



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## AUGUST 25, 2024

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### MASS TIMES\*

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

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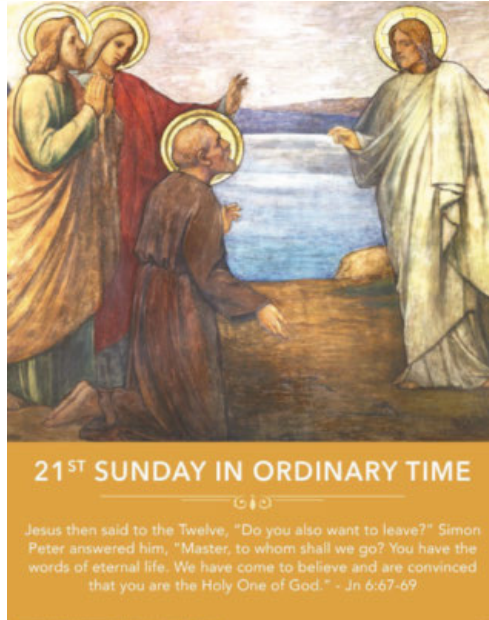
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (8/24)

**6-7:30AM** Band of Brothers Meeting :

This Man is You (LL)

**NO 8AM MASS**

**3 PM** Confession

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/25) Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers donated by Brian & Heidi

Hess, In Honor of Their Anniversary

Second Collection: *Maintenance Fund*

**8:30 AM** Mass

**11 AM** Mass

**1 PM** Confession

**2 PM** Gregorian Mass

MONDAY (8/26)

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**12 PM** Mass

TUESDAY (8/27)

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**12 PM** Mass

WEDNESDAY (8/28)

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**6 PM** Mass

THURSDAY (8/29)

**12 PM** Mass

**12-1 PM** Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (8/30)

**12 PM** MASS

SATURDAY (8/31)

**6-7:30AM** Band of Brothers Meeting :

This Man is You (LL)

**NO 8AM MASS**

**3 PM** Confession

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (9/1) Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flower Donations Are Appreciated

**8:30 AM** Mass

**11 AM** Mass

**1 PM** Confession

**2PM** Gregorian Mass

### ***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 (8/24)**

**5PM** Members of the Parish

### **SUNDAY (8/25)**

**8:30 AM** Matthew Schrank and Family  
(Melinda Wells)

**11 AM** Erin Ferguson and Family

**2 PM** † Fay and Fred Peglow (Mona Peglow)

### **MONDAY (8/26)**

**12 PM** † Normand Auger in Honor of the  
First Anniversary of His Death

(Therese Auger)

John Kovaleski (Jeanne Mickiewicz)

### **TUESDAY (8/27)**

**12 PM** Jon Schnur (Ellen Schnur)

John Kovaleski (Jeanne Mickiewicz)

### **WEDNESDAY (8/28)**

**6 PM** † Zeldia Marie Shine Tenewitz

(Michele Skarvelis)

### **THURSDAY (8/29)**

**12PM** † Mary West (Diane Auger Smith)

### **FRIDAY (8/30)**

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

† Chris Irwin Krupka

(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

### **SATURDAY (8/31)**

**5PM** Holy Comforter's Ill and Homebound

### **SUNDAY (9/1)**

**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish

**11 AM** † Jane Till Danilek

**2 PM** Sarah (Peglow) Madrigal and

Guillermo Madrigal (Mona Peglow)

## SAINTS OF GOD

8/24 Saint Bartholomew

8/25 Saint Louis of France

8/26 Saint John

8/27 Saint Joseph Calasanz

8/28 Saint Monica

8/29 Saint Augustine of Hippo

8/30 Martyrdom of St John the Baptist

8/31 Saint Jeanne Jugan

9/1 Sts Joseph of Arimathea and  
Nicodemus

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

### WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 2024

Offertory	\$11,308
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)
Above Weekly Budget	\$2,208

### 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.

### GENEROSITY IS AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16).** 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

**A FREE RESOURCE FOR MAKE-A-WILL MONTH** Holy Comforter is observing National Make-A-Will Month this August by sharing a free will-writing tool to help steward your family, finances, and faith! Estate planning is an act of faithfulness that empowers you to thoughtfully honor the blessings you've received from God. It can even support our parish and our ministries with an optional legacy gift. [FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation](https://FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation) to make a will at no cost and engage in thoughtful stewardship this month.

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; O God, save your servant who trusts in you; have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto you do I cry all the day.

**Offertory:** With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and he has cast his look upon me; he has heard my supplication and he has put a new canticle into my mouth, a song to our God.

**Communion:** The earth will be satisfied by the work of your hands, O Lord, as you bring forth bread from the land and wine to gladden the heart of man; oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

*It is characteristic of Entrance Antiphons to begin with supplication, providing us with a wonderful reminder that Mass is in fact a prayer, and that we are offering, through and in union with the priest, Jesus Christ to the Father in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. We begin Mass today with a plea for mercy, and the Collect after the Gloria nicely concludes the petition begun at the entrance: "[G]rant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found." With our petitions fully articulated, the Offertory responds with contented confidence that "he has heard my supplication", modeling the attitude of faith that we need to adopt in our own lives. The Holy Spirit stirs within us prayers to the Father because "we do not know how to pray as we ought", so we should be confident that those same prayers placed in our hearts will truly be answered. Receiving the Eucharist will strengthen us in that conviction especially as we navigate our daily trials. Let us keep our hearts "fixed on that place where true gladness is found" and trust that Jesus will be our strength and solace amid the toils of this life, for as Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education  
[dre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycomforterparish.org)

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

**Volunteer Catechists are needed for grades K-1, 3-4, Middle School CF AND 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.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION, SACRAMENTAL PREP REGISTRATION & RCIA

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.*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for adults who wish to explore or enter the Catholic Church begins soon!** The RCIA Inquirers Meeting will be Sunday, September 8, 12:30-1:30PM in the Conference room. Regular RCIA sessions begin Sunday, September 15, 12:30-1:30PM. (LL)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8  
Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.  
**Responsorial**  
Psalm 15:2-3,3-4,4-5  
Those who do justice will find favor with God.

**Second Reading** James 1:17-18,21b-22,27  
James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.  
**Gospel** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23  
Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

August 25, Twenty First 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, Mary Caretti, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debieese, Jimmy Dominguez, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Genevieve Halfen, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Betty Kapeluch, 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@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.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@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)**



**St Vincent de Paul** regularly meets at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 may be calling you. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at [www.svdp-ht.org](http://www.svdp-ht.org) or email us at [info@svdp-ht.org](mailto:info@svdp-ht.org). Thank you!

**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 the website... [www.christendom.edu/visit](http://www.christendom.edu/visit).

## 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:** Parish potluck picnic! Join us for our annual September parish picnic at pen park Sunday September 15th at 430pm. We will gather at Shelter 2. Please bring a dish to share! Potluck signup will be in flocknote Would you like to be involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? See Elizabeth Gilbert, [Elizgilbert@gmail.com](mailto:Elizgilbert@gmail.com)

**THAT MAN IS YOU! BAND OF BROTHERS:** *will meet weekly on Saturdays, at 6 am (LL) with breakfast, fellowship, and video teaching.* "That Man is You!" 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. It helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles. Please contact Steve Sisman [steven.sisman@gmail.com](mailto:steven.sisman@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](mailto: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

**ADULT EDUCATION: Treasures of the Tradition:** Holy Comforter's Adult Formation program again offers two reading groups this Fall: **Chaucer:** The *Canterbury Tales*. A romp through some of the Middle Ages' most unforgettable stories (and most beautiful poetry), teachings of deep religious seriousness. **Weekly from mid-September**

**Stoicism For Real:** Learn about the philosophy that has been one of the most important dialogue-partners for Christianity (seemingly for St. Paul in particular) since the beginning. **Bi-weekly from mid-September.** Participants may come as often or as seldom as they like, and everyone's first meeting is a free trial. Meetings scheduled according to participants' needs, so please see <https://thetreasures.org> or email [bugbee@thetreasures.org](mailto:bugbee@thetreasures.org)

## 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--There are also many sponsorship opportunities available. Email Lisa Schuetz ([L.schuetz@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:L.schuetz@cvillecatholic.org))

**DOMINICAN LAITY-ST. THOMAS CHAPTER** Have you felt that God is asking you to go deeper with your faith? Meetings are every first Saturday of the month at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlottesville. **Our "Come and See" meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 7.**

For more information, please email Laity President Diane Auger Smith [oplaity511@gmail.com](mailto:oplaity511@gmail.com) or <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/>  
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# FROM THE PASTOR



## IN CONVERSATION WITH GOD: Part II

Daniel Kirkland

Director of Liturgy and Music

Prayer is the lifeline of the soul – it is how we communicate with God. He waits for us to come to Him and even helps us through providing the grace of desiring to pray. When we knock, He opens the door, but we must first knock. St. Alphonus Liguori highlighted the necessity of prayer in a rather stark way: “All souls in hell are there because they did not pray. All the saints sanctified themselves by prayer.” That is to say, prayer can be likened to oxygen for the soul. If you stop doing it, you asphyxiate.

We do not feel the effects of the lack prayer as immediately as the body suffers from lack of oxygen or nutrition, but the effects are just as real. One might fall into a particular sin with some regularity, might feel a deep-seated unhappiness with life, etc. Just as we go to a doctor every so often to monitor the health of our bodies, so should we also examine our practices of faith and ask ourselves if we are taking good enough care of our souls.

The first thing to do in fostering a good prayer life is to be consistent. The catechism says the following (2710): “The choice of the time and duration of the prayer arises from a determined will, revealing the secrets of the heart. One does not undertake contemplative prayer only when one has the time: one makes time for the Lord, with the firm determination not to give up, no matter what trials and dryness one may encounter. One cannot always meditate, but one can always enter into inner prayer, independently of the conditions of health, work, or emotional state. the heart is the place of this quest and encounter, in poverty and in faith.”

In holding ourselves accountable to quiet prayer time with God every day, we dispose ourselves more and more easily to receive those gifts that He is so ardently

desiring to share with us. The regularity of coming to God in prayer builds anticipation within us for a deeper encounter with Him. It is so important that we resolve to persevere, especially when it seems like nothing has happened, God hasn't heard us, or we found ourselves distracted. Faith is tested by fire, as St. Paul says.

While consolations and illuminations in prayer are the work of God, we can still do things to help us grow in the art of praying. We can train ourselves to listen attentively by using things of this world to help us learn attentiveness, such as listening to a beautiful piece of music, reading a good piece of literature, or fixing our gaze on a great work of art. The arts in particular, because of their ability to transmit in a concrete way truth, beauty, and goodness, can help us cultivate attentive listening, which trains the soul in a kind of stillness that is receptive to grace.

So, start by finding ten or fifteen minutes of your day where you can ideally fix your gaze on a holy image – at church or home – and greet Jesus, your brother and friend, and tell Him, “Hear I am Lord, I come to do your will.” Then just sit and listen. Maybe you might even start that time with a favorite hymn and listen to it and think on it, making it the subject of your prayer time with God. Just start somewhere....like after reading this! “Let all mortal flesh keep silence...”

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE at [dre@holycmforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycmforterparish.org)

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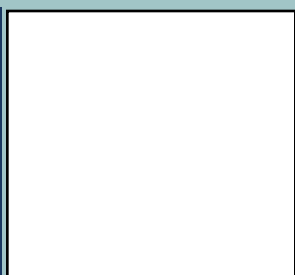
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