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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 (11/2) ALL SOULS'

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY

8AM Mass

After the Rosary: Blessing of Objects

10AM Mass 12AM 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

MONDAY (11/4)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30PM-3PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (11/5)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6PM Schola Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (11/6)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (11/7)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and

Confession

FRIDAY (11/8)

9 AM-11:45AM Regina Caeli Homeschool

12 PM Mass

12:30PM-3PM Adoration

6PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SAINTS OF GOD

11/2 Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls')

11/3 Saint Martin de Porres

10/28 Saint Charles Borromeo

10/29 Saint Peter Chrysologus

SATURDAY (11/9)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/10) Thirty First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Betty Phillips in Memory of John Wm. (Bill) Phillips on the

5th Anniversary of His Death

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

10/30 Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions

10/31 Saint Didacus

11/1 Blessed John Duns Scotus

11/2 Dedication of St. John Lateran
Basilica

11/3 Saint Leo the Great

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 (11/2) All Souls'

8AM † Janet Till Danilek (Fr. Joseph Mary) 10PM † Robert Holmes (Terry Hendrickson) 12PM † Dick and † Naomi Saathoff

(Melinda Wells)

† Robert Holmes (Terry Hendrickson)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (11/3)

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)

MONDAY (11/4)

12 PM Joan Clark (The Lilly Family)

TUESDAY (11/5)

8 AM † Mike A. Charlie (Idette Charlie)

WEDNESDAY (11/6)

8 AM † John and Elisa Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

THURSDAY (11/7)

6 PM Robert Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

FRIDAY (11/8)

12 PM Deceased Members of the Prinz Family (Mel Crews)

<u>SATURDAY (11/9)</u>

8AM Connie Witter (Sherry Schemmel) 5PM Richard Nordin, Sr. (Richard Nordin)

SUNDAY (11/10)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

† John William (Bill) Phillips
(Betty Phillips)

11 AM Lee & Dominique Faust and Family 2 PM Owen & Christine Brennen and Family

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending October 27, 2024 Offertory \$2,526 Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100) Below Weekly Budget (\$6,574)

NOVEMBER IS A MONTH FOR THANKSGIVING



parishioners and visitors, we invite you
to GIVE THANKS to Holy Comforter! Special
gold envelopes can be found at the end of gold envelopes can be found at the end of the pews and in the Commons.

THANK YOU for your support!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

11/1/2024 All Saints Day 11/2/2024 All Souls Day

11/3/2024 Archdiocese for the Military Services

Outreach 11/10/2024

11/24/2024 Maintenance Fund

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Account Number: 2162-7521

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- **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 looked at the **Introit** (Entrance Antiphon) and **Communion** chants and how their simple, flowing musical style reflects the fact that they accompany processions. Now we turn to the **Gradual** and **Alleluia** chants. Both of them are some of the most melismatic (having lots of notes on a single syllable) chants in the repertory. This proliferation of notes is both rhetorical and theological. Melismas both highlight certain words considered to be important and lengthen a text in general as a form of meditation, allowing us time to reflect on the passage in much the same way as lectio divina, a Benedictine practice of reading the Scriptures slowly while pausing on certain words that grab our attention.

GRADUAL: This chant takes place between the readings and is usually replaced by the simpler responsorial psalm. It is entirely melismatic from beginning to end, calling us to reflect on the Word we received and are receiving. By substituting the responsorial psalm for the gradual, there is a tradeoff: congregational singing (external) at the expense of prayerful meditation (internal). Something to bear in mind as we thoughtfully continue to implement the liturgical reforms.

ALLELUIA: This chant precedes the Gospel and is usually replaced by a shorter acclamation. The original chants, however, highlight the joy of receiving the Gospel message, the "good news". The joy of this chant is found in the extension of the world "alleluia". The -ia is considerably lengthened with a special kind of melisma called a "jubilus" (where "jubilation" comes from). Functionally, it would make more sense to lengthen the accent of the word (alle**lu**ia), but by lengthening the final unaccented syllable instead, the music takes on an ornamental, ecstatic character. It is an expression of our delight that God has become Incarnate and speaks to us through Jesus' as recorded by the Evangelists. Next week, we will conclude with the Offertory and a brief synthesis of all we have discussed. Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Holy Comforter's Adult Formation Program "What is God's Word?" Please join us at 3:45PM THIS Saturday, Nov. 2, for Part 2 of our three-part series "What is God's Word? How the Church Reads Scripture." This session approaches 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 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 bugbee@virginia.edu

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm 146:7,8-9 9-10 A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44 Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

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, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, 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, Petra Vera Chavez, 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 registration, visit ChestertonSJE.org or info@ChestertonSJE.org. 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 journey today with Alba's Tours, LLC, and prepare for an enriching and unforgettable experience! Au revoir!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you for stopping by the table at the ministry fair! During November, donations of any kind of canned vegetables would be appreciated. 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 HAITI: The "Hope for Haiti" Dinner and Auction will be held on November 16. This event will focus on raising funds for the St. Michel clinic and, if additional funds allow, supporting improvements to the school and rectory. Dr. August Sanusi, backed by the Charlottesville Medical Community, has been a guiding force behind the clinic since its inception. We seek your help to finalize arrangements and secure donors. The Auction/Dinner, hosted at St. Thomas Hall, will seat 120 guests, at a \$40 donation per person. For those unable to attend, the silent auction will be online. To offer assistance or donations. please contact Dr. Sanusi at asanusi7@gmail.com. Weekly Zoom meetings are held every Monday at 7:30 PM.

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 https:// 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 PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENTS: Ultimate Frisbee Nov. 17th, Game Night Dec. 13th! Rising 9th graders and current high schoolers are invited to have some fun on the field and around the gaming table! We'll enjoy Ultimate Frisbee on Nov. 17th, 4-6 pm. On the evening of Dec. 13th, come take a guick tour of the school and then let the board and card games begin! Chesterton Academy of St. John the Evangelist is Charlottesville's affordable classical high school in the Catholic tradition. For event details and

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED

CARMELITES 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





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

Part II

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."

The holy souls in purgatory are called the Church Suffering. It is said that the sufferings in purgatory are incomparable to the worst sufferings that could be experienced here on earth. We pray for the holy souls because God wants us to, and charity urges us to do so. The holy souls cannot help or pray for themselves anymore. We, the Church Militant, can help them and pray for them.

It's also helpful to know that the holy souls in purgatory can pray for us. When you pray for the holy souls, you can be assured that they are praying for you fervently. You can ask for their intercession for your prayer petitions. It is said that holy souls are not outdone in generosity. We pray for them and help them get to heaven as soon as possible, but the favors they obtain for us surpass the acts we offer for them. This is because these holy souls are very grateful to us for all that we do for them. Their stay in purgatory is shortened and their entry into heaven and to be with God forever is sooner than expected. The most effective manner of praying Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please is to have Masses offered for them or to apply the fruits of

your own attendance at Mass. The Rosary, too, is a wonderful way to pray for them.

We pray for the souls in purgatory because they are undergoing the final purifications that are necessary for most of us after we die. This is because Scripture says of heaven: "nothing unclean will enter it" (Rev. 21:27). Jesus also made a promise to each of us when he said, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48).

Most of us realize that few leave this world as perfect or pure, even if they are in friendship with God and in a state of grace. Some final work must be done to take away any final attachments to sin, any rough edges, any sorrows, regrets or hurts. These things are surely disclosed when we appear before the judgment seat of Christ (see 2 Cor 5:10).

How this purification is done is mysterious, but Scripture gives two images, one consoling and the other more vigorous. The Book of Revelation supplies the consoling thought that, regarding the dead, Jesus "will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away" (Rev. 21:4). The more vigorous text comes from St. Paul, who speaks of a fiery purgation the dead will pass through on the day of judgment: Each one's work will become manifest, "for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:13-15). So, on account of this judgment and purification (that seems necessary and is taught), we pray for the dead that this process be swift and that they be in the full glory of heaven soon.

To be continued...

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