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Saturday Vigil 5 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM + 11 AM + 2 PM

Monday + Friday 12 PM

Tuesday + Wed 8 AM

Thursday 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM

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Monday 1—3PM

Wednesday 6—9 PM

Thursday 7—8 PM

Friday 1—3PM

CONFESSION

Sunday 1 PM

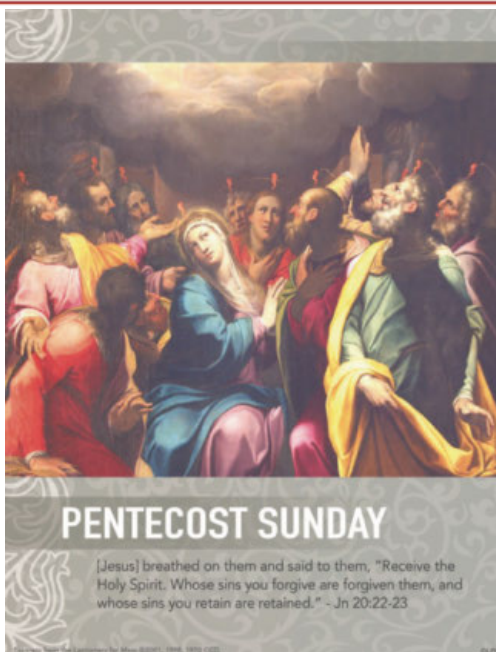
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Thursday 7—8 PM

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Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

Please Send Bulletin Submissions
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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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 (6/7)

8 AM Mass

4:15 PM Solemn Vespers

5-7 PM Extended Pentecost Vigil Mass

7 PM Light Reception

SUNDAY (6/8) Pentecost Sunday

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4:30 PM Holy Comforter's Annual Pentecost Picnic (McIntire Park)

MONDAY (6/9)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (6/10)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (6/11)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Choir

6-9 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (6/12)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass with Adoration following

7 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

FRIDAY (6/13)

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (6/15)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/15) Solemnity of The

Most Holy Trinity

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8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,

look favorably on your servant

Leo,

whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

grant, we pray, that by word and

example

he may be of service to those over whom he presides

so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,

he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in

the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

6/11 Saint Barnabas

6/12 Saint Jolenta of Poland

6/13 Saint Anthony of Padua

6/14 Saint Albert Chmielowski

6/15 Saint Marguerite d'Youville

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

Michael & Maura and Liliana Mullin

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@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (6/7)

8AM Deacon Andrew Clark in Honor of His Ordination Today

5 PM † Mary Kay Clayton
(Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (6/8)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM † James G. Laragy
(Glenn Showalter)

2PM Mary Ann Becksted (Mona Peglow)

MONDAY (6/9)

12PM † Jack T. McGauley (Jack Engel)

TUESDAY (6/10)

8AM † Colin Brumby (Daniel Kirkland)

WEDNESDAY (6/11)

8AM Alex & Franziska (Sherry Schemmel)

THURSDAY (6/12)

6 PM Mark Witt (Anna Stelow)

FRIDAY (6/13)

12PM † John Thomas
(Monday Pantry Volunteers)

SATURDAY (6/14)

8AM † Jamie Covell (Anna Stelow)

5 PM Perry Gaglio (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (6/15)

8:30AM † Alice Ferry

11AM Fr. Gerald P. Fogarty

2PM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

6/7 Blessed Franz Jaggerstatter

6/8 Saint William of York

6/9 Saint Ephrem

6/10 Saint Joachima

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending May 25, 2025

Offertory \$2,865
Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)
Below Weekly Budget (\$6,235)

Week Ending June 1, 2025

Offertory \$4,567
Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)
Below Weekly Budget (\$4,533)

IS IT TIME TO REVIEW YOUR LEVEL OF OFFERTORY GIVING?



Our operating costs have been steadily rising over the last several years, which has required us to withdraw \$100,000 from our savings this year to meet our obligations.

If your weekly gift to Holy Comforter should be updated, please know how much that increase in support is needed, especially at this time. **Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

6/01/2025 Diocesan Home Missions

6/08/2025 Outreach

6/22/2025 Maintenance Fund

6/29/2025 Peter's Pence



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LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance (*Spiritus Domini*): The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia; and that which contains all things, knows every language spoken by men, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory (*Confirma, hoc Deus*): Confirm, O God, that which you have accomplished in our midst; from your holy temple which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to you, alleluia.

Communion (*Factus est repente*): Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, in the place where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.

Pentecost is as ancient a feast day as Christianity itself, having been observed since apostolic times. There is much fanfare and beautiful music that has developed around this feast, including the beautiful hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus". Today we will focus briefly on the Communion Antiphon, which recalls the narrative of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. One of the many beautiful things about liturgy is that it has the ability to convey more than one sense of a text. We hear readings proclaimed by the priest, and those same readings are often meditated upon musically. That is the case with the Communion Antiphon Factus est repente. It is primarily narrative yet containing musical elements that themselves are heraldic. The opening notes span the interval of a fifth, which is a common interval in brass instruments. The coming of the Spirit, then, is highlighted in the same way that we might hear of the arrival of a monarch or a head of state: with fanfare. Another feature of the melody is its sense of winding about in imitation of the coming of the Spirit in a great wind. Happy Feast Day! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy & Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HOLY COMFORTER'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please contact Melinda Wells, DRE

- ◆ **THEME: ANGELS...WHO ARE THEY?**
- ◆ **PLACE: CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
- ◆ **DATES: JULY 28—AUGUST 1**
- ◆ **TIME: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM**
- ◆ **AGES: 5 Years—10 Years**
- ◆ **REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 14! \$25 PER CHILD/\$50 PER FAMILY**

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL "EPIC RALLY" AUGUST 9!

"Be Inspired by the lives of young saints at this epic day full of friendship, Faith, and fun!" Forms and details are on the RE Table in the Commons. Please give forms to Anna Sisman or Melinda Wells, DRE. Registration is \$55 per participant and is open through June 27. Please contact Anna Sisman, anna.sisman@gmail.com or Melinda Wells, DRE for more info!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading *Proverbs 8:22-31*

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 8:4-9*

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

We boast of our afflictions.

Gospel Reading *John 16:12-15*

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers)

Ann Carothers, Phil Carr, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Mae Trentanove, Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Mary Benfante, Christine Bentejac, Hope Brown, Stephen Crews, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Max and Hadley Burch, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debieze, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Genevieve Halfen, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, 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, Geraldine Newton, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Stephen McAdams, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Schrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Alicia Vinklerek, 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 to Works of Mercy Ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or call the church office at 434-295-7185.

**To request Holy Communion or a visit from
Father Joseph Mary, please call the office
434-295-7185 or email
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CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now enrolling for the 2025–2026 school year! Charlottesville Catholic School nurtures students' God-given gifts while fostering acceptance, respect, and compassion. We prepare students in Junior Kindergarten through 8th Grade to become confident leaders, advocates, and stewards who make a difference in the world. To learn more or apply at admissions@cvillecatholic.org or visit www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND is seeking a full time Administrative Assistant for the Office for Evangelization, Richmond, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to <https://bit.ly/3GHLNpq>. The Office for Evangelization is also seeking a full time Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator for the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. Please see <https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S> for the full ad and how to apply. Contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter jobs@richmonddioocese.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: In the month of May, we handed 153 food bags to 473 individuals in the Food Pantry. We thank you for your ongoing support through your donations, time, and contributions to Outreach. For the month of May, we are asking for donations of canned fruits. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and leader.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE: St. Vincent De Paul Society, Holy Trinity Conference: Thank you to all who donated during the Eastertide fundraising effort that ends on May 8th. Your generous support allows us to help our neighbors in need of rental and utility assistance. If you are interested in donating please visit our website at <https://www.svdp-ht.org/>

PARISH LIFE: Please join us for our annual **PENTECOST PICNIC** on Sunday June 8th at 430pm at the McIntyre Park Shelter behind the YMCA. It will be a potluck picnic so please bring a dish to share! **Please join us for Mass at 6pm on Monday June 23rd for the Vigil of St. John the Baptist.** There will be a blessed bonfire after Mass and the burning of used sacramentals. A dessert reception will follow!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: **How has Vatican II informed our roles as members of the Church?** Read and discuss several documents from the Second Vatican Council with Fr. Nicholas Hartman, O.P. of St. Thomas Aquinas University Catholic Church at Holy Comforter (LL) Sat., June 28, 2:30-4pm (Lumen Gentium, sections 8-17; the curious may want to read sections 1-7, but they will not be discussed); Sat., June 28, 2:30-4pm (Lumen Gentium, sections 30-42). Please see https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/index.htm for a free print-out or purchase from a variety of online sites. Contact Suzanne Bailey 434-326-3166/slank@ntelos.net or Melinda Wells, DRE

"Band of Brothers" (BOB) is finishing up Year 1 of "That Man is You". Starting in June, BOB will start meeting outdoors at Washington Park on Saturday mornings from 6:30-7:30 am, to read St Augustine's confessions alongside Custos, a 33 day consecration to St Joseph. Please text Steven Sisman 434-465-5783 if interested.

HAITI: Hope for Haiti Golf Tournament 5th Anniversary Fundraiser is Honoring Joan McDonald on August 14, 2025 at Stoney Creek Golf Course in Wintergreen Resort. Join us in supporting Haiti's future! Volunteers urgently needed to help organize and assist on game day. Register or Sponsor: Hope for Haiti Website - <https://dmw9v9.wixsite.com/hoprforhaiti> Volunteer Contact: Dan Wassilchuk, 410-410-852-6126/dmw9v@virginia.edu. This event is a testament to hope, resilience, and the unwavering commitment of Holy Comforter and the Tri-Parish Ministry to lifting up the people of St. Michel Parish and Saltadere, Haiti. We also honor the legacy of Joan McDonald, whose dedication and compassion-built momentum for change and inspired others to take action in support of this ministry. The heart behind this fundraiser will make a real difference—our collective efforts, along with the Holy Comforter Parish and community, will lead to something extraordinary!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST SUMMER POETRY CAMP June 23-27, 2025 9am-12am, Rising 9th-12th graders. Cost is \$100 Join Mr. Isak Bond to learn tools and techniques of the best poets. The week will conclude with an "open mic" poetic celebration of words featuring camp members' own original writing. For details and registration, please go to <https://www.chestertonsje.org/>. For details, contact Linda Kenny lkenny@chestertonsje.org 434-381-4284

FROM THE PASTOR



LIVING IN THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part I

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

**“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink,
but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit”**

Romans 14:17

Our Triune God is a God of joy. God the Father is our joy, Christ is our joy, and there is joy in the Holy Spirit, for God wants us to enjoy Him, and He gives Himself to us to be our enjoyment in our spirit, soul, and body. I invite you to walk with me in the joy of the Holy Spirit as we reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and what impact His presence can make in our lives if we are open to Him.

The whole point of Pentecost was that Jesus would send his Holy Spirit to his people, and yes, he did. First, beams of light and tongues of fire settled on the disciples. Next, they were enabled to preach the words of God in languages that they did not know. Even more amazing is that there were people in the audience that could understand these words. Some people were amazed, but others claimed that the disciples must be drunk. To combat this, Peter followed the Holy Spirit's prompting, getting up in front of the crowd and explaining why this was an act of the Holy Spirit and not of drunkenness. Finally, 3,000 people heard Peter's

message and decide to follow Jesus by repenting and being baptized. Wow!

For three years these men had been with Jesus, and at every turn one could observe the contrast between the Master and the disciples. After the event of Pentecost, they were acting

very much like Jesus Himself. The change was extremely unbelievable, and it was immediate. And it was not only them – the whole community of Christ's followers was transformed.

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe, and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. “And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have needed. And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts. 2:43-47). Do you realize what the Holy Spirit can do?

What happened to the Twelve? What happened to these original believers? What happened to change them? It was Pentecost. It was the coming of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts 2. If we hold these two models before us: the disciples before Pentecost and the disciples after Pentecost, which do you identify with more? which does your life fit in with most?

(To be continued...)

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

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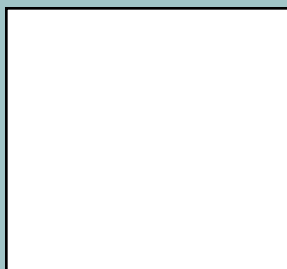
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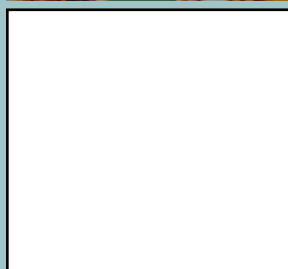
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