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MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION

Monday	1—3PM
Wednesday	6—9 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM
Friday	1—3PM

CONFESSION

Sunday	1 PM
Mon + Wed + Fri	6:30—7:30 Pl
Thursday	7—8 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	/ 9 AM—4 PM
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

glorify me, because he will take from what is d declare it to you. Everything that the Father ine; for this reason I told you that he will take it is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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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.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (6/15)

8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (6/15) Solemnity of The **Most Holy Trinity Altar Flowers Donations** Appreciated 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass **1 PM** Confession 2 PM Mass MONDAY (6/16) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 1-3 PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession **TUESDAY (6/17)** 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry WEDNESDAY (6/18) 8 AM Mass 10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6 PM Choir 6-9 PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession THURSDAY (6/19) 12-1 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM Mass following 7 PM Confession 7-8 PM Adoration FRIDAY (6/20) 12 PM Mass 1-3 PM Adoration 6:30-7:30 PM Confession SATURDAY (6/21) 8 AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

6/14 Saint Albert Chmielowski 6/15 Saint Marguerite d'Youville 6/16 Saint John Francis Regis 6/17 Saint Joseph Cafasso

SUNDAY (6/22) Corpus Christi

Sunday **Altar Flowers Donations** Appreciated 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass 12 PM Corpus Christi Procession **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

6/18 Venerable Matt Talbot 6/19 Saint Romuald 6/20 Saint Paulinus of Nola 6/21 Saint Aloysius of Gonzaga 6/22 Saint Thomas Moore

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 (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

MONDAY (6/16) 12PM Maria Paula Ospina (Martha Ospina)

TUESDAY (6/17) 8AM Families of Justin and Silver (Sherry Schemmel)

WEDNESDAY (6/18)

8AM Brandon Gillespie in Honor of His Reception into the Church (Diane Auger Smith)

<u>THURSDAY (6/19)</u>

6 PM Kennedy Kahle in Honor of Her Reception into the Church (Diane Auger Smith)

FRIDAY (6/20)

12PM Tristan Morris in Honor of His Reception into the Church (Diane Auger Smith)

SATURDAY (6/21)

 8AM Molly Adams in Honor of Her Becoming a Lay Dominican Novice (Diane Auger Smith)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (6/22)

8:30AM Father Gerard Timoner Master of the Dominican Order (Diane Auger Smith)
11AM Mary Benfante and Meghan Thoms (Lia Thoms)
2PM † Geraldine Newton (Peter Zinman)

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PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending June 8, 2025

Offertory			\$14,699
Weekly O	ffertor	y Budg	et (\$9,100)

Above Weekly Budget \$5,599

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 <u>withdraw</u> <u>\$100,000 from our savings</u> <u>this year to meet our</u> 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



SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! Thank You!!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance (Caritas Dei): The love of God has been poured into our hearts, alleluia; by his Spirit which dwells in us, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory (*Benedictus sit*): Blessed be God the Fa-ther, and the only begotten Son of God, and the Holy Spirit; for he has dealt with us according to his mercy.

Communion (*Benedicimus Deum*): Let us bless the God of heaven and utter his praises before all who live; for he has dealt with us according to his mercy.

Trinity Sunday is the most worshipful of all the Sundays of the year with music drawing on texts from Tobit and Daniel, This is the time that we acknowledge the truth of God's identity – that He IS in fact ruler of all creation, the generous Giver of Life to all, and the Reason for everything. Our lives are not our own but pure gift, and so the liturgy repeats over and over, "Blessed are you, O Lord." Sometimes the music is joyful, using Sol-based scales (usually major sounding); sometimes it is mystical, using Mi-based scales (minor and often eastern sounding). Another special feature of today's liturgy is the option to substitute the psalm between the readings with a hymn that is used frequently during lauds: Benedictus es, Domine. It is the song from the book of Daniel of the three children who were thrown into the furnace for their profession of faith and refusal to engage in pagan worship. Take the time this week to acknowledge God's dominion over your existence and give thanks to the Almighty for having given you absolutely everything. Blessed be God for Ever and ever. Amen . Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy & Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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!**
- <u>COST: \$25 PER CHILD/\$50 PER FAMILY</u>

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. <u>Registration is \$55 per participant and is open through June 27.</u> Please contact Anna Sisman, anna.sisman@gmail.com or Melinda Wells, DRE for more info!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST First Reading Genesis 14:18-20 Melchizedek, king of Salem, blessed Abram.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 110:1-4* You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek. **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26* As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Gospel Reading *Luke 9:11b-17* They all ate and were satisfied.

June 15, Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR



(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 Vinklarek, 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 Debiese, 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 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 to Works of Mercy Ministry <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> 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 <u>reception@holycomforterparish.org</u>

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 www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions. <u>THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND</u> 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

<u>https://bit.ly/3GHLNpq</u>. 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 <u>https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S</u> for the full ad and how to apply. Contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter <u>jobs@richmonddiocese.org</u>

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. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and leader. God Bless!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE: Thank you to all who donated during the Eastertide fundraising effort. Your generous support allows us to help our neighbors in need of rental and utility assistance. Our second meeting of the month is held over zoom. If you would like to attend the June 17 meeting or if you are interested in donating, please visit our website https://www.svdp-ht.org PARISH LIFE: 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

<u>"Band of Brothers" (BOB) is finishing up Year 1 of "That Man is You".</u> 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: A true testament and powerful commitment to the dedication of the Holy Comforter Ministry and the Haiti Tri-Parish Ministry is the 30 years of steadfast support for St. Michel College (Pre-K through grade 13 or Philo). The proposal to use a zoom like connection between St. Michel and the Charlottesville Catholic School is for strengthening educational engagement that both schools have been fostering for the past few years. Additionally, the idea of collaborating with local public schools and UVA French Clubs could create meaningful cultural and academic exchanges, expanding opportunities for students on both sides. See Bulletin Board for more detail. Thank you and God Bless, Bob <u>BobFromm@usairforce.vet</u>

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 <u>https://www.chestertonsje.org/</u>. For details, contact Linda Kenny <u>lkenny@chestertonsje.org</u> 434-381-4284 **MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND** will be held *Thurs., September 11th (7:00pm) through Sunday, September 14th (5:00pm), 2025, at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. The Theme of the Weekend is "Here I Am, Lord".* Speak to Garrett Smith if you would like a sponsor. Contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371 for more info. *Application deadline is August 21st* and limited to the first 28 applications received. Applications available at <u>www.valleycursillo.com</u>

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FROM THE PASTOR





LIVING IN THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Part II 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

The Scripture above teaches us that joy in the Holy Spirit is the deep, abiding sense of happiness and contentment that comes from the Holy Spirit's presence in the believer's life. This joy is not dependent on external circumstances but is rooted in the assurance of God's love, salvation, and ongoing work in our lives. In Romans 15:13, St. Paul says: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." This means that when we trust God, He fills us with joy and peace through the Holy Spirit. This joy isn't based on our circumstances but on the deep assurance that God loves us and is with us. It's a lasting happiness that stays with us no matter what we're going through.

By relying on the Holy Spirit, we can have a heart full of hope and joy, living the abundant life God wants for us. This is what the Apostles received, experienced, and lived. I always say to myself: *"I need the same thing the Apostles got. I need to be filled with the Holy Spirit every day."* It's so important for us to know and believe that the difference between us and the Apostles has only to do with the Holy Spirit. That's

all. They were no better than we are as humans. They were no better educated. They were probably no smarter. There is no indication that they were any more naturally talented than we are, or any more courageous, or more spiritually inclined. The Holy Spirit made the difference!

My question is: Have you been trying to change for years and years and still find that you struggle with the same sins and bad habits you've had all along? I sure have. After a while, it becomes clear that we cannot change ourselves. Yet here in the disciples we see real change – real change brought about by the Holy Spirit. My friends, we don't need a self-help program! We don't just need to unlearn some bad habits. We don't just need a little more self-discipline or accountability. We need God's grace; we need to have our hearts changed by His mighty power, we need to be filled with the Spirit of Jesus Christ Himself, so that each of us can say what Paul said in Gal. 2:20: **"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."**

Some people might be afraid of this idea of seeking the Holy Spirit. I can imagine two kinds of fear that might crop up in people's minds: one is the fear of being too close to God. Many Christians are scared of what God might do to them if they really surrender all to Jesus. I can understand this concern. And, I'll be honest with you, the fullness of the Spirit might mean a loss of some comforts and some security. It may mean an increase of persecution. It probably will bring trouble. It may mean giving away some of our possessions. It may mean losing some of our friends. It may mean letting go of some things that we really enjoy. It may mean doing some things that right now we would never want to do. There is a cost, but there is a benefit too. There is a heavenly benefit, but there is also an increase in joy and happiness in this life. For me, I would much rather be joyful and fulfilled and at peace in my discomforts, than miserable and troubled and restless in my comfort. Isn't that what you really want too?

(To be continued...)

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



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