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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil E DM

Saturday Vigil	5 PIVI	
Sunday	8:30 AM,11 AM	
Sunday Gregorian Mass 2 PM		
Monday + Friday	12 PM	
Tuesday + Wednesday 8 AM		
Thursday	6 PM	
Saturday	8 AM	
ADORATION		
Wednesday	6-9PM	
Thursday	7-8PM	
CONFESSION		
Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM	
Thursday	7-8 PM	
Office Hours		
Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM	

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C € C At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

26[™] 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 (9/28)

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** 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 MONDAY (9/30) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (10/1) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6PM Schola Rehearsal WEDNESDAY (10/2) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30-7:30 PM Confession 7PM Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY (10/3) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (10/4) 9 AM-11:45 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op 12 PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (10/5) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting: That Man is You (LL) 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

9/28 Saint Wenceslaus

- 9/29 Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
- 9/30 Saint Jerome
- 10/1 Saint Therese of Lisieux

SUNDAY (10/6) Twenty Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time Altar Flowers Donated by Mel Crews in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary 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 8 AM PM + Bob and + Eric Schneller 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 FRIDAY (10/4) if You were already there and unite myself **12 PM** Josephine Nampijja (Fr. Joseph Mary) wholly to You. Never permit me to be

separated from you. Amen

- 10/2 Feast of the Guardian Angels
- 10/3 Saint Theodora Guerin
- 10/4 Saint Francis of Assisi
- 10/5 Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska
- 10/6 Saint Bruno

WELCOME NFW 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 (9/28)

8AM Holy Comforter's III 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)

MONDAY (9/30)

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

TUESDAY (10/1)

8 AM Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur) Lucia Posada on Her Birthday (Paula Ospina)

WEDNESDAY (10/2)

(Melinda Wells)

THURSDAY (10/3)

6 PM † Joshua Hazzard (Kennedy Kahle)

SATURDAY (10/5)

8AM John and Sally Kammauff and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Ed and Marianne Walendowski

SUNDAY (10/6)

8:30 AM Kevin Haag and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary) 11 AM Barbara & Brian Cassidy and Family (Fr. Joseph Mary) **2 PM** Members of the Parish

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending September 22, 2024		
Offertory	\$8,140	
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)	
Below Weekly Budget	(\$960)	

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, And see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for vou, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10)



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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace 10/13/2024 Outreach

10/20/2024 World Mission Sunday 10/27/2024 Maintenance Fund

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Donations of stock may be made to Holy Comforter through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details: Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH Account Number: 2162-7521

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you have an IRA and are 72 years of age, you can make a tax-free charitable gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account to our parish of up to \$100,000. It helps you and it helps us.

- How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income and count towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- How it helps us: we can put your gift to use right away to support our parish operations and the good works of our ministries.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Last week, we elaborated on the three characteristics that Pope St. Pius X describes as proper to true sacred music: sanctity, goodness of forms, and universality. Sacred music must firstly be "actually" sacred - that is, possessing musical characteristics that set it apart (literally the meaning of sacred/holy) for the worship of God, rendering it strange to the listener when NOT heard in the context of worship. Sacred music must also be true art – something that is grounded in musical balance and tastefulness in order to stir the heart to devotion while avoiding excess of emotion. Finally, sacred music must appeal universally, which it does naturally if it possesses the first two characteristics

Considering these principles, Pius X posits that Gregorian Chant is the model par excellence of sacred music. It developed in and alongside the Liturgy and has always been associated with (Roman) Catholic worship, confirming its sacrality. It has many forms that are suited to the different parts of the Mass and displays an overall command of melodic development and textual sensitivity. These qualities have led to its universal appreciation among musicians of various nations and have inspired great liturgical art music that has led to the development of Western culture in general.

Tra le sollecitudini, then, not only provides a synthesis of sacred music but also offers a model to be imitated, spurring a renewed interest in Gregorian Chant and encouraging musicians to draw from its theological and artistic riches to inspire new music worthy of the Holy Sacrifice. The effects of this document resonated within the Vatican II document on the liturgy ("Sacrosanctum Concilium") with its declaration on the primacy of Gregorian Chant in Catholic worship, which continues to be felt even today. Historians will likely look back on Pius X's work as the starting point of a new era in liturgical music, perhaps stalled by liturgical misunderstandings in the wake of the Council's reforms, but enduring nevertheless because of its clarity of principles and the forcefulness of its claims. 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. 2, 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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED FOR K-12 Being a catechist, is a wonderful and rewarding way to minister to Holy Comforter's Parish children as a way to serve God. It also helps CF catechists who occasionally may need a person to be a substitute for them. If interested, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24 God creates woman from Adam's rib. Responsorial Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6 A prayer for God's blessing

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11 Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated. Gospel Mark 10:2-16 J Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

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 that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and 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 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

Bonjour! Join Father David from Saints Peter and Paul and Father Joseph Mary from Holy Comforter on an unforgettable spiritual journey to France from April 24th to May 4th, 2025! The cost is \$5,449. Our 11-day pilgrimage includes first-class hotel accommodations, round-trip airfare, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, train fares, deluxe motorcoach, and so much more! We will take you through breathtaking locations, from the picturesque town of Lisieux, poignant Omaha Beach, historic Mont-Saint-Michel, magnificent Chartres Cathedral, and serene Nevers. Experience each destination's rich history and spiritual significance as we embark on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Our itinerary includes visits to sacred sites such as Lourdes and Paray-le-Monial, daily Mass celebrations, and iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the beautiful Basilica of Sacre Coeur. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of France. Book your religious journey today with Alba's Tours, LLC, and prepare for an enriching and unforgettable experience! Au revoir!

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? 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 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 HAITI: In Saltadare, Haiti, the impact has been mainly from severe inflation and difficulty acquiring essentials. The resilient Haitian people find alternatives, but support for the Haiti Tri-Parish Ministry is crucial. New members and board members are needed (bobfro@comcast.net), sponsorship funding (100 sponsors short) is essential at \$14.60 a month (parishgiving.org), and support for the "Hope for Haiti" Auction and Dinner on November 16 in the Parish Hall (asanusi7@gmail.com) is vital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting admission applications for new students for the 2025-2026 school year! The application is accessible through the CCS website for students eligible for Junior Kindergarten (4 years of age by Sept. 30, 2025) through 8th grade. There will be an admissions Open House on Wednesday, October the Works of Mercy ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or please call 16 from 4:00PM-6:00PM at the school. Anyone interested in learning more about CCS is invited to stop by for a tour anytime!

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

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES 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. If you desire to learn more about this way of life, please pick up a brochure in the Commons. To arrange for a visit, please contact: Patricia McAdams, OCDS: 434-286-4055 or pamcadams@yahoo.com THE MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES 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. If you desire to learn more about this way of life, please pick up a brochure in the Commons. To arrange for a visit, please contact: Patricia McAdams, OCDS: 434-286-4055 or pamcadams@yahoo.com

FROM THE PASTOR





WHY THE SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

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As we continue to reflect upon "our Lady of Sorrows," we are reminded that there can be no Easter Sunday without the weight of Good Friday, illustrating the crosses we bear in our lives. Our Lady of Sorrows exemplifies humility in the face of adversity, faith in the depths of despair, and the enduring flame of hope when peace seems distant.

Most importantly, she shows us the power of perseverance as she embraced the burdens that mirrored the suffering of Christ on the Cross. With all the sorrow she endured, she proclaims to us that to be a Christian means to be associated with Christ, who suffered and died for us. Mary was the first to feel this. Even as she brought her Son to the temple to participate in the celebration of the Presentation, she is "presented" with this prophecy from Sime-

on: "a sword your heart shall pierce." Simon tells her that she, too, will suffer. She immediately must face what this will ultimately mean for her. "If Mary, who was sinless, would with joy accept a Sword from Divine sinlessness, then who of us," say Sheen, "who are guilty of sin, shall ever complain if the same Jesus permits us a sorrow for the remission of our sins?"

We, too, must suffer. So often I have thoughts like: "Why me Lord?" "Why this cross?" "What have I done to deserve this?" Unlike Mary, who accepted her suffering, I often want to run from it. Pride sometimes prevents me from accepting my cross, seeking a comfortable way of life, yet when I look to Mary, I am consoled in understanding that she knows this, and she is my mother. The sword which pierced Mary's heart did not come only from being a witness to the suffering of her Son—it also came from those who would pierce Him and deliver Him up. Her heart goes out to sinners. Her heart goes out to mine, to all of us who count ourselves as disciples of Jesus.

I believe there is something we need to accept, that sometimes our suffering could be the result of those mistakes we make and sometimes it comes to us from an external source. Either way, we must try to endure with a trusting obedience as Mary did when she and Joseph fled to Egypt with Jesus. Fulton Sheen describes why we can turn to Our Mother even when we sin and how she will always look at us with compassion: "He, on His side, will not destroy their freedom, and they, on their side, will not choose Him. But as Mary in this second dolor was not anary with the wicked but unhappy for their sakes, so now in Heaven her compassion and love of sinners almost seem to rise with the measure of their sin." This is how Mary ultimately captures my heart, and why I turn to her so readily in times of trouble. We must not see Mary's sinlessness as an obstacle to our relating our sorrows to hers! By her sorrow she understands more what we go through as sinners! She sorrows over our sins because she knows that they make me sorrowful, too, especially when I acquire a contrite heart! She does not stand in judgement, but instead reaches out her hand to deliver us to her Son who she knows is full of mercy. And so we continue to pray: "Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

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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