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Saturday Vigil 5 PM Sunday 8:30 AM,11 AM Sunday Gregorian Mass 2 PM Monday + Friday 12 PM Tuesday + Wednesday 8 AM Thursday 6 PM 8 AM Saturday

ADORATION

MONDAY 1-3PM Wednesday 6-9PM Thursday 7-8PM Friday 1-3PM

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Mon, Weds, Fri 6:30-7:30 PM Thursday 7-8 PM

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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 (10/19)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting:

That Man is You (LL)

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/20) Twenty Ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday Altar Flowers Donated by Steve and Carol Ham in Honor of their 53rd Wedding

Anniversary

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 (10/21)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1-3PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/22)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6PM Schola Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (10/23)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (10/24)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and

Confession

FRIDAY (10/25)

9 AM-11:45AM Regina Caeli Homeschool

12 PM Mass

1-3PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (10/26)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting:

That Man is You (LL)

8AM Mass

8:40 AM-1 PM Rosary and Carmelite

Morning of Recollection

5 PM Vigil Mass

Ministry Fair after all Weekend Masses SUNDAY (10/27) Thirtieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund Altar Flowers Donated by Vu and Thuy Nguyen in Thanks For All of God's Blessings.

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 6 PM Roger Prinz and family (Mel Crews) 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. SATURDAY (10/26) Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

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 (10/19)

8AM † Eileen Foster (Jean Chamales)

5PM † John Joseph Valloric in Memory of the 67th Anniversary of His Wedding (Sylvia Valloric)

SUNDAY (10/20)

8:30 AM For Those Affected by the Hurricanes 11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Carlos and Martha Ospina

MONDAY (10/21)

12 PM Ern Family (Diane Auger Smith)

TUESDAY (10/22)

8 AM † Andrew Ern (Diane Auger Smith)

WEDNESDAY (10/23)

8 AM † Mrs (Opal) John Bell (Joseph Tolbert) Lebeis Family (Kerwin Lebeis)

THURSDAY (10/24)

FRIDAY (10/25)

12 PM Deceased Members Of Holy Comforter and Benefactors of **Holy Comforter**

8AM Holy Comforter's Ill and Homebound

† Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

5PM † Wynne Abrams (Mel Crews)

SUNDAY (10/27)

8:30 AM Holy Comforter Volunteers 11 AM Holy Comforter Volunteers 2 PM Members of the Parish **Holy Comforter Volunteers**

SAINTS OF GOD

10/19 Sts Isaac Jogues, Jean de **Brebeuf and Companions**

10/20 Saint Paul of the Cross

10/21 Saint Hilarion

10/22 Saint John Paul II

10/23 Saint John of Capistrano 10/24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret

10/26 Saint Peter of Alcantara

10/25 Saint Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvoa

10/27 Saint Bartholomew of Vicenza

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending October 13, 2024 \$3,853 Offertory Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100) Below Weekly Budget (\$5,247)

"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 you, 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

Hurricane Helene Relief 10/6/2024

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

In last week's piece, we discussed the elegant symmetry of the Ordinary of the Mass. The **Kyrie** and **Agnus Dei** are penitential litanies preparing us to receive Jesus in the Word and the Blessed Sacrament, the **Gloria** and **Sanctus** are hymns of praise to God, and the **Credo** stands at the center uniting all in the profession of the Catholic Faith. This week, we will delve into the Proper of the Mass. As has been noted in previous installments, the Propers are those parts of the Mass that change every week and even every day. They are "proper" to the feast being commemorated, whether it is a Sunday in Ordinary Time or a saint day. The Church has given us for our meditation at Mass five passages primarily drawn from the Scriptures that either accompany a liturgical action or are strictly meditative. They are the Introit, Gradual, Alleluia, Offertory, and Communion. Everything except the Offertory is an "antiphon", which is a passage that begins the recitation of a Psalm and concludes it. Over time, the number of verses sung at Mass were reduced to one or two as the action of the Mass changed over time. The Offertory is a "responsory", which means it has a refrain that can be repeated in part at the end of verses. Next week, we'll delve into their functions at Mass. To be continued! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

Holy Comforter Ministry Fair October 26& 27!

We are the hands of Christ and can make a profound impact in the lives of others as volunteers! Discover the ministry meant for you! There will be a gift raffle and our wonderful assortment of refreshments after each Mass.

Holy Comforter's Adult Formation Program

A short series of talks and next in the series will be Sat., Nov. 2, 3:45 - 4:45PM at Holy Comforter (LL). We are covering 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 information, please contact John Bugbee, jsb4p@virginia.edu, or Melinda Wells, DRE.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Responsorial

Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

A song of praise to God who does great things

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, **Bartimaeus**

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)
Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Veronica Deighan, 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, Linda Doyle, 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.

249-2825 or annastelow748@gmail.com

CHESTERTON ACADEMY: Nov 10th: Pros

Chesterton Co-Founder & author, Dale Al

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 and the 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: If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our table during the Ministry Fair Oct 26/27. During October, we need donations of any kind of canned soups. We appreciate your time, donations and contributions to Outreach. God Bless!

<u>PARISH LIFE:</u> Would you like to be involved in the community life of HC's Parish? Please contact 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!" 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 men to overcome obstacles! Steven Sisman steven.sisman@gmail.com

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Helping Moms in Need... If interested, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775 for more info. HC MINISTRY FAIR-BE THE HANDS OF CHRIST: October 26-27 Next weekend, let the Holy Spirit guide you to a serve in a new ministry that will fit your schedule and fill your heart! Are you listening for a call? The Annual Holy Comforter Ministry Fair is calling you to learn more about its 25 thriving ministries and how they help keep the parish's heart beating. Don't forget to enter the wonderful raffles!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LOCAL CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

will be holding a Morning of Recollection on Saturday, October 26 from 8am-1pm, at Holy Comforter Catholic Church. All are warmly invited to attend. The morning will include Mass and rosary; a light breakfast; adoration; a talk on contemplation in the Teresian tradition & confessions, with a BYO bag lunch. If Interested, contact Anna Stelow 434-249-2825 or annastelow 748@gmail.com

CHESTERTON ACADEMY: Nov 10th: Prospective Families Event with Chesterton Co-Founder & author, Dale Ahlquist. Location & Time TBD.

Nov. 11th at 7:30 PM: First Annual "FRIENDRAISER" 5:45PM, November 22 at the Omni Hotel. For Chesterton Academy of Saint John the Evangelist with guest speaker Dale Ahlquist. Join us for an evening of cocktails, appetizers, and an engaging conversation with author and leading expert on G.K. Chesterton. RSVP required, see info@ChestertonSJE.org or www.ChestertonSJE.org for more info.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST seeks a full time Office Manager capable of managing a range of projects for this new classical high school. School experience and command of Spanish preferred but not required. Come work in a faithfully and joyfully Catholic environment! Visit chestertonsje.org/careers. Contact us at info@ChestertonSJE.org.

<u>HOLY COMFORTER CURSILLISATAS:</u> A box has been placed on the credenza in the Commons for your Palancas to the candidates. Please drop off your palancas by October 30. Candidates' names are in the Valley Cursillo newsletter, or you may contact Garrett Smith (434) 960-7775 for information.

PACEM COT FUNDRAISER AT INCARNATION CHURCH: Help Incarnation raise \$3,785 to purchase at least 20 cots from now until Oct 20. Last year Incarnation hosted 55 men, but many slept on floor mats. Donate by check payable to Church of the Incarnation with cots on the memo line. Drop off your donation or donate online, visit incarnationparish.org and click on the donation link. Select the "other" tab and type in "PACEM Cot Fundraiser" as your donation purchase. Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE PASTOR





BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITH YOUR TALENTS AND GIFTS

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

The coming weekend (Oct. 26/27) is our ministry fair parish event. I wanted to call your attention this to this event, and I ask you to prayerfully consider where you can invest your talent for the glory of God. Everyone has certain talents or God-given gifts that they are skilled in. For example, some people are very hospitable and relatable and know how to make people feel comfortable. Some individuals are talented instructors, musicians, servers, managers of public activities, etc. These gifts can be used for the glory of God. Using your talents for God can allow you to be a part of advancing the kingdom of God, helping others, and improving the world around you.

What we must remember is that *all* of our talents—not just some of them—come from God. James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." God is intentional with the talents He gives us. That's what Psalm 139:14 tells contact Melinda Wells, DRE, dre@holycomforterparish.org.

us: "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." No one's talents are better or more important than anyone else's. As 1 Corinthians 12:18–19 teaches us: "God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. If they were all one member, where would the body be?" You were created with unique gifts and talents, and your church needs you to use them. You were also created to fill a unique role, and the church and world need you to do that too.

We are called to use our abilities and skills wisely so that when Jesus returns, we will be called useful and faithful servants of His kingdom. The story of the parable of the talents in Mathew 25:14-30 teaches us the urgency to make good use of what God has given us. The master is portrayed as one on a journey, and he therefore decided to give his servants talents. He entrusted them with what he had according to their abilities and skills. The master in this parable refers to Jesus Christ, the son of man, the Lord Almighty who founded the church, while the servants are representative of humankind/Christians—you and me. The servants give us a picture of ourselves. The talents are your talents, abilities, skills, money, and anything God has graciously given to you.

In Ephesians 4:8 the Bible says of Jesus, "When He ascended on high...he gave gifts to men." When Jesus ascended to Heaven, he released gifts to each one of us according to our abilities. God has deposited great potential in you. You are blessed with great skills and abilities irrespective of the amount you were given. What matters is that you have been blessed with God's gracious gifts and talents for a purpose. The purpose is to invest what God has given you so that it will increase. The purpose is to use your gifts to advance the kingdom of God. Thank you for your consideration of putting out your talents to benefit, Holy Comforter parish!

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