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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

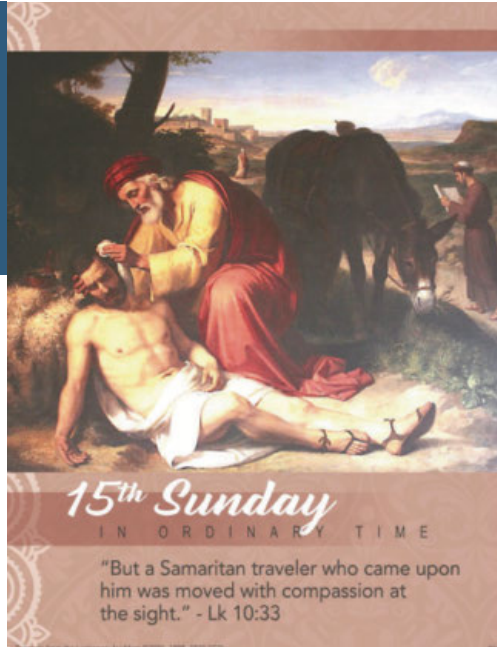
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (7/12)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/13) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Anonymously donated in honor of Fr. Joseph Mary's Birthday

Second Collection: Outreach

(14th Sunday Continued)

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

4:30 PM *Potluck Birthday Celebration in honor of Father's 70th Birthday (LL)*

MONDAY (7/14)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (7/15)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (7/16)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Choir (on summer break)

6-9 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (7/17)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

7 PM Confession

7-8 PM Adoration

FRIDAY (7/18)

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (7/19)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/20) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated Anonymously

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

SAINTS OF GOD

7/12 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7/13 Saint Anthony Zaccaria

7/14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

7/15 Saint Bonaventure

7/16 Saint Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7/17 Saint Francis Solano

7/18 Saint Camillus de Lellis

7/19 Saint Mary Mackillop

7/20 Saint Apollinaris

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 (7/12)

8AM Stephen Crews (Melinda Crews)

5PM † Mable P. Dodaro (Michele Skarvelis)

SUNDAY (7/13)

8:30AM Fr. Joseph Mary in Honor of his Birthday (Holy Comforter Staff)

11AM Gabriel Hess (Heidi Hess)

2PM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (7/14)

12PM † Mildred J. Chrzastek
(Michele Skarvelis)

TUESDAY (7/15)

8AM Alicia Vinklerek (Holy Comforter Staff)

WEDNESDAY (7/16)

8AM † Peggy Cox (Jack Engler)

THURSDAY (7/17)

6 PM † Phil Carr (Outreach)

FRIDAY (7/18)

12 PM Hannah Woods (Davis Family)

SATURDAY (7/19)

8AM Mary Camuto (Rogers & Mary Hellman)

5PM † Alfred M. Goodison III
(Michele Skarvelis)

SUNDAY (7/20)

8:30AM Fr. Andrew Clark (Melinda Wells)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM † Francis and † Geraldine Newton
(Mary Deighan)

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending June 29, 2025

Offertory \$2,688
Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)
Below Weekly Budget (\$6,412)

Week Ending July 6, 2025

Due to an early publication deadline, the Offertory report will appear in next weekend's Bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

7/13/2025 Outreach

7/27/2025 Maintenance Fund

PLEASE KEEP HOLY COMFORTER IN MIND DURING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS

If you will be away this summer, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from wherever you are! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. Please visit <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the Online Giving link. Thank you!

"ALL GOOD GIVING AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE..." James 1:17



To meet our parish annual operating expenses, it is necessary for our 224 registered and active families to contribute \$2,200 per year, or about

\$42 per week. If you are already tithing \$42 or more per week, thank you. If you are not, but are able to, please know how much your support is needed, especially at this time. Thank you and May God bless you abundantly.



SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! Thank You!!

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

First Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:2-5

Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord. .

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

LITURGICAL NOTES

This Liturgical Note is a reflection and a call to serve. Our Gospel this weekend tells us that "We shall love our Lord, our God with all our Heart..." Since returning to Holy Comforter, I gaze among everyone during Mass, I am reminded and in awe of the Love that everyone has for our Lord and each other. The dedication and commitment each and every one of you have as you give of your time and heart to the Mass and to others. We all come together as One Body in Christ, we pray together in One Spirit! (1 Cor. 12:12-7) By our Baptism, we are to fulfill our call to service for our Lord and to one another. We journey and need each other to fully function. When I was away, I did not feel fulfilled. So, I came back to serve you with one Spirit to be One Body of Christ. I share this because we need more people to step up and help in any way you can. Please consider serving our Lord and our Community of Faith as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Sacristan or Usher. Together, let us model Christ's example of servant leadership and encourage others to do the same. We need more members of the Body of Christ to ensure that the Mass runs smoothly and reverently, thereby enhancing the worship experience for all who attend at The Church of the Holy Comforter.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

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Holy Comforter's Children's Fall Retreat

We will not have Vacation Bible School this summer. However, plans are being made to have a wonderful Saturday children's retreat in the fall! The retreat will be based on the same theme "**Angels...Who are they?**" It promises to be a fun-filled time for the children! Please stay tuned for future announcements about **Holy Comforter's Children's Fall Retreat!** Registration will open in September!

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@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
reception@holycomforterparish.org**


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 www.valleycursillo.com*

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION: We have an opening for a bilingual Children's Assistant Coordinator. Qualified individuals would primarily serve the Spanish-speaking families and catechists in our children's religious education program and help to prepare children in grades 2-5 for sacraments. This is a 10 hour/week position, with weekend and occasional nighttime hours required. Contact: Missy Bishop, CCF at missyb@incarnationparish.org or call the office at (434) 973-4381 for more information.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: In the month of June, we gave out 173 food bags to 500 individuals in the Food Pantry. 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 & 3rd Tuesday of each month. The 1st Tuesday meeting is held at the Church of the Incarnation Conference Room and the 3rd Tuesday meeting is via Zoom. Our next meeting is on July 15, 2025, via Zoom. You are welcome to attend any meeting to see if this ministry may be calling you. If you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Looking ahead, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. More details to follow.

PARISH LIFE: *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: The next meeting of Walking With Moms in Need will be on Sunday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Please see Garrett Smith gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com for more info.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: "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: Our twinning with St. Michel is not charity—it is communion. It is Christ binding brokenness into hope. Through the Haiti Ministry we; feed and educate 600+ students at St. Michel School, sustain a clinic where care is scarce, maintain food and fuel amid gang violence, fund church and the repairs to keep the parish a beacon. These are not just relief efforts—they are acts of incarnate love. The Gospel ends not in theory but with a command: "Go and do likewise." Sponsor a student for \$175/year. Pray. Act. Become a neighbor. HOPE FOR HAITI Golf Tournament: Dan Wassilchuk, 410-852-6126, dmw9v@virginia.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Ready for an Amazing 2025–2026 School Year! *At Charlottesville Catholic School, we nurture each student's God-given gifts by instilling acceptance, respect, and compassion. Our students grow into advocates, leaders, and stewards; confident collaborators, achievers, and creators prepared to make a difference in the world. Now accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten through 8th Grade for the 2025–2026 school year. For information, email admissions@cvillecatholic.org. Come grow with us in faith, knowledge, and service!*

Is God calling you to go deeper? Have you felt that God is asking you to go deeper with your faith? Your prayer life? Your ministry? You might be called to be a Lay Dominican! To learn more about this unique vocation, visit <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/>. Consider visiting us for a monthly meeting (the first Saturday of each month), or attending our annual *Come & See* meeting, Saturday, September 6th. Contact Diane Auger Smith by email at oplaity511@gmail.com, if you'd like more information

FROM THE PASTOR



JESUS' BLOOD SHED FOR OUR SALVATION

Part 1

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

"Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins"

Hebrews 9:22

The month of July is dedicated to the precious blood of Jesus that was shed for our salvation. **BUT why all this? This is because life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11).** In some cultures the shedding of blood has a negative connotation. Especially if we're not talking about blood shed due to injury. Shedding blood is thought of as cultish. Superstitious. This, however, was not the case in the time and culture of the Israelites. The Israelites and surrounding nations were familiar with blood sacrifices.

We recall why this incident of Jesus' shedding of his blood came about. Man was created by God. Then, Man rebelled against God, transgressing His commandments, living as if He has no law to live by. It would have been

just for God to destroy Man for our rebellion. Yet, because God is love, He sent His Son, Jesus, to be born in the likeness of sinful flesh and to offer up His perfect life as an atonement for sin. Jesus "entered once for all into the holy places, not by the means of the blood of goats and calves but by the means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption" (Heb. 9:12). The blood of Jesus makes a way for sinful man to be reconciled to a holy, perfect, just, and righteous God.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks volumes about this topic and I recommend you to read the whole book, particularly chapters 8-10. It tells us that most of what we read of in the Old Testament were shadows. The tabernacle, temple, priests, animals, laws, ceremonies, festivals. All of it. They were all a shadow of the Substance, which is Christ Jesus. Christ is the true substance. The law was the shadow of the good things to come. Looking at the shadow gives a glimpse of the true form. Yet, it is not the true substance. It is only a shadow, cast by the true substance. The shadow points to the truth. And if you follow the shadow to the end, you'll find the substance. In this case, the substance is Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners and redeem people for God from every tribe, tongue, nation, and people group. Christ made atonement with His own blood. But why did Jesus die for sins? God is holy, perfect, righteous, and just. Therefore, He cannot allow the guilty to go unpunished. The Scriptures say that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rm. 3:23). The Bible teaches plainly that our sin has made us enemies of God. The punishment for sin is death (Rm 6:23) but because God is also love, "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rm 5:8). God satisfied His justice in the death of Jesus the Christ, making a way for sinners to be made right with God in Christ (Rm. 5:10). The dilemma of how God can be both just and the justifier of the ungodly is resolved in Christ and Jesus' death for sin shows us God's CHARACTER!

(To be Continued...)

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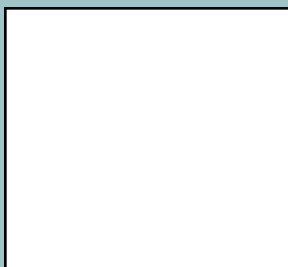
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