

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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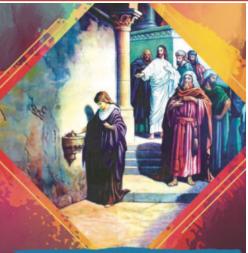
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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil E DM

Saturday Vigil	5 PM	
Sunday	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	
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Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3PM Mondays to <u>dre@holycomforterparish.org</u>



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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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 (11/9) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (11/10) Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Outreach 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 MONDAY (11/11) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (11/12) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6PM Schola Rehearsal Wednesday (11/13) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6-9PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession 6:30PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal THURSDAY (11/14) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (11/15) 9 AM-11:45AM Regina Caeli Homeschool 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (11/16) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass

### SAINTS OF GOD

11/9 Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica 11/10 Saint Leo the Great 11/11 Saint Martin of Tours 11/12 Saint Josephat

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**Ordinary Time** Altar Flowers Donated by the Stelow Family 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 **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 12 PM † Jack and † Margaret Kirkland and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen SATURDAY (11/16)

11/13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini 11/14 Saint Gertrude the Great

- 11/15 Saint Albert the Great
- 11/16 Saint Margaret of Scotland
- 11/17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

### 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 (11/9)

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

#### SUNDAY (11/10)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish Johnn William (Bill) Phillips (Betty Phillips)

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

#### MONDAY (11/11)

12 PM † Members of the Peglow Family (Mona Peglow)

#### TUESDAY (11/12)

8 AM Jon and Elisa Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (11/13)

8 AM Robert Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

THURSDAY (11/14)

6 PM † Don and Esther Burch

#### FRIDAY (11/15)

(Daniel Kirkland)

8AM For the Children of Garrett and Diane Smith (Diane Smith) 5PM † Emmett and Sharon Dudley

#### SUNDAY (11/17)

8:30 AM Josephine Nampijja 11 AM Members of the Parish 2 PM † Normand and Therese Auger

### PARISH NEWS

### GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending November 3, 2024		
Offertory	\$7,023	
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$9,100)	
Below Weekly Budget	(\$2,077)	

#### PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies are available in the Commons.

#### NOVEMBER IS A MONTH FOR THANKSGIVING

Just as Holy Comforter is grateful for our parishioners and visitors, we invite you to **GIVE THANKS** to Holy Comforter! Special 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 11/2/2024	All Saints Day All Souls Day
11/2/2024	Archdiocese for the Military Services
	Outreach
11/24/2024	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</u> 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.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3 Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days. Responsorial Psalm 16:5,8,9-10,11 God protects us and shows us the path of life.

### LITURGICAL NOTES

We looked at the **Gradual** and **Alleluia** chants last week, highlighting their melismatic style (having many notes on the same syllable) as iconic of their role in the liturgy. Melismas draw attention to important words and also slow the pace of their delivery in general, calling us to meditate prayerfully on the text. The Gradual chant in particular does this beautifully, suspending time and dwelling with the Word. The Alleluia chant uses a specialized melisma called a "jubilus" in which the final, unaccented syllable of the word "Allelu-<u>ia</u>" is lengthened as a form of ornamentation and musical ecstasy. This encapsulates the joy of receiving the Good News and is a call to spiritual readiness to be formed at the feet of the Master, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our final Proper is the **Offertory** chant. Like the Gradual and Alleluia, it is generally melismatic, though less so than the aforementioned chants. Offertories are the most thematically diverse of the chants, exhorting to praise, repentance, or petition, or reinforcing a theme of the season, or giving voice even to Our Lord (e.g. Good Friday: "My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none..."). The plethora of Scriptural material covered serves a meditational function that accompanies the preparations of the priest at the altar. The specific form of the Offertory chant is called a **responsory**. The "refrain" is sung without interruption, and then melismatic verses follow with partial returns to the refrain. This form allows the chant to provide material for meditation but also to end it quickly as needed. Incense in the Medieval liturgy was plentiful and those doing the incensing would often bless every cleric in the sanctuary, so the offertory got lengthy. Speaking of lengthy, I will defer the synthesis to next week and a brief mention of an additional Proper that is particular to Lent. To be continued! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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

Holy Comforter's Adult Formation Program "What is God's Word?" Join us on Saturday 12/7 for the third and final talk in the series "What is God's Word? How the Church Reads Scripture." Presenter John Bugbee will focus on how insights from the church's tradition can help with the unique challenges facing Bible readers today. The talk will be in-person at the Basilica of St. Andrew in Roanoke; the basilica has invited Holy Comforter parishioners to visit for a special historian-led tour that day at 2:00, and the talk follows at 3:45 (watch this space for carpool info!) The talk will also be broadcast live downstairs at Holy Comforter, with 2-way videoconferencing, for those who can't make the trip. For more info contact John Bugbee <u>bugbee@virginia.edu</u> or Melinda Wells, DRE.

> Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18 Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever. Gospel Mark 13:24-32 Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### **PARISHIONERS**

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.) Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Veronica Deighan, Kelton Flinn, 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, Chelsea Massey, 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 <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> 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 <u>reception@holycomforterparish.org</u>

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:** 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! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

PARISH LIFE: Please contact Elizabeth Gilbert, <u>Elizgilbert@gmail.com</u> 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! To learn more, please contact Steven Sisman <u>steven.sisman@gmail.com</u>

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Helping Moms in Need... If interested, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775 HAITI: The Haiti Craft Fair will be at Holy Comforter, THIS Sunday (Nov.10) in the courtyard, after each Mass. Your support of Haiti by purchasing a unique craft item, is appreciated! 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 & 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 help or donations, email 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 <u>Good</u> <u>News! Book Fair</u> 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://goodnewsbookfair.com/</u> <u>virtual-fair</u> *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! Current 8th graders and high schoolers are invited to have some fun and learn about this high school with a higher purpose! Come enjoy Ultimate Frisbee at Pen Park on Nov. 17th, 4-6 pm. On Dec. 13th, tour the school, and then let the board games & ping pong tournament begin! CASJE is an affordable classical high school in the Catholic tradition. Shadow Days are also available for prospective students. For event details and registration, please see ChestertonSJE.org/events and info@ChestertonSJE.org.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

daily Mass celebrations, and iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel<br/>Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the beautiful Basilica of Sacre<br/>Coeur. Registration closes January 25, 2025. Book your religious<br/>journey today with Alba's Tours, LLC, and prepare for an enriching<br/>and unforgettable experience! Au revoir!The Community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity meets on the 2nd<br/>Saturday of each month from 9:00AM -1:30PM, at St. Francis of Assisi<br/>Roman Catholic Church, Staunton, Va. To learn more about this way of<br/>life, please pick up a brochure in the Commons. To arrange for a visit,<br/>see Patricia McAdams, OCDS 434-286-4055 pamcadams@yahoo.com.

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### FROM THE PASTOR





#### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM Part III 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."

We have a long Catholic tradition of praying for the dead. This is regarded as such a vital obligation that every time we go to Mass we pray for the deceased during the Eucharistic prayer. As early as the ninth century, monasteries began to set aside a day to pray for their departed members. It was about this time that, Nov. 2 became the day we think of as All Souls' Day. Today many churches use the month of November as a time to enter the names of deceased loved ones into a "book of remembrance" to be prayed for.

As Catholics we believe that **"all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation...after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC, 1030**). If you believe in the power of prayer and that prayers of the living are a help to them, why should you not pray for the dead? Life is one, for as St. Luke says: **"He is not the God of the dead but of the living" (20:38)**. Death is not the end but a stage in the destiny of man, and this destiny is not set at the moment of death. The love which our prayer expresses cannot be in vain; if love had power on earth but no power after death it would tragically contradict the word of

Scripture that love is as strong as death (Song 8:6) and the experience of the Church that love is more powerful than death since Christ has defeated death in his love for mankind. We read in the Old Testament that "Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc. 12:46). In the New Testament, we learn of Saint Paul offering petitions for a man who has died (Onesiphrous): "May the Lord grant him to find mercy" (2 Tim. 1:18).

Perhaps one of the most moving stories of praying for the dead is found in the Martyrdom of Perpetua, written in 203 AD. Saint Perpetua, imprisoned for her faith, describes a vision of her brother: "I beheld Dinocarates coming forth from a dark place, where were many others also; being both hot and thirsty, his raiment foul, his color pale; and the wound on his face which he had when he died...and in the same place where Dinocrates was, a font full of water, having its edge higher than the boy's stature...Dinocrates stretched up as though to drink... yet for the height of the edge he might not." Shocked by this tragic scene, Saint Perpetua awakes and begins to pray for her brother, "day and night with groans and tears," until she is shown another vision. "I saw the place which I had before seen, and Dinocrates clean of body, finely clothed, in comfort; and the font I had seen before, the edge of it being drawn to the boy's navel; and he drew water...And being satisfied he departed away from the water and began to play as children will, joyfully." Not surprisingly, Saint Perpetua, who has been honored by the Church since her martyrdom, had a profound impact on the early Church fathers, the desert mystics and those who sought to clarify the Church's teaching on praying for the dead.

Why do we place such an emphasis on prayer for the dead? Part of this stems from the beautiful communion we feel with them. By praying for them, we are able to feel their presence in Jesus' mystical body, which is his church. Another reason we pray for the dead is because of our long Catholic tradition of purgatory. We need to get them out of there! So let us pray for them...

#### To be continued...

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



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