



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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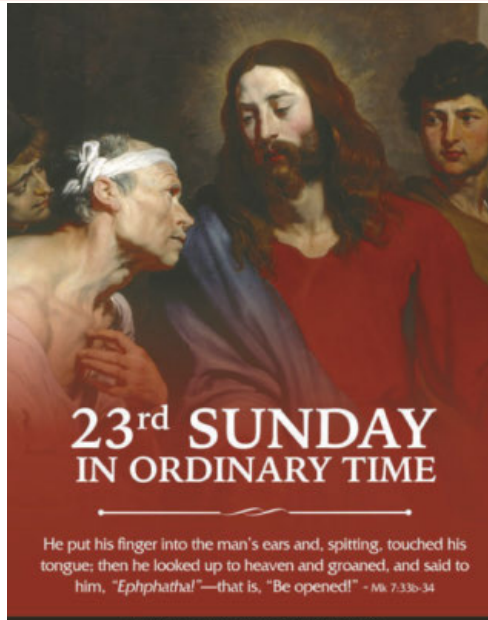
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (9/7)

**6-7:30AM** Band of Brothers Meeting:  
That Man is You (LL)

**8AM** Mass

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (9/8) Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flower Donated by Nancy Vilar in  
Honor of Nancy Maseda

Second Collection: Outreach

**8:30 AM** Mass

**9:45-10:45 AM** Christian Formation

**10 AM** Walking With Moms Meeting (Library)

**11 AM** Mass

**12:30 PM** RCIA (LL)

**1 PM** Confession

**2PM** Gregorian Mass

### MONDAY (9/9)

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

**12 PM** Mass of the Holy Spirit

(Chesterton Academy)

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

### TUESDAY (9/10)

**8 AM** Mass

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

### WEDNESDAY (9/11)

**8 AM** Mass

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

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

### THURSDAY (9/12)

**12-1 PM** Soup Kitchen

**6-8PM** Mass followed by Adoration and  
Confession

### FRIDAY (9/13)

**9 AM-11:45 AM** Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

**12 PM** Mass

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

### SATURDAY (9/14)

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

That Man is You (LL)

**8AM** Mass

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (9/15) Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SAINTS OF GOD

9/7 Blessed Frederic Ozanam

9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9/9 Saint Peter Claver

9/10 Saint Thomas of Villanova

Altar Flower Donations Are Appreciated  
*Christendom Information Table in the  
Commons after all Masses*

**8:30 AM** Mass

**9:45-10:45 AM** Christian Formation

**11 AM** Mass

**12:30 PM** RCIA (LL)

**1 PM** Confession

**2PM** Gregorian Mass

**4:30 PM** HC Parish Picnic, Pen Park at  
Shelter 2

### *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

9/11 Saint Cyprian

9/12 Most Holy Name of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

9/13 Saint John Crysostom

9/14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9/15 Our Lady of Sorrows

## 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 (9/7)

**8AM** Melinda Wells

**5PM** Members of the Parish

### SUNDAY (9/8)

**8:30 AM** Daniel & Mirta Lapinell

**11 AM** Melinda Crews

**2 PM** Theresa Lynch

### MONDAY (9/9)

**12 PM** Chesterton Academy

### TUESDAY (9/10)

**8 AM** Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

### WEDNESDAY (9/11)

**8 AM PM** In Honor of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### THURSDAY (9/12)

**6 PM** In Honor of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### FRIDAY (9/13)

**12 PM** † Ted Harget

(Patty & David Mayatt)

### SATURDAY (9/14)

**8AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**5PM** Steven & Anna Sisman and  
Family

### SUNDAY (9/15)

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

**11 AM** Holy Comforter Catechists

**2 PM** Keith & Lucy Taylor and Family

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

***Due to an early publication deadline, the Offertory Report for Week Ending September 1, 2024 will appear in next weekend's Bulletin.***

### 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 SEPTEMBER

**ALL MONTH** Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

**9/8/2024** Outreach

**9/22/2024** Maintenance Fund

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** You are righteous, O Lord, and right is your judgment; deal with this servant of yours according to your mercy.

**Offertory:** I prayed to my God, I, Daniel, and I said: "Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of your servant, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary; look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom your name has been invoked, O God."

**Communion:** Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.

*There is a wonderful interplay between the readings and the Propers this Sunday. God's righteousness is vigorously affirmed in the Entrance and Communion Antiphons and is also acknowledged in the Offertory. They are worshipful and humble in approaching God, recognizing that His perfect justice is also the source of His perfect mercy. We see that mercy promised in Isaiah and manifested in the Gospel. All these qualities of God exist in perfect harmony with one another but are a source of tension for us who cannot encompass God in His entirety. He is a wonderful mystery, never to be exhausted in all eternity. His goodness is perfect, His justice supremely rigorous, His mercy infinitely lenient, His beauty the source of all beauty, His simplicity the foundation of all truth. Let us meditate during Mass today and in prayers this week how all perfection can be found in God and how wonderful it is that He has sent His Son to recover us from the snares of hell if we but consent to cooperate with His plan for our lives. What is that plan? Ask Him, for nothing shall be ultimately hidden from the one who genuinely seeks the truth.*

*Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*

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### CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

Please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, if you're interested!

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION, SACRAMENTAL PREP REGISTRATION & RCIA\*

**START THIS SUNDAY! LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!**

\*The RCIA Inquirers Meeting will be this 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 FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

#### **Responsorial**

*Psalm 146:7,8-9-10*

A song of praise to God.

#### **Second Reading James 2:1-5**

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

#### **Gospel Mark 7:31-37**

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech

September 8, Twenty Third 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)**



**RESERVE THE DATE!** Our **2024 Friends of the Poor Walk** is scheduled for 12:30 on Saturday, September 21st at the Church of the Incarnation. We will walk together in fellowship to raise funds for our community in need during this nationwide annual event. Everyone of all ages are welcome to attend...games for the kids and food for all. If you are not able to attend the walk, you are always welcome to contribute financially.

**ChristLife** is a three-step relational evangelization process, and is appropriate for people, Catholic or non-Catholic, who are searching for meaning in life. *Church of the Incarnation will be offering the course over 7 weeks starting at 6:30 pm. Monday, September 23 in their Parish Hall.* The course is free and each session will begin with a delicious meal followed by a video talk and a discussion of the teaching with a small group of people at the table. Please contact Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775.

## 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!

**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 Please 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 a video teaching.

“That Man is You!” tackles real issues facing real men. We look 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. The program helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome obstacles. Contact Steven Sisman [steven.sisman@gmail.com](mailto:steven.sisman@gmail.com)

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY:** There will be a *WWMN ministry meeting at 10AM on Sept. 8,* in the library. For more info, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775

**Adult RE: Treasures of the Tradition:** offers two reading groups, weekly from mid-September, this Fall: **Chaucer:** *The Canterbury Tales.* Reading through some of the Middle Ages' most unforgettable stories teachings of deep religious seriousness. **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-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. See <https://thetreasures.org> or email John Bugbee [bugbee@thetreasures.org](mailto:bugbee@thetreasures.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 see <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/> **FILM AT CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION:** You are invited to attend a showing of the film “The Letter,” about the papal encyclical “Laudato Si,” on Thursday, September 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Church of the Incarnation. For more information, please contact Janie Pudhorodsky at [pudfam@gmail.com](mailto:pudfam@gmail.com) /434-825-5649

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The annual Charlottesville Catholic School Golf Tournament will be Monday, September 30 at The Club at Glenmore. Registration for individuals and teams is now open--Sponsorships available. Email Lisa Schuetz ([l.schuetz@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:l.schuetz@cvillecatholic.org))

**A MEN’S CURSILLO WEEKEND** will be held **Thursday, October 31 (7:00pm) through Sunday, November 3 (5:00pm), 2024, at Camp Overlook near beautiful Keezletown, Virginia.** Applications and more about Cursillo are available at [www.valleycursillo.com](http://www.valleycursillo.com). Contact Garrett Smith (434) 960-7775 for more information and if you need a sponsor (required). **Application deadline is October 8, 2024.**

# FROM THE PASTOR



## IN CONVERSATION WITH GOD: Part IV

Daniel Kirkland

Director of Liturgy and Music

I would like to conclude this little series with some reflections on a few comments I made back in Part II about preparing oneself for prayer. The goal of prayer is communion with God. Just as we experience communion with close friends or family members by conversing and often just being in their presence, so too can we experience the delight of being with God. The Catechism (2715) describes this kind of prayer as such: "Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus it learns the "interior knowledge of our Lord," the more to love him and follow him."

This idea of "gazing" is important because it implies an openness to what is in front of the "eye of the soul," so to speak. Contemplation is freely bestowing on us some illumination of grace that leads to fuller communion with God and provides insight into the life of the Trinity. We are all called to this kind of prayer, but we must cultivate an attitude of receptivity. Interestingly, the kind of attentiveness and wonderment that dispose us to contemplation begins with the experience and pursuit of truth, beauty, and goodness in the process of education.

"Educate" ultimately comes from the Latin *educere*, which is to "lead out of." Properly understood, education is the process of leading us out of ourselves to experience the world around us. At the heart of true education is the acknowledgment that truth exists and is the object of our intellect. We are wired to seek after truth, and this begins with the experience of reality as it is presented to us. Our sense of wonder

and awe at the beauty of a flower, the grandeur of a symphony, the pristine clarity of a geometric proof, etc., constitute the starting point of education, which stir into flame the effortless curiosity that leads us to knowledge of God through created things. Interestingly, school – where education happens – comes from the Latin *scola*, which comes from the Greek *skole*, which translates to "leisure!"

Leisure is an attitude of mind and a condition of the soul that fosters a capacity to receive the reality of the world. Education strives to cultivate this attitude by drawing out of students the innate drive to seek after truth. This process possesses many similarities to the life of prayer insofar as we encounter the revealed truths of the Faith, gaze on them in wonderment, and are led to pursue a better understanding of them or live them out. This flies in the face of modern education, which is suffused with relativism and skepticism. Reality cannot be trusted; everything must be proven, and whatever reality or value system is constructed is as good as the next.

Strive, then, in addition to ensuring that you find a consistent time to pray every day, that you learn to embrace the givenness of things to instill within your soul a deep love for creation and its artful manifestations as captured in mathematics, art, music, architecture, literature, philosophy, etc. Relishing a literary hero's triumph, savoring a well-crafted piece of music, appreciating the wash of colors in a painting, all cultivate within us the kind of attention and desire that is the fertile ground for God to plant marvelous riches in the soul through the gift of prayer. It is in becoming more fully human that we can become more fully divinized in the life of grace, for grace builds on nature. God desires that heaven begin in the soul now; let God reveal Himself to you in the wonderful and varied language of creation, written with the pen of truth!

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

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