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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

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 PM
Thursday 7—8 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

Please Send Bulletin Submissions
by 3PM Monday
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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

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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 (6/28) Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/29) Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Altar Flowers Donated in Memory of Adelard Riendeau and in Honor of Minor Smith's Birthday.

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (6/30)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/1)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/2)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Choir

6-9 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/3)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

FRIDAY (7/4) Independence Day

OFFICE CLOSED

9 AM Mass

SATURDAY (7/5)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/6) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

-A Spiritual Work of Mercy - To Pray for the Living and the Dead

Parishioners are asked to please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Phillip "Phil" Carr, who entered into eternal life on Monday, June 16, and for Christ to comfort his family.

"Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 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

7/1 Saint Junipero Serra

7/2 Saint Oliver Plunkett

7/3 Saint Thomas

7/4 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7/5 Saint Anthony Zaccaria

7/6 Saint Maria Goretti

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 (6/28)

8AM The Ill and Homebound

5PM † Lloyd Thomas Smith, Jr
(Diane Auger Smith)

SUNDAY (6/29)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM † Phillip "Phil" Carr
(Fr. Joseph Mary and Holy Comforter Staff)

2PM † Grace Marie DiPaolo (Silvia DiPaolo)

MONDAY (6/30)

12PM † Adelard Riendeau (Therese Auger)
Minor Smith (Therese Auger)

TUESDAY (7/1)

8AM Robin Joslin, Lay Dominican Novice
(Diane Auger Smith)

WEDNESDAY (7/2)

8AM Ann Thunder, Lay Dominican Novice
(Diane Auger Smith)

THURSDAY (7/3)

6 PM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

FRIDAY (7/4)

9 AM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

SATURDAY (7/5)

8AM Eva and Patrick Henig (Heidi Hess)
5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (7/6)

8:30AM † Jane Till Danilek

11AM Gwen Hess (Heidi Hess)

2PM Gabriel Hess (Heidi Hess)

SAINTS OF GOD

6/28 Saint Irenaeus

6/29 Saints Peter and Paul

6/30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending June 22, 2025

Offertory \$8,920

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)

Below Weekly Budget (\$810)

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



SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! Thank You!!

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading *Isaiah 66:10-14c*

I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123:1-4

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.

Second Reading *Galatians 6:14-18*

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

LITURGICAL NOTES

What a glorious liturgical week we just celebrated. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, St. John the Baptist, The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And, now today as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Pillars of our Catholic Church, our colors change from white to red. The most common color for our Mass celebration. However, the Church helps us to reflect on the liturgy through color. Although, we are in Ordinary Time, which the traditional color is green, we choose to keep the white with all the beautiful celebrations of this past week. Therefore, as most of us know red is the color of the Martyrs. Even though Sts. Peter and Paul were Apostles, they were also Martyred. Why? Because they answered God's called and united us in the One Holy and Apostolic Church. Their faith was so strong in the Holy Spirit, that they knew they would die for their faith as they followed and preached the Gospel of our Lord. Therefore, as we come to the Altar today to receive our Lord, let us carry on that same Apostolic spirit to others in our families and to all we meet on the way back to our Heavenly Home, no matter the cost.

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC, Liturgy Coordinator*

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!**
- ◆ **COST: \$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. 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 information or any questions!

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers)

Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Mae Trentanove, 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, Ken Brunk, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, 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, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Stephen McAdams, Sue Pfeffer, 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, Rachael Stewart and Family, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, 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@hollycomforterparish.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
reception@hollycomforterparish.org**


THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND Office of Catholic Schools, is seeking a Marketing & Social Media Coordinator...For the full ad & how to apply, see <https://bit.ly/44cpGQj> Also seeking full time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Real Estate, in Richmond, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to <https://bit.ly/3ZfpSws> Also, seeking a full time Internal Audit Manager for the Office of Finance, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, see <https://bit.ly/4dfR0kg> For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year! Junior Kindergarten through 8th Grade. For more info/to apply, see admissions@cvillecatholic.org or go to www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: In the month of May, we served 383 lunches in Soup Kitchen. Thank you all for your support to Outreach through your donations, contributions and time. For the month of July, we are asking for donations of canned tuna. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and leader. God Bless!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

 We meet at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The 1st Tuesday meeting is held at the Church of the Incarnation Conference Room with our next meeting July 1, 2025. The 3rd Tuesday meeting is via Zoom. You are welcome to attend any meeting. See www.svdp-ht.org or info@svdp-ht.org to donate.

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! Please join us for a potluck birthday dinner to celebrate Father's 70th birthday on Sunday July 13th at 4:30pm downstairs. Please bring a dish! Potluck sign up will be in flocknote!

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: There will be a meeting of Walking with Moms in Need on Sunday, July 6 at 10:00am between the two AM Masses in the stairwell library. If interested, please come. It is not too late to provide the Committee with more feedback on the needs survey we provided in Lent. See Garrett Smith gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: *How has Vatican II informed our roles as members of the Church?* Discuss Second Vatican Council with Fr. Nicholas Hartman, O.P. of St. Thomas Aquinas University Catholic Church at Holy Comforter (LL) **The last session is this Sat., June 28, 2:30-4pm (Lumen Gentium, sections 30-42).** Copies are on the RE Table in the Commons area. For a free print-out or purchase from a variety of online sites, please see, https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/index.htm Contact Suzanne Bailey 434-326-3166/slank@ntelos.net.

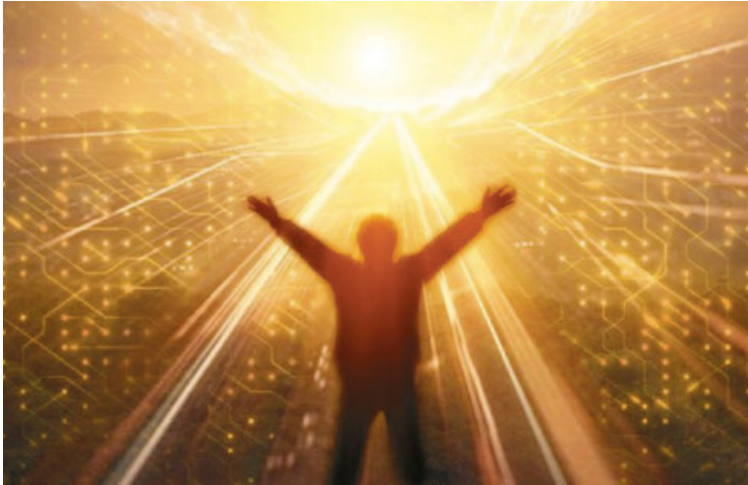
"Band of Brothers" (BOB) is finishing up Year 1 of "That Man is You". Starting in June, BOB will start meeting outdoors at Washington Park on Saturday mornings from 6:30-7:30 am, to read St Augustine's confessions alongside Custos, a 33 day consecration to St Joseph. Please text Steven Sisman 434-465-5783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

HAITI: In a week shadowed by violence in Haiti, the Gospel's quiet power rises. Jesus offers the Lord's Prayer—not as ritual, but radical intimacy: "Your Father knows what you need before you ask." Paul reminds us to endure with love. Hunger deepens, yet St. Michel Parish presses on—feeding families, children, and providing medical care. This is grace incarnate. Join us for the Hope for Haiti Golf Tournament, August 14, 2025, at Stoney Creek Golf Course. Register or sponsor at <https://dmw9v.wixsite.com/hopeforhaiti>, or contact: Dan Wassilchuk, 410-410-852-6126, dmw9v@virginia.edu. Our Tri-Parish Haiti Ministry and community collective efforts, will lead to something extraordinary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND will be held *Thurs., Sept. 11th (7:00pm) thru' Sunday, Sept. 14th (5:00pm) at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. The Theme is "Here I Am, Lord".* See Garrett Smith if needing a sponsor at gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com. For info call Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371. *Application deadline 8/21 and limited to the first 28 applications received.* Apply at www.valleycursillo.com

FROM THE PASTOR



LIVING IN THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part IV

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

Living in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit is one of the most transformative experiences a person can have. Walking in the Holy Spirit opens a whole new realm of spiritual understanding, empowerment and guidance. Embracing the power of the Holy Spirit can bring about profound changes and joy in your life that will never end. John 16:13 says, **“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”** Living in such a relationship with the Holy Spirit means surrendering every aspect of your life to Him. It involves acknowledging that you cannot live a fulfilling and purposeful life alone. Instead, you rely on the Holy Spirit’s guidance and allow Him to work through and with you. This requires humility, trust, and a willingness to let go of our desire to be in control.

One of the most crucial aspects of living life with the Holy Spirit is the empowerment that it brings. (Acts 2)

The Holy Spirit equips believers with spiritual gifts and enables them to fulfill their God-given purpose. These gifts are not meant to exalt individuals but to edify the body of Christ and bring glory to God. They enable believers to serve others, minister to their needs, and be an instrument for God’s love and grace. (1 Corinthians 12).

Living in the power of the Holy Spirit also brings a sense of spiritual awareness. The Spirit enables believers to discern God’s will, understand His Word, and receive revelation. The Bible becomes alive and relevant through the Holy Spirit. This spiritual awareness helps us walk through life with wisdom and discernment, making godly choices and avoiding the enemy’s snares. However, living in the life of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event but an ongoing process that requires continuous surrender, daily renewal, and a desire to grow in faith. It involves learning to discern the promptings of the Spirit, aligning your will with God’s, and being open to His leading even when it doesn’t make sense to you.

In Romans 12:1-2, the Apostle Paul says, **“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”** The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:25, **“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”** This implies ongoing cooperation and a willingness to align ourselves with the Spirit’s leading. A life lived in the Spirit is a life full of intimacy with God and seeing His power at work at every step in our lives.

(To be continued...)

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