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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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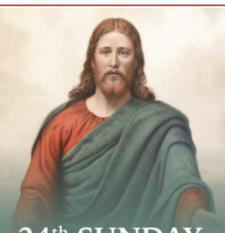
MASS TIMES*

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM,	11 AM & 2 PI
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
CONFESSION	
Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 Pl
Thursday	7-8 PM
Sunday	1 PM
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* Please see Bulletin Calendar for schedule during Fr. JML's absence.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM	
Please Send Bulletin Submissions		
by 3PM Mondays to		
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - MK 8.34b

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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.

Ushers

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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** Altar Flowers Donated by the Mackey Family in Memory of Marion Bucaria Christendom College 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 MONDAY (9/16) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass followed by Adoration 'til 2pm 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (9/17) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6PM Schola WEDNESDAY (9/18) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession 7PM Choir THURSDAY (9/19) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (9/20) 9 AM-11:45 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 12 PM Mass followed by Adoration 'til 2pm 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (9/21) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting: That Man is You (LL) 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (9/22) Twenty Fifth Sunday in

SAINTS OF GOD

9/14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9/15 Our Lady of Sorrows

- 9/16 Saint Cornelius
- 9/17 Saint Robert Bellarmine
- 9/18 Saint Joseph of Cupertino

Ordinary Time Altar Flowers Donated by Dominique Faust 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 4:00 PM Youth Group

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

- 9/19 Saint Januarius
- 9/20 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions
- 9/21 Saint Matthew
- 9/22 Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions

NEW PARISHIONER

Mr & Mrs. David Mehl, David and Ana Ms. Kathleen Reilly

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

<u>SATURDAY (9/14)</u>

8AM Holy Souls in Purgatory5PM 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

MONDAY (9/16)

12 PM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Conception † Father George Wilson S.J.

(Les Talleart)

(Joe Tolbert)

TUESDAY (9/17) 8 AM Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (9/18)

8 AM PM Mary Wheeler, in Honor of her 103rd Birthday (First Sacraments Class) Simon Patrick Hennig, in Honor of his 2nd Baptism Anniversary

(Heidi Hess)

<u>THURSDAY (9/19)</u>

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

FRIDAY (9/20)

12 PM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY (9/21)

8AM † Jean E. Andrus (Heidi Hess)5PM Gabriel C. Hess (Heidi Hess)

SUNDAY (9/22)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish **11 AM** † Harry Davis on the 1st Anniversary of his

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Week Ending September 1	L, 2024	
Offertory	\$3 <i>,</i> 707	
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)	
Below Weekly Budget	(\$5,393)	
Week Ending September 8, 2024		
Offertory	\$10,326	
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)	
Above Weekly Budget	\$1,226	

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

I am changing direction with the "Liturgical Notes" section and would like to begin a brief series on the basic principles of sacred music. It is important to understand the mind of the Church on what sacred music is and what role it plays in her liturgical life. Principles provide a lens for us to examine the fittingness of both historical and contemporary music for liturgical worship. They also provide us with an opportunity to enter more deeply into the action of the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours because each piece of music properly placed in worship teaches us something about what is taking place in that moment.

All such discussions necessarily begin with Pope St. Pius X because of his importance in the liturgical movement that began in the early twentieth century. His writings were so clear and useful that they made their way into Vatican II's document on the liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium. He beautifully synthesized the whole of the Church's teachings on sacred music up to his time in the Motu Proprio "Tra le sollecitudini" (literally "among the cares"). He begins by defining the purpose and scope of sacred music. Like the Liturgy, the teleology of sacred music is the glory of God and the sanctification of souls. It accomplishes these aims by "clothing" the liturgical texts in an artful way with melodies that are reflective of the character of the overall worship and the functions of the texts being set. (It is important to note here that liturgical music ultimately sets liturgical texts, which can be found in liturgical books. The role of other texts within Mass will be described at a later time.)

Sacred music must therefore possess the same characteristics that are found in the Liturgy, which Pius X identifies as principally sanctity, "goodness of forms", and universality. By sanctity, Pius X means that sacred music must actually be sacred, i.e., set apart for a specific purpose (worship in this case). Otherwise, it ends up being a distraction for the faithful, reminding them of worldly things. This line of reasoning dates all the way back to the early Church when the Fathers strove to separate all aspects of worship from the pagan/secular culture. Theatrical music particularly is inimical to sacred worship because it is at its core disingenuous since it participates in the function of the theater, which is to imitate reality as a form of entertainment. Next week, we will look at the other characteristics of sacred music. To be continued! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Dírector of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

Holy Comforter's Adult Formation Program will offer a short series of talks, 3:45 - 4:45PM on Saturdays, Oct. 5, Nov. 7 & Dec. 7. We will cover how the Church has read the Bible across the centuries. The talks are sponsored jointly by Roanoke's new Basilica of St. Andrew, and the presenter is HC parishioner John Bugbee, a scholar of theology and literature, who will alternate between the two venues, using Zoom and in-person talks. For more information, please contact John Bugbee, jsb4p@virginia.edu or Melinda Wells, DRE

A Volunteer Co-catechist is needed for Christian Formation 3rd-4th grade *class* Please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, if you're interested.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY FIFTH **SUNDAY** IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Wisdom 2:12,17-20 The just one is put to the test. . Responsorial Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8 A prayer for God's protection.

Second Reading James 3:16-4:3 James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37 Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

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, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debiese, 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 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 mercy@holycomforterparish.org or please call the church office at 434-295-7185.

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On Sat, Sept 21st at the Church of the Incarnation, we will conduct our 4th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk, walking in fellowship to recognize and raise funds for

our neighbors in need. In 2023, we assisted 233 households with 450 family members with expenses such as rent, utilities, and emergency needs. We are grateful for the many donors who enabled us to help our friends in urgent situations, such as having eviction and utility disconnect notices. To register to walk or donate please visit events.idonate.com/fopwalk-22901 or see the website at svdp-ht.org.

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 discussion. Please contact Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you for all who have responded to our asking for volunteers in the food pantry! Please contact us if you are still interested in volunteering by emailing or calling Outreach. Also, for the month September we are collecting Ramen Noodles. We appreciate any donations of canned foods. Thank you for your time, donations and contributions. God Bless!

PARISH LIFE: PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC! Join us for our Annual HC 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 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

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Helping Moms in need... For more information, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775 Adult RE: Treasures of the Tradition: offering 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 dialoguepartners 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEEDED! Charlottesville Catholic School is To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary seeking substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Interested candidates should send resume and Diocesan application to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or email v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org 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)

> NEW! BILINGUAL FILIPINO-ENGLISH MASS Please join our growing Filipino community every 4th Sunday of the month at 4:30PM for a bilingual Filipino-English Mass at the Church of the Incarnation. Our next Mass will be on Sept. 22nd 4:30PM. Bring a dish to share for the potluck after Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! To be involved and help with the Mass: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054AA4AE28A02-51000535-0922 for information on joining our Filipino choir, please contact Robin Prudencio at 434-989-5541 or kaccjun@yahoo.com A MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND will be held Thursday, October 31, 7PM-Sunday, Nov. 5PM, 2024, at Camp Overlook near beautiful Keezletown, VA. Applications and more about Cursillo at 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





WHY THE SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your heart" Luke 2:34–35

How can this be? The Queen, the Mother of God, the Blessed among women turns out to be a woman of sorrows? The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, a title given to Mary as she suffered alongside Christ during His passion. Our Lady of Sorrows is one of many titles bestowed upon Mary. This title is derived from Simeon's prophecy during Jesus' presentation at the Temple in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2.

We can unite our thoughts in this beautiful prayer by St. Bridget of Sweden and say: "O Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, who didst endure a martyrdom of love and grief, beholding the sufferings and sorrows of Jesus! Thou didst cooperate in the benefit of my redemption by thy innumerable afflictions and by offering to the Eternal Father His onlybegotten Son as a holocaust and victim of propitiation for my sins. I thank thee for the unspeakable love which led thee to deprive thyself of the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, true God and true Man, to save me, a sinner. Oh! make use of the unfailing intercession of thy sorrows with the Father and the Son, that I may steadfastly amend my life and never again crucify my loving Redeemer by new sins; arid that, persevering till death in His grace, I may obtain eternal life through the merits of His Cross and Passion".

Theologians have noted that, "as we honor the Blessed Mother's Sorrowful Heart, it's important to understand that a 'sorrowful' heart is not the same as a 'sad' heart. Theologically speaking, sadness results from a form of self-pity, or an unhealthy attachment to something that was lost. Sorrow, on the other hand, is one of the Beatitudes, and therefore one of the holiest qualities we can possess. 'Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted' (Mt. 5:4). To 'mourn' is to have a sorrowful heart. In this context of Beatitudes, a heart that mourns is a heart that loves. Mourning, or holy sorrow, results from a heart that witnesses sin and grieves over it" (My Catholic life series).

In the Blessed Mother's case, she witnessed the brutal treatment of her Son, His rejection, suffering, and death. She did not despair as she witnessed this. She did not become angry. She did not succumb to confusion and frustration. She did not withdraw into herself in self-pity. Instead, she reacted with the empathetic love that flows from the holiest of hearts. She felt holy sorrow—not so much because she felt bad for her Son, but because she grieved over the sins that inflicted that suffering and longed to see those sinners redeemed.

As we meditate on the Sorrowful Heart of Mary, it is an opportunity to reflect upon our own moments of sorrow. Is your sorrow self-centered, dwelling over the wounds you feel? Or is it selfless, i.e., does your sorrow extend to others, grieving in a holy way over the sins you witness? When our sorrow is holy, we are filled with compassion and spiritual empathy. The word "compassion" means "to suffer with." The Blessed Mother, united with her Son's Sacred Heart, suffered with her sinful children as she watched their sins crucify her Son. She harbored no hate as she witnessed those sins, only a tremendous longing to see the grace of her Son pour forth upon those who had rejected Him and sinned against Him. Can we say her sorrows are meant to benefit us?

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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