18) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Altar Flowers donated by Mona Peglow remembering, the Love of God, the Father 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass **1 PM** Confession 2PM Gregorian Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

- 8/10 Saint Lawrence
- 8/11 Saint Clare of Assisi
- 8/12 Saint Frances de Chantal
- 8/13 Blessed Michael J. McGivney

Please note: Next week, Aug. 17&18 Fr. Charles Collins of Cross Catholic

Outreach will be celebrating the 5pm Vigil Mass, 8:30am & 11am Masses. He will be speaking on behalf of the poor developing countries. The Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between the parishes in America and priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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 **2 PM** † John G. Peglow (Mona Peglow) 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 7 AM Jack and Margaret Kirkland 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 FRIDAY (8/16) 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 **5PM** The Staff of Holy Comforter Church

- 8/14 Saint Maximilian Mary Kolby
- 8/15 Assumption of the BVM
- 8/16 Saint Stephen of Hungary
- 8/17 Saint Joan of the Cross
- 8/18 Saint Louis of Toulouse

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 (8/10)

5PM Kammauff Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (8/11)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish **11 AM** Garrick Davis and Family (Fr. JML)

MONDAY (8/12)

8 AM † Marie Kostelac (Michael Kostelac and Family)

TUESDAY (8/13)

12 PM Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (8/14)

12 PM Dennis Dougherty and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (8/15)

12PM Jon and Shannon Shoup (Fr. Joseph Mary) 6 PM Joseph Stanley

12 PM Cassidy Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

SATURDAY (8/17)

(Fr. Joseph Mary)

SUNDAY (8/18)

8:30 AM Kay and Peter Colo (Marlene Colo Wood) 11 AM Members of the Parish 2 PM Steve and Mona Peglow (Mona Peglow)

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2024

Offertory	\$17,557
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)
Above Weekly Budget	\$8,457

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 <u>https://</u> 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 MONTHChristian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace8/11/2024Outreach8/25/2024Maintenance Fund

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom has set a feast before us. Responsorial Psalm Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7 A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Remember, O Lord, your covenant, and do not abandon for ever the souls of your poor; arise, O Lord, and judge your own cause; forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Offertory: In you have I put my trust, O Lord; I said: "You are my God, my destiny is in your hands."

Communion: The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. The progression of sentiments expressed within the Propers from the start of Mass to its pinnacle at Communion presents an elegant teaching on the life of prayer. During the Entrance chant, we call to God in our lowliness, asking Him not to abandon us. From supplication we proceed to hope in the Offertory chant, placing our "destinies" in the hands of God. The Communion Antiphon, which presents us with a snippet of the Gospel (as is typical of Communion chants), forms an elegant bookend to the Entrance Antiphon. The answer to that initial prayer is Christ's promise to give us His Flesh, which is fulfilled at every Catholic Mass. Jesus not only nourishes us with His divine life but has chosen to remain with us until the end of time in a very real way through His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Spend some time with Him after Mass today and ask him to help you love Him more and more. Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP REGISTRATION

The Registration forms are on the RE Table in the Commons area. Please pick up a registration form and send or give to Melinda Wells, DRE. Please note: If you are homeschooling your child for First Sacraments, there is a registration form for you, as well. (The homeschool requirements and the teaching outline of sacramental expectations will be available in September.)

HOLY COMFORTER RCIA

The Inquirers Meeting will be Sunday, September 8, in the Conference room RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) the program for adults who wish to explore or enter the Catholic Church begins soon! 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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

> Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord. Gospel John 6:51-58 Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

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, Paula Goodburn, 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/fellow parishioner added, email the Works of Mercy ministry <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> 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 <u>reception@holycomforterparish.org</u>



St Vincent de Paul regularly meets at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in the Conference Room at the Church of the Incarnation. You are welcome to attend a

meeting and see if this ministry many be calling you. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at <u>www.svdp-ht.org</u> or email us at <u>info@svdp-ht.org</u>. Thank you! <u>CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE VISIT DAYS:</u> 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 the website... <u>www.christendom.edu/visit.</u>

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: The food pantry is in need of volunteers. There are several jobs available including food pick up, computer work, record keeping, email writing, food packing/distribution and more! If you can devote 1-3 hours per week, please email or call Outreach. We need your help. Also, for the month of August we are collecting canned fruit and fruit cups. Thank you for your volunteer time, donations, and contributions to Outreach.

PARISH LIFE: Would you like to be involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? Contact Elizabeth Gilbert, <u>Elizgilbert@gmail.com</u> THAT MAN IS YOU! BAND OF BROTHERS: will meet weekly on Saturday, 6 am at Holy Comforter. There will be breakfast, fellowship, and video instruction. "That Man is You!" is a program unlike anything else that you've experienced. It tackles real issues facing real men. It looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome

these obstacles. <u>WORKS OF MERCY</u>: 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: Recently, a fragile truce was negotiated by U.S. Catholic priest Father Thomas Hagan. Haitian Bishop Pierre-André Dumas, currently recovering in Miami, emphasizes the urgent need for a new beginning in Haiti. We can consider themes of sustenance, redemption, and hope. Just as Jesus offers Himself as the living bread, perhaps the people of Haiti seek renewal and healing. Our Twinning Haitian ministries play a positive role, and together, we can pray and hope for a brighter future.

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 (I.schuetz@cvillecatholic.org) if interested in sponsoring this event. WHAT IS A LAY DOMINICAN, ANYWAY? What do St. Catherine of Siena, St. Martin de Porres, and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati have in common? They were all lay Dominicans! You are invited to come meet people living out this unique vocation and see if God may be calling you to join this great family. Monthly meetings are held on the first Saturday. Our "Come and See" meeting is Saturday, September 7 beginning with 8:30 a.m. Mass, then breakfast. We meet at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (401 Alderman Road, Charlottesville). For more information, contact Diane Auger Smith at oplaity511@gmail.com or https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/ CHESTERTON ACADEMY: a classical high school joyfully rooted in the Catholic faith, seeks an experienced, energetic, personable, and selfmotivated receptionist and administrative assistant to be an integral part of our school's team. See https://www.chestertonsje.org/careers or send an email to info@chestertonSJE.org



MEDITATION 1: JESUS CHRIST IS PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST*

"Last Sunday was the feast day of St. John Vianney, whose love for the Eucharist revitalized the French Church in the wake of the French Revolution. The following are his meditations on the Eucharist as an extended treatise on the subject while Father is in Uganda."

At the moment when the Mother of St. Alexis recognised her son in the dead body of the beggar, who had lived for thirty years under the stairs in her palace, she exclaimed: "O my son! too late have I known thee!" The soul leaving this life will see at last Him, whom it possessed in the Eucharist, and at the sight of the consolations, beauties and riches that she had ignored, she will likewise cry out: "O Jesus! O my Life! O my Treasure! O my Love! too late have I known Thee!" Divine Saviour, while I meditate on the proofs of your presence under the sacramental veils, enlighten my mind, influence my heart, inspire me with the lively, ardent faith, which is already a vision of your eternal beauty. Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist with His Body and Blood, His Soul and Divinity. Do you wish for proofs clear and convincing?

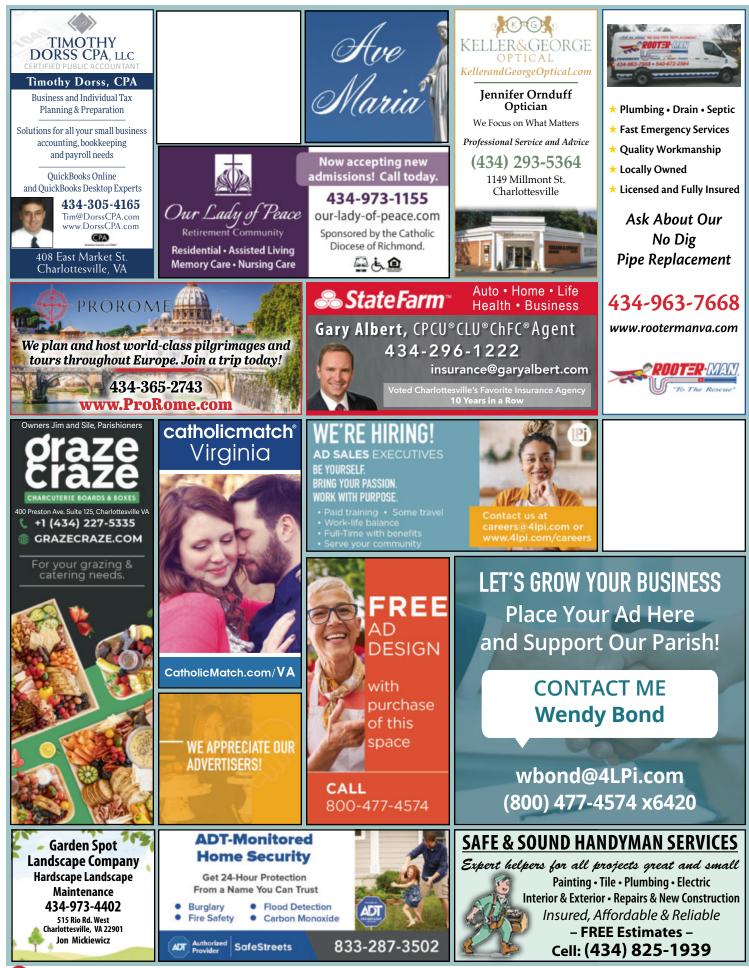
- OUR LORD HAS SAID IT. The evening of the Last Supper, He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the Apostles, and said: "Take and eat. This is My Body." Then He took the chalice containing wine, and said: "Drink ye all of this. This is My Blood. Do this in memory of Me." "This is My Body" - then it is no longer bread. "This is My Blood" - then it is no longer wine. Jesus Christ has said it. I believe because He is the Truth, who does not deceive, the Power that all things obey. But why reason, O my soul? Believe and adore. Believe that Jesus Christ is in this sacrament as truly as He was nine months in the womb of Mary, as really as He was nailed to the Cross. Adore in humility and gratitude.
- IT IS A FACT THAT IS IN ACCORD WITH REASON. Our Lord has 2. said: "All that you ask the Father in My Name He will give it to you." Never would we have thought of asking God to give us His own Son. But what man could not have even imagined, God has done. What man could not say or think, and what he could not have dared to desire, God, in His love has said it, planned it and carried His design into execution. Would we have dared to ask God to deliver His Son to death for us: to give us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink? If all this is not true, then man has been able to imagine things greater than God can do. He would have gone further than God in the inventions of love. This is not possible. In other words, what man could not even conceive, God has executed. If the Eucharist, mystery of an infinite love, was an invention of the human spirit we would have a greater idea of the love of God for men than that which God has realized. But God does not let Himself be outdone in love, and we are compelled to say with St. Ambrose, who applies to the Eucharist the words of

St. Paul, "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him." May He be blessed forever.

- 3. 3. IT IS A FACT MADE EVIDENT BY A KIND OF INTUITION. There is no room for doubting that Our Lord is in the Holy Eucharist. One knows well that He is there. One feels it. In receiving Holy Communion one feels something extraordinary, a sense of well-being which pervades his whole body. What is this sense of well-being? It is Our Lord who communicates Himself to all parts of our bodies, and makes them thrill with joy. We are compelled to cry out with St. John: "It is the Lord." 4 O Jesus, without wishing to aspire after the favours granted to your saints, give me, I pray, the proof of your presence in Holy Communion by the unction of your grace, by the spiritual joy and generous enthusiasm in the practice of virtue.
- 4. IT IS A FACT ATTESTED BY HISTORY. A priest was saying Mass in a church of Bolsene and after pronouncing the words of Consecration doubted the Host. At that instant the Sacred Host was quite covered with Blood. Jesus Christ seemed to wish to reproach His minister for his infidelity, and to make him ashamed, and at the same time to show us by this great miracle how convinced we ought to be of His holy Presence in the Eucharist. This holy Host poured forth blood in such abundance that the corporal, altar cloth and even the altar itself were covered. The Pope, who was informed of the miracle, ordered that the corporal all saturated with blood should be brought to him. When it reached the town of Orvieto it was received with the greatest ceremony, and exposed in the church. Each year, this precious relic is carried in procession on Corpus Christi.
- 5. HOW DOES OUR LORD DWELL IN THE EUCHARIST? In an invisible manner, hidden under the species of bread. He accommodates Himself to our weakness. In heaven, when we will be triumphant and glorious, we shall see Him in His glory. If He showed Himself now before us with this glory, we would not dare to approach Him, but He hides Himself as someone in prison and says to us: You do not see Me, but this does not matter: ask Me all that you wish, I will give it to you. Oh! if we had the faith . . . if we were really persuaded of the Real Presence of Him who thus hides Himself out of love, and who is there, His hands full of graces, longing to distribute them, with what reverence we would come before Him, with what confidence we should invoke Him.

"Saint John Vianney, Pray for Us!"

*The "Eucharistic Meditations of the Curé d'Ars"- St John Baptist Mary Vianney—was first published in English by Carmelite Publications in 1961, following the centenary celebrations of the saint's death in 1959.



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