



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## JULY 20, 2025

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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

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### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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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 (7/19)

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

### MONDAY (7/21)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (7/22)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (7/23)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Choir (on summer break)

6 PM Mass

6-8 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### THURSDAY (7/24)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass with Adoration  
following

7 PM Confession

### FRIDAY (7/25)

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (7/26)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (7/27) Seventeenth

#### Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

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

7/23 Saint Bridget of Sweden  
7/24 Saint Sharbel Makhlof  
7/25 Saint James  
7/26 Saints Joachim and Anne  
7/27 Saint Titus Brandsma

## 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 (7/19)**

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)

#### **MONDAY (7/21)**

12PM † George Joseph Stukenborg  
(Taylor Stukenborg)

#### **TUESDAY (7/22)**

8AM † Phil Carr  
(Collette Hall and Kelton Flinn)

#### **WEDNESDAY (7/23)**

8AM † Lisa (Pat and Mike Chiavetta)

#### **THURSDAY (7/24)**

6 PM † Robert Prinz (Melinda Crews)

#### **FRIDAY (7/25)**

12 PM Deceased Members of the Parish and  
Benefactors of Holy Comforter

#### **SATURDAY (7/26)**

8AM The Ill and Homebound

5PM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

#### **SUNDAY (7/27)**

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM John Thomas Schrank (Melinda Wells)

2PM Deceased Members of the Charles Smith  
Family (Patricia McAdams)

## SAINTS OF GOD

7/19 Saint Mary Mackillop  
7/20 Saint Apollinaris  
7/21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi  
7/22 Saint Mary Magdalene

# PARISH NEWS



## PARISH SUPPORT

**Week Ending July 6, 2025**

**Offertory Contributions**

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,711
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
- Below Weekly Budget (\$5,789)

**Week Ending July 13, 2025**

**Offertory Contributions**

- In Pew and By Mail \$12,482
- Online Giving \$6,735
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)
- Above Weekly Budget \$9,717

**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JULY**

**ALL MONTH** Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

**7/13/2025** Outreach

**7/27/2025** Maintenance Fund

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET**

Our parish operating budget for the new fiscal year is \$494,000 which requires us to receive offertory contributions of **\$9,500 per week**. In order to meet our obligations, it is necessary for our 224 registered and active families to contribute \$2,200 per year, or about \$42 per week. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly.

**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 Online Giving. Thank you!



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## LITURGICAL NOTES

Here we are celebrating the 16th Sunday of Ordinary time and my one month anniversary as a staff member at Holy Comforter. Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, Luke 10:38-42, I share with you that I too, I would have asked Jesus like Martha did... "Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.'" I understand Martha, because I would have wanted to sit at Jesus' feet too. Well, I can do that more frequently now at Holy Comforter. We are truly blessed to have so many opportunities to sit at Jesus' feet in Adoration! So come join me and sit at the feet of Jesus in Adoration on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 8 PM, Thursdays after 6 PM Mass until 8 PM, and Fridays from 1 PM to 3 PM.

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*

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### **A SPECIAL DAY WITH THE ANGELS-Sept. 27** **At HOLY COMFORTER! Save The Date!**

A wonderful way to learn about the angels and the role they play in God's plan! *It's also 2 days before the Feast of the Archangels Angels, 9/29, and 4 days before the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, 10/2!* The retreat will be based on the theme **"A Special Day with the Angels!"** It will be **at Holy Comforter from 8AM, beginning with Mass, and will end promptly at 12PM. A light breakfast will be served.** It promises to be a fun-filled time of catechesis for the children!

**Registration begins August 16!**

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading** *Genesis 18:20-32*

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 138:1-3,6-8*

Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading** *Colossians 2:12-14*

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 11:1-13*

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

# 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, 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, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Robert Maute, Stephen McAdams, Vince Newton, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Saathoff Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Schrank Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, and Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention

### **MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

Matthew Mickiewicz, and Joey Smith.

*If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email to Works of Mercy Ministry [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com). For info call Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371. Application deadline 8/21 and limited to 28 applications. Apply [www.valleycursillo.com](http://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](mailto:missyb@incarnationparish.org) or the office at (434) 973-4381

## 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 August, we are asking for donations of peanut butter. 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday meeting is held at the Church of the Incarnation Conference Room and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.svdp-ht.org) or email us at [info@svdp-ht.org](mailto: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.

**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. See Garrett Smith [gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com](mailto:gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com) if interested

**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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@cvillecatholic.org). **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, [oplaity511@gmail.com](mailto:oplaity511@gmail.com) if interested.

# FROM THE PASTOR



## JESUS' BLOOD SHED FOR OUR SALVATION

Part II

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 shedding of Jesus' blood is central to Christian theology, demonstrating God's character of both justice and mercy. It signifies the payment for humanity's sins, fulfilling the requirements of God's law and offering forgiveness and reconciliation with God. The blood of Jesus also serves as a symbol of new life and a restored relationship with God. To properly comprehend the power of the blood of Jesus requires an understanding of its Old Testament counterpart: **the blood of sacrificial bulls and goats**. In Leviticus 17:11 God provided the condition for atonement by saying: For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: For it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.

It was the *shed* blood upon the altar, the *death* of a spotless animal, which brought about the atonement or covering for sin. After

it was shed, the animal's blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat... the golden lid on the Ark of the Covenant. The very presence of God was above the mercy seat by virtue of the shed blood sprinkled there.

Because the penalty for sin is death, the animal's death in the place of the sinner symbolized the ultimate sacrifice by Jesus for man's sin. According to Hebrews 10:4, the blood, or death, of bulls and goats was not sufficient to take away sins: an animal death was not an adequate substitute for the death of a sinful human being—that required the death of a spotless human life—the life of Jesus.

The Bible says, “...**we have redemption through His blood...**” (Eph. 1:7). To seal our redemption after His death, Jesus ascended to heaven, and through His own blood He entered the Holy place **once** for all mankind and offered Himself to God (Heb. 9:12,14). Because of His death, we enjoy the benefits of God's grace and mercy, we enjoy His very presence, and we call ourselves “Christians.” It is faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ that obtained God's favor for us, giving us our new name.

Many times, as Christians, we have only thought of Jesus' blood as the agent that cleansed sin from our lives; but His shed blood has accomplished **far more!** It's that “far more” which has remained a mystery to many Christians. To grasp the power that is available to us through the blood of Jesus, I want to compare the physical facts about human blood to the supernatural facts about Jesus' blood. The physical qualities of blood provide a stunning picture of all the spiritual realities we can enjoy because of the shed blood of Jesus, our “Great Physician.” **BLOOD – Agent of Purification**; we are told that as blood moves through our body system, it removes waste material from our body. Likewise, the Bible explains that “**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**” (1 John 1:9). This cleansing is powerful! Jesus warned the Pharisees, “**Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like white-washed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.**” (Matt. 23:27). The cleansing power of the Lord's blood purifies our hearts from the inside out. Just as our blood carries away wastes from our system, Jesus' shed blood removes the filth of sin and uncleanness from our daily life. His blood purifies our heart perfectly so that we become a temple of God!

(To be Continued...)

*Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, [dre@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycorforterparish.org)*

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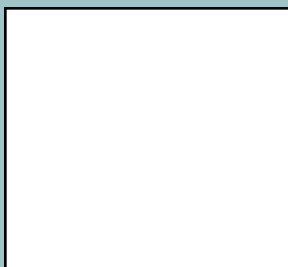
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