

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Sunday	5 PM 8:30 AM,11 AM	
Sunday Gregorian Mass 2 PM		
Monday + Friday	12 PM	
Tuesday + Wednesda	ay 8 AM	
Thursday	6 PM	
Saturday	8 AM	
ADORATION		
MONDAY	1-3PM	
Wednesday	6-9PM	
Thursday	7-8PM	
Friday	1-3PM	
CONFESSION		
Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM	
Thursday	7-8 PM	
Office Hours		
Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM	

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



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus to him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIM

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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 (10/26) 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 MONDAY (10/28) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 1-3PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (10/29) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6PM Schola Rehearsal WEDNESDAY (10/30) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6-9PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession **7PM** Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY (10/31) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (11/1) ALL SAINTS 8AM Gregorian Mass 9 AM-11:45AM Regina Caeli Homeschool 12 PM Gregorian Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6PM Mass 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (11/2) ALL SOULS

SAINTS OF GOD

10/26 Saint Peter of Alcantara10/27 Saint Bartholomew of Vicenza10/28 Saints Simon and Jude10/29 Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers Meeting: TMIY 8AM Mass After the Rosary, blessing of the objects 10AM Mass 12PM Mass 3:45PM Talk "What is God's Word?" (LL) 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (11/3) Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Altar Flowers Donated by Mona Peglow - In memory of John Gilbert Peglow 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

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen 10/30 Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez 10/31 Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg 11/1 Solemnity of All Saints

- 11/2 Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls)
- 11/3 Saint Martin de Porres

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 (10/26)

 8AM Holy Comforter's III and Homebound
 † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)
 5PM † Wynne Abrams (Mel Crews)

<u>SUNDAY (10/27)</u>

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

<u>MONDAY (10/28)</u>

12 PM Veronica Deighan (Michael Deighan)

TUESDAY (10/29) 8 AM † Deborah Okada (Mel Crews)

WEDNESDAY (10/30) 8 AM † Mary Caretti (Mel Crews)

<u>THURSDAY (10/31)</u>

6 PM Ed and Jeanne Mickiewicz

FRIDAY (11/1) All Saints

8AM † Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek
12 PM † Donna Klein Sankey (Mary and Robert Klein)

6PM † Don and Beverly Shrank (Melinda Wells)

SATURDAY (11/2) All Souls

8AM † Janet Till Danilek (Fr. Joseph Mary)
10PM † Dick and Naomi Saathoff (Melinda Wells)
12PM † Richard Nordin, Sr (Requested by his son, Richard Nordin)

- T Robert Holmes (Terry Hendrickson)
- 5PM Members of the Parish

<u>SUNDAY (11/3)</u>

8:30 AM Dick and Sherry Schemmel
11 AM Garrett Minor Smith, Jr., in Honor of His Baptism (Diane Auger Smith)
2 PM † Naomi Wells (Melinda Wells)

PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending October 20, 2024		
Offertory	\$6,408	
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)	
Below Weekly Budget	(\$2,692)	

"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	
10/6/2024	Hurricane Helene Relief	
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. <u>It helps you and it</u> 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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading *Deuteronomy 6:2-6* Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone. **Responsorial** *Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51* A prayer of praise to God our strength

LITURGICAL NOTES

We briefly introduced the idea of the **Porpers** in last week's blurb. The **Introit** (Entrance Antiphon), **Gradual**, **Alleluia**, **Offertory**,

and Communion are sung texts, most often Scriptural, that change from day to day (they are "proper" to a particular season or Sunday/feast) and are reflections offered by the Church on how to pray various parts of the Mass. These chants differ in structure to accommodate the different parts of the Mass where they are sung and are the "goodness of forms" that Pope St. Pius X refers to in his motu proprio Tra le Solllecitudini. Delving into these forms, we will start with the Introit and Communion chants. These were written to accompany processions, and so they are classified as processional chants. Musically, they are the least complex of the Mass Propers, having a lovely flowing quality in their melodies that is well suited to processions. The words are set with one to four notes generally per syllable, keeping the text intelligible overall. INTROIT: In the Traditional Latin Mass as celebrated prior to Vatican II, the Introit was sung while the priest and servers prayed at the foot of the altar at the beginning of Mass. Vatican II restored the Introit to its proper place of accompanying the entrance procession of the priest and servers into the sanctuary. The text of these chants is often petitionary in nature, asking for God's mercy on us and to hear our prayers, a fitting attitude as one approaches the Altar of Sacrifice. COMMUNION: These accompany the procession of the Faithful to Communion and mostly meditate on a passage from the Gospel of the day with an accompanying psalm that is thematic of the passage, day, or season. We are nourished with the Word as we approach the Wedding Banquet to partake of the Word Incarnate. Next week, we will look at the Gradual and Alleluia chants. To continue! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Holy Comforter Ministry Fair This Weekend!!!

Discover the ministry meant for you! *RE Committee is also needing more volunteer members! Please consider being part of the program process!* Holy Comforter's Adult Formation Program

Please join us at 3:45PM next Saturday, Nov. 2, for Part 2 of our three-part series "What is God's Word? How the Church Reads Scripture." This session will sample approaches to the Bible by St. Augustine, St. Jerome, and Origen, medieval notion of the "four senses" of scripture and how history can help readers in the church's unique current situation. Dr. John Bugbee will be live in Holy Comforter (LL) with a video-conference link to Roanoke's Basilica of St. Andrew. Q&A follows, and attendance at Part 1 is not a prerequisite! For more info, email John Bugbee <u>bugbee@virginia.edu</u>

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28 Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest. Gospel Mark 12:28b-34 Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Jeff Gough, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Dot McAllister, 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

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. Registration closes January 25, 2025. Book your religious 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! PARISH LIFE: 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 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 HC MINISTRY FAIR-BE THE HANDS OF CHRIST: October 26-27 Be the Hands of Christ: Join Us for the Holy Comforter Ministry Fair taking place after all of the Masses the last weekend in October. This is your chance to explore how you can be the hands of Christ in our parish. Come discover the various ministries that serve our parish, the larger church, and the community. Together, we can make a profound impact in the lives of others. We are the hands of Christ! There will be a gift raffle and of course, as always our wonderful assortment of refreshments after Mass. We can't wait to see you! HAITI: The "Hope for Haiti" Dinner/Auction will be held on November 16, focusing on raising funds for the St. Michel clinic, with potential improvements to the school and rectory if funds allow. St. Thomas hall seating 120 for dinner at a \$40 donation, an online silent auction for those unable to attend. Email Dr. Sanusi at asanusi7@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 4-15. This book fair, tailored to Christian and Catholic schools, is fully online and open to parishioners of our local Catholic churches! Visit <u>https://</u> goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair Nov.4-15 to order--books will be shipped directly to you and should arrive in time for Christmas. CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST has some exciting events this Fall! Supporters of our school will gather on Nov. 2nd for the Chesterton Gala, a special evening not to be missed! Prospective students and their parents are invited to an Ultimate Fun Day on Sunday, November 17, from 4-6pm. Students will play some ultimate frisbee, yard games, and families will learn about how this affordable classical education joyfully rooted in the Catholic tradition will help form young men and women of character who are academically and spiritually strong. Students can also schedule a shadow day to experience our school. Register for these upcoming events at chestertonSJE.org/Events, or info@chestertonSJE.org. HOLY COMFORTER CURSILLISATAS: A box has been placed on the credenza in the Commons for your Palancas to the candidates. Please journey today with Alba's Tours, LLC, and prepare for an enriching drop off your palancas by October 30. Candidates' names are in the Valley Cursillo newsletter, or call Garrett Smith (434) 960-7775

FROM THE PASTOR





ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham."

"Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" (Rom. 14:8). November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying intentionally for the dead. This presents us with the opportunity to reflect on a beautiful Catholic teaching, the teaching on Purgatory, which is really the mercy of God in action. If there was no such thing as purgatory, there would be only two options for us after death: heaven and hell. And if you have to be perfect to enter the presence of God, we would all be in trouble! Thank God we have the possibility of Purgatory. The book of Revelation says; "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the book of life" (Rev. 21:27). So, if only the very good and holy go straight to heaven and the very bad deserve hell, then most people fall into a "somewhere in-between" category and this state is called purgatory.

The word purgatory was originally a Latin adjective that means "cleansing." It must be stated that nowhere does church teaching shows us how long the Holy Souls spend in purgatory; however, some people say that the time depends on how one lived and how much repentance one did for sins before dying. St. Robert Bellarmine wrote that for some

people the time in Purgatory will last entire centuries according to our time here on earth. Accounts of Purgatory

by saints and mystics who were either transported to Purgatory or visited by souls from purgatory, tell us that there are various levels in Purgatory ranging from lower levels which are closer to hell to upper levels which are closer to heaven. Putting all this aside, the best to be done is – if I don't want to go to purgatory, I need to make an effort to live a holy life, suffer patiently whatever the Lord brings along my way, and trust in the mercy of God.

We believe that God is all merciful and that Jesus' passion, death and resurrection saved us, but that does not excuse us from being purified. Purification means that every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, and all imperfections of the soul corrected. Although the thought of fire may sound distressing, we must remember that this is the fire which both burns and saves.

We can help the souls in Purgatory in many ways. Having Mass offered for the souls of a departed loved ones is the greatest help and gift we can give them because the Mass, being the sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father, is the greatest prayer. We can pray the rosary and other prayers for the souls in Purgatory. We can offer our fasting and almsgiving, for the glory of God, in atonement for sins of those in Purgatory.

Let us pray: "Heavenly Father, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer to you for the sake of the poor souls all the satisfactory value of my works during life, as well as all that will be done for me after death. I give you my all through the hands of the Immaculate Virgin Mary that she may help to set free whatever souls she pleases, according to her heavenly wisdom and mother's love for them. Receive this offering, O God, and grant me in return an increase of your grace. Amen".

To be continued...

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, dre@holycomforterparish.org.



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