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NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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MASS TIMES

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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"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will

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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 (11/16) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (11/17) Thirty-Third Sunday in 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 MONDAY (11/18) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession TUESDAY (11/19) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry Wednesday (11/20) 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 (11/21) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6-8PM Mass followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (11/22) 9 AM-11:45AM Regina Caeli Co-op 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (11/23) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (11/24) Solemnity of Christ the King Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

SAINTS OF GOD

- 11/16 Saint Margaret of Scotland11/17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary11/18 Dedication of ChurchesSaints Peter and Paul
- 11/19 Saint Agnes of Assisi

Altar Flowers Donated by Lee and Dominique Faust 8:30 AM Mass 9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation 11 AM Mass Eucharistic Procession following 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 and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

11/20 Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

- 11/21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11/22 Saint Cecilia
- 11/23 Saint Miguel Agustin Pro
- 11/24 Saint Andrew Dung Lac and Companions

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER Ms. Taylor Stukenborg

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 (11/16)

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

<u>SUNDAY (11/17)</u>

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

<u>Monday (11/18)</u> 12PM † Carol E. Storm (Audrey Storm)

TUESDAY (11/19) 8AM Jon and Elisa Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

WEDNESDAY (11/20) 8AM Robert Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

THURSDAY (11/21) 6PM † Friends and Relatives of Austin Campbell

FRIDAY (11/22)

12PM † Friends and Relatives of Maureen Clark

<u>SATURDAY (11/23)</u>

8AM † Toni Esposito (Melinda Crews) 5PM † Jane Till Danilek (Fr. JML)

<u>SUNDAY (11/24)</u>

8:30AM Robert Prinz II (Melinda Crews) † Daniel E. Jones (Shannon Lagarde) 11AM † Robert Nordin, Sr. (Richard Nordin) 2PM Members of the Parish

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PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory report for Week Ending November 10, 2024 will appear in next week's Bulletin.

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	All Saints Day
11/2/2024	All Souls Day
11/3/2024	Archdiocese for the Military Services
11/10/2024	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. 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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14 Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man. **Responsorial** *Psalm* 93:1,1-2,5 A prayer of praise to God our king

LITURGICAL NOTES

Now we arrive at the end of this miniseries on the Ordinary and Proper chants of the Mass. Last week we discussed the Offertory, a moderately

melismatic **responsory** that reflects on a plethora of Scriptural themes and accompanies the priest's preparations for the Eucharistic sacrifice. I would like to mention briefly an additional Proper chant that takes the place of the Alleluia chant during Lent: the Tract. This is a melismatic chant that sets either a partial or entire psalm. It is meditative like the Gradual but does not use melismas in the jubilant manner that the Alleluia does, signaling the more somber tone of the Lenten season. It is usually replaced by the optional Gospel Acclamation, containing a simple refrain and verse. The most common, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus, King of glory", is taken from the introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours during Lent, which omits "alleluia" after the Glory Be. "God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father ... Praise to you ... "

As we bring this series to a close, it is good to revisit the question the question: "Why chant?" It is important to remember that Holy Mass is the prayer of Jesus Christ to His Father offered on the altar of the Cross at Calvary. That moment is represented to us at every Mass through the priest, and we are called to participate in that offering. Chants do not strive to grab our attention or entertain us; rather, they clothe the prayers of the Mass with subtle, understated beauty. They call us to prayer, to an interior state of calm and readiness to enter into the mystery of our redemption. They call us to mortify our desire to be pleased and entertained and to offer a "sacrifice of praise", asking God to shower the infinite treasures of grace won by Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls and the whole world. This is something that should be taken seriously – and our music, gestures, attitude, everything we say and do, should reflect the gravity of what we are participating in. May we strive always to conform our worship to the Spirit of the Council Fathers, themselves inspired by the great reforms of Pope St. Pius X. Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Director 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 bugbee@virginia.edu or Melinda Wells, DRE.

> Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8 Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all. Gospel John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

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.

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! Alba's Tours, LLC and Cynthia Aycock of Saints Peter and Paul will host three informational meetings on November 16th at 5:00 pm and November 17th at 8:30 am and 11:00 am about our upcoming spiritual Pilgrimage to France, led by Father David from Saints Peter and Paul and Father Joseph Mary from Holy Comforter. Cynthia Aycock of Saints Peter and Paul will host November 16th at 5:00 pm and November 17th at 8:30 am.

Tours, LLC. Learn more about this unforgettable 11-

day pilgrimage from April 24th to May 4th, 2025, where you'll explore beautiful locations like Lisieux, Mont-Saint-Michel, and Lourdes. Get details on our package that covers everything from airfare to meals! This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, meet fellow pilgrims, and prepare for an enriching experience of faith, culture, and fellowship. Don't miss out! We look forward to seeing you there!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of October, we served 448 lunches in Soup Kitchen and provided 207 bags of food to 549 individuals. Donations of canned vegetables would be appreciated. We kindly thank you for your time, donations and contributions to Outreach. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer & lender.

PARISH LIFE: 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! If interested, email 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 WORKS OF MERCY: Are you doing any works of mercy lately? The Works of Mercy Ministry would like to know about it! Please email us an update at

mercy@holycomforterparish.org. We look forward to hearing from you! 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 & 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, asanusi7@gmail.com. The Weekly Zoom meeting is held every Monday at 7:30PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHESTERTON ACADEMY PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENTS: ULTIMATE If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email the 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 Sunday, 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 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND: is seeking the following positions: Accounting Manager for the Office of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to https://bit.ly/4eSK7Wh. Director of Development for Catholic Campus Ministry at William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. For the full ad and to apply, go to <u>https://bit.ly/4eM6IJH</u>. Diocesan Synod Program Manager as it prepares for the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Diocese plans to hold a Diocesan Synod from Pentecost 2025 to Pentecost 2026, creating a space for the community to engage in meaningful conversations, come together The 11:00 am meeting on November 17th will be hosted by Alba's in faith, and pray collectively, united in the Eucharist. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to <u>https://bit.ly/4f2q5Jj</u>. Also seeking, <u>Saint Mary</u> Star of the Sea Catholic School (grades PreK-8) located in Hampton, Virginia, seeks dynamic and highly qualified candidates for position of **Principal** for immediate placement. Please go to https://bit.ly/3Y0PzPU for the full & how to apply, The Office for Evangelization is seeking an Administration Assistant. Go to https://bit.ly/3XIiBTZ. for the full ad and how to apply, Information Technology Specialist to work in the Christiansburg area. Go to https://bit.ly/4dJh1rV for the full ad and how to apply. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR





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

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."

I begin with the words of St. John Vianney concerning our beloved dead in purgatory: "Consider then...the magnitude of these sufferings which the souls in Purgatory endure; and the means which we have of mitigating them: our prayers, our good works, and, above all, the holy sacrifice of the Mass...I come to tell you that they suffer in Purgatory, that they weep, and that they demand with urgent cries the help of your prayers and your good works. I seem to hear them crying from the depths of those fires which devour them: 'Tell our loved ones, tell our children, tell all our relatives how great the evils are which they are making us suffer. We throw ourselves at their feet to implore the help of their prayers...Yet how quickly we could empty purgatory if we but really wished to."

The Church has always taught the existence of Purgatory, a place or state of existence after death, where, if necessary, we're cleansed of any remaining effects of our sins and made ready to enter into Heaven. Moreover, as Scripture attests, our prayers and sacrifices can be of immense spiritual help to the persons undergoing this purification process; we can pray for specific persons, such as deceased loved ones, or for the souls in Purgatory in general. Because God loves us and wants us to be with Him in Heaven, there must be some opportunity for us to finish being healed or purged of our sins after death, should this be necessary. This cleansing process is what

we call Purgatory. The saints believed without reservation in this reality. They themselves, because of their immense love of God, were ready to enter Heaven immediately after death, but they were mindful of those who were not as fortunate; after all, this is one of the signs of true love: caring for those in need, whether that need be physical or spiritual.

St. Elizabeth of Portugal, who reigned as queen of that country at the beginning of the fourteenth century, had a much-loved daughter named Constance. The young princess died very suddenly after being married, causing Elizabeth and her husband, King Denis, much grief. Soon after this, a hermit came to the queen with a shocking story: while he was praying, Constance had appeared to him, beseeching him to take a message to her mother. She was suffering terribly in Purgatory and would remain there a very long time unless Mass was offered for her each day for a year.

The king responded, "I believe that it is wise to do that which has been pointed out to you in so extraordinary a manner. After all, to have Masses celebrated for our dear deceased relatives is nothing more than a paternal and Christian duty." Elizabeth accepted this advice and arranged for the Masses to be said by a holy priest. One year later her daughter appeared to her, clothed in a brilliant white robe, and said, "Today, dear mother, I am delivered from the pains of Purgatory and am about to enter Heaven." St. Elizabeth gave thanks to God and expressed her gratitude by distributing alms to the poor.

Several saints, mystics, and visionaries have allegedly seen Purgatory, and also Heaven and Hell. St. Frances of Rome was granted such a vision; she said that it consists of three levels. The lowest level is like a vast burning sea, where the people undergo various sufferings related to the sins they committed on earth. The middle level is less rigorous, but still unpleasant. The highest level of Purgatory is populated by those who are closest to being released. These persons suffer mainly the pain of loss: that of yearning for God and of not yet truly possessing Him. There's consolation in all three levels, but especially in the highest. The souls in Purgatory know that, sooner or later, they'll be with God in Heaven and that all their present sufferings are valuable and redemptive.

To be continued...

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



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