

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Sunday Gregorian Ma Monday + Friday Tuesday + Wednesday Thursday Saturday ADORATION Wednesday Thursday CONFESSION Mon, Weds, Fri	12 PM
Thursday	7-8 PM
<b>Office Hours</b> Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3PM Mondays to <u>dre@holycomforterparish.org</u>



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives or child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 (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 Ordinary Time Altar Flowers Donated by the Mackey Family in Memory of Marion Bucaria 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 MONDAY (9/23) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (9/24) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6PM Schola Rehearsal WEDNESDAY (9/25) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession **7PM** Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY (9/26) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (9/27) 9 AM-11:45 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (9/28) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting: That Man is You (LL) 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (9/29) Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SAINTS OF GOD

- 9/21 Saint Matthew
- 9/22 Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and
- Companions
- 9/23 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
- 9/24 Saint John Henry Newman

Altar Flowers Donated Anonymously 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

- 9/25 Saints Louis Martin and Zelie Guerin
- 9/26 Saint Paul IV
- 9/27 Saint Vincent de Paul
- 9/28 Saint Wenceslaus
- 9/29 Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

## WELCOME 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 (9/21)

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

#### <u>SUNDAY (9/22)</u>

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

- **11 AM** † Harry Davis on the 1st Anniversary of his Death. (Bridget Davis)
- 2 PM † Francis Newton (Peter Zinman)

#### MONDAY (9/23)

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

#### <u>TUESDAY (9/24)</u>

8 AM Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

#### WEDNESDAY (9/25)

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

#### <u>THURSDAY (9/26)</u>

6 PM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger) Greg and Maria Andrea Gerling in Honor of Their 15th wedding Anniversary (Paula Ospina)

#### FRIDAY (9/27)

**12 PM** Deceased Members of the Parish and Benefactors of Holy Comforter Parish.
T Frank A. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

#### SATURDAY (9/28)

- 8AM Holy Comforter's Ill and Homebound Kevin Haag (Fr. Joseph Mary)
- 5PM Jackson & Caitrie Kulick and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### SUNDAY (9/29)

8:30 AM Emel-Robiuson Family (Fr. Joseph Mary) 11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Christopher & Elizabeth Gilbert and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

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## PARISH NEWS

## GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending September 15, 2024 \$4,469 Offertory Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100) Below Weekly Budget (\$4,631)

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

Last week, we began our discussion of the principles of sacred music with Pope St. Pius X's motu proprio Tra le sollecitudini ("among the cares"). In it, he says that sacred music, by participating in the action of the liturgy, shares its twofold uprose of glorifying God and sanctifying the faithful. Pius ascribed to sacred music three characteristics: sanctity, goodness of forms, and universality. We briefly addressed the first characteristic (sanctity), which ultimately refers to a piece's "set apartness." Sacred music should sound like it belongs in a church and not, for example, the theater, the radio, or around a campfire.

The second characteristic, "goodness of forms," is an interesting choice of words to describe the qualities of sacred music because it directly alludes to St. Thomas's (and ultimately Aristotle's) definition of beauty. Sacred music must be true art since God Himself is the author of all beauty. Music has a unique ability to embody spiritual beauty because of how it can artfully unfold in time, linger in the memory, and build on that memory. Truly beautiful music and the experience of it replicates the experience of prayer. It enraptures the attention and quiets the soul to listen to God.

Sacred music therefore has the capability to speak to all mankind because God has created all for the purpose of knowing, loving, and serving Him in this life and for living with Him happily in eternal life. We are made in His image – that is, possessing a free will and an unsatiable desire for relationship that can only be satisfied by God Himself. We are naturally drawn to expressions of art that truly embody ("incarnate" if you will) attributes of God. Beauty is therefore naturally universal, transcending national boundaries and speaking to the human heart, created with the tendency to strive after God.

Next week, we will discuss the model of sacred music that Pius X offers for our consideration. To be continued!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Melínda Wells, Director 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 Holy Comforter. 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

**NEEDED!!! CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS FOR K-12** If interested, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE. It's a wonderful way to minister to Holy Comforter's Parish children as a way to serve God.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY SIXTH **SUNDAY** IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29 The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders. Responsorial Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14 The Law of the Lord brings joy.

Second Reading James 5:1-6 James chastises the rich. Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

#### 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, Kaylee Carter, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, 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 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.

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



Thank you to everyone who walked in fellowship and/ or donated to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Poor Walk at the Church of the Incarnation to help our neighbors in need. It was a wonderful event! 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.

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:** Would you like to be involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish? 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...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 1st meeting is a free. Meetings scheduled according to participants' needs. See https://thetreasures.org or John Bugbee bugbee@thetreasures.org

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEEDED! Charlottesville Catholic School is 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)

A MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND will be held Thursday, October 31, 7PM—Sunday, Nov. 5PM, 2024, at Camp Overlook near beautiful Keezletown, VA. Please see www.valleycursillo.com for applications and more about Cursillo. Contact Garrett Smith (434) 960-7775 for more information and if you need a sponsor (required). Application deadline is October 8, 2024.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

are lay Faithful, inspired by the Holy Spirit to answer the call to holiness through mental prayer, study, community and apostolic works of charity. The Community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00AM -1:30PM, at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Staunton, Va. To learn more, brochures are in the Commons. For a visit, contact Patricia McAdams 434-286-4055 or pamcadams@yahoo.com.

## FROM THE PASTOR





WHY THE SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

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"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" (Lk. 2:34–35).

The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" honors the trials that the Mother of the "Suffering Servant" (Is. 52:13-53:12) faced. From the early days of Jesus' life, Mary suffered through these maternal pains and anxieties. With Simeon's prophecy, Mary knew that a sword would pierce her own soul. Soon thereafter, the Holy Family was forced to flee to Egypt to save Jesus from King Herod (Matt. 2:13-23). Also, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph suffered the pain of Jesus remaining behind in the Temple for three days. With her Son entering upon His Mission the opposition of so many to Him, as recounted in the Gospels, must have been a tremendous sorrow for her. All of this culminated at the Cross.

Though the Blessed Virgin Mary was the one chosen to be the Mother of the Messiah, this did not exempt her from the Way

of the Cross any more than any of the rest of us is exempt from trials and tribulations along our path. In his book The World's First Love, Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote: "If our Lord allowed Mary to suffer the trials that even the most grieved mother

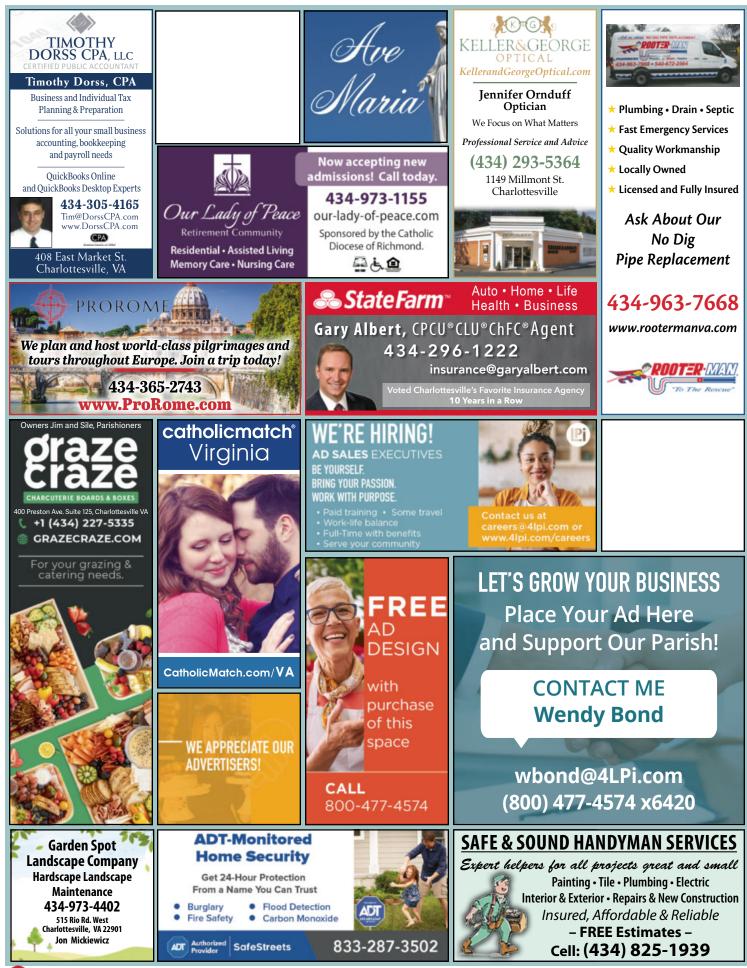
could suffer - such as to have her son pursued by totalitarian soldiers at two years of age, to be a refugee in a foreign country, to point to a Father's business that would end in death, to be arrested falsely, to be condemned by His own people, and to suffer the taking-off in the prime of life - it was in order to convince mothers with sorrows that trials without pleasures can be overcome and that the final issues of life are not solved here below. If the Father gave His Son a cross and the Mother a sword [that pierced her heart], then somehow sorrow does fit into the Divine plan of life ... and only in the next life is sorrow left behind".

The Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church wrote, "...She stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth" (#58). St. Bernard (1153) wrote, "Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart.... He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His".

"Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, our Holy Father, Pope St. John Paul II, reminded the faithful, Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. 'And thy soul too a sword shall pierce.' Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!" (1980). Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust."

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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